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Dear parents, carers and children

I hope you are all doing well. It seems like such a long time since you have all been in but it has been wonderful to chat with your teachers and find out all the wonderful things you are doing at home. See-saw is a fantastic way for you to share what you are doing at home through pictures, video and voice recordings so if you haven't started to use it yet, why not give it a try.

The children who are in school have been having fun doing all sorts of activities. Today they made pizza for lunch and last week were getting the vegetable beds ready. We have also been feeding the worms in the wormery and there are now hundreds of them!



Virtual assembly!

Each week we have an assembly where all the children come together. Our three vicars from St John's, St Mary's and St Andrew's have kindly agreed to create a video of a brief assembly story. This week, Revd Tamsin has made a video based on the story of the lost sheep plus there is a chance to sing Great Big God!



It can be found at <https://vimeo.com/415144005> and you need to use the password 604418 . I'd love to know if you enjoyed it and what ideas and thoughts you had.

Doodle update!

Our Reception class continue to be the ones to beat! This week 68% of them worked hard enough to remain on target (in the green zone). How did your class do? Can any class beat Reception next week?

Class	% of pupils on target
EY	68%
Y1	43%
Y2	61%
Y3	58%
Y4	38%
Y5	48%
Y6	43%

'We Are Islington' helpline

I know that many families will be struggling with practical issues linked to the lockdown. Islington have a helpline called 'We are Islington' that is designed to support residents who need help with everything from getting food and medicine to getting legal and financial advice. It can be accessed on 0207 527 8222 or at weareislington@islington.gov.uk Equally, if you are struggling with any issues, please do contact us at school and we will try our best to offer support and guidance.

Are you now eligible for free school meals?

As family's circumstances change over the coming weeks, it may be that your children now qualify for free school meals. Currently this will entitle you to a £15 weekly shopping voucher and when children return to school, we will receive additional funding that we can use to provide extra support for your child. If you want to check if you are now entitled, please go to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> or speak with Andrea in the school office who can talk you through the criteria.

Returning to school

Many of you will be keen to know what the plans are for children to return to school. At the moment there are no clear plans on when this may be and how we can do this in a way that is safe for both children and staff. As soon as we get further guidance from the government, local authority and unions, we will of course let parents know. In the meantime, keep looking after each other at home, do as much home learning as you are able and keep us posted with all your great achievements.

Take care

Mr Welsh and all the staff at St John's

