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Dear parents

It seems like a long time since my last letter just before the Easter holidays and I'm sure for many of you at home with the children, it will have felt even longer. I do hope you are all well and safe and coping with your new added role of being a home tutor as well as a parent!

It has been wonderful to see some of the great things the children have been doing at home, both in terms of the work set as well as the other creative activities they have been enjoying. I have been following all the scores on Doodle maths and am so impressed with all those children who are in the 'green zone' and remembering to do a little bit of maths every day. We have never had so many children doing so well on Doodle maths but this week's top class is Reception! The results for the last 7 days are:

Class	% of children in the green zone
Reception	76
Year 1	67
Year 2	71
Year 3	58
Year 4	50
Year 5	65
Year 6	54

I know teachers are trying to contact pupils and parents each week just to check how things are going and to offer support if any is needed. We understand that not all families will have access to the internet and online resources so if you are struggling with this please speak with or email your child's teacher and we will see if we can make alternative arrangements for you.

You should have received an email earlier in the week to say we have received a large number of fantastic books from Islington library to help replenish what you have at home. If you would like some new books (to borrow, not keep!) please do let us know and we will arrange for you to collect them or we can drop them off if you live locally. If you already have a number of books from school, please return these at the same time.

We receive a children's newspaper in school each week called First News which many of the children really enjoy reading. There is an offer to get the next 6 editions for free (online). If



your children like to keep up to date with what is happening in the world you may want to find out more at <https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/>

As many of you will know, Miss Eden is due to start her maternity leave shortly. We have asked Miss Ross Goobey to take on the Year 2 class teacher role after next week and we have a new teacher called Mr Flavell who will be teaching Year 1 for the rest of this term. He came in to do a day of supply cover before the lock down and we were so impressed with him we asked if he would like to come and work for us, which he agreed to! Mr Flavell is very experienced with KS1 and has been in this week to start planning for his new role. He will be working very closely with Miss Ross Goobey to ensure there is a smooth transition.



It was lovely to get a visit from our local community police officers this morning who came in to check that we were all alright. Here is one of them joining our Doodle maths session!

I will try to keep updating you with any news we receive including any plans for a return to school. Currently there is no indication of when this may be or what form it may take but as soon as we hear, we will of course let you know.

I hope you are finding ways to stay safe and happy at home. Although it is important to try and get some learning achieved each day, it is just as important to not be too stressed about completing every single element if there are too many other pressures at home. Look after each other and find times to laugh and have fun whenever you can.

Best wishes

Mr Welsh and all the staff at St John's

