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Dear Parents and Friends,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been the strangest week of my teaching career to date.

Firstly, I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Leading a school with so few children has kept me surprisingly busy, but without the usual interruptions. I have missed the children more that I could ever have imagined, and on several occasions this week I have found myself looking back through the memories on our school twitter account and remembering fondly the buzz of normal school life.

As you know, the school has been open for a small number of families who are entitled to childcare during these unprecedented times. I want to thank our key worker parents for everything you are doing in the community to look after all of us. I would also like to thank my staff who have been a huge support to me, the children and each other in this past week, giving so generously of themselves.

Lots of us are feeling stressed, overwhelmed and under pressure by everything that's happening at the moment. Every Friday, teachers are publishing home learning tasks for the children on our website. If these are causing you even more stress then please do what is manageable with your family in your home.

If you are still busy working and your children are with us then you are doing enough. You are loving your children and supporting them through a difficult time, so be kind to yourself.

To all parents I say, please don't worry about your children regressing in school. Every single child is in the same position and they all will be fine. When we are back in the classroom, we will meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this!

If I can leave you with one thing, it's this: at the end of all of this, your child's mental health and how they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during these weeks is long gone. So please keep that in mind, every single day.

Happy birthday to those of you celebrating this week!



<u>Birthdays 23rd March – 29th March</u> Anayah 5; Michael 7; Toluwalase 5; Malachi 11; Gemma 10; Blessing 9; Quan 8.



Keep safe everyone. We look forward to when we can all come back together as a school family.

God Bless all our families,

CScott

Mrs Clare Scott Headteacher



Our St Peter's School Rainbow of Hope

