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Dear Children,

Over the past week, I have been extremely busy and have written many letters to your parents informing them about what we have been doing in school with regard to the Coronavirus and keeping them all as up to date as I possibly could. Also I have been intently listening to all the information and guidance being given to us from Boris to make sure we are doing all we should! Today however, it's your turn! I am writing to you all, each and every one of you in Years 5, 6 and 7.

As I said to you yesterday when I came around and spoke with many of you in class, it almost feels to me like we are in a Dr Who episode where strange things are happening in the world, with cafés and cinemas closing, schools shutting, events being cancelled! It's so weird! Well, although we are not sure exactly quite when, things will at some point start to get back to normal so please don't worry and school will hopefully be open again before you know it! Regardless, can I just say, if the Tardis does turn up, (unlikely I know) I'm not sure who you would pick? - but I hope it's David Tennant as he is my favourite Dr Who!

Certainly, we have not experienced anything like this before and I have to say that you have all coped with this brilliantly! Well done everyone! I am very proud of you! In years to come, I can guarantee that your children will be asking you..... 'What was it like in 2020 when the Coronavirus hit the world?' and you will suddenly have become History teachers! You will be able to talk to them about having to continually wash your hands, how your classes became smaller as children needed to stay at home because they had a temperature or a new cough. How assemblies had to be in class because we couldn't have large numbers of people together. How you had to work from home with learning packs and using online resources like 'google classroom' or maybe you and your family had been in isolation for 14 days. You will have lived through this, experienced this and will have lots to tell them!

Sadly, as you are aware, Boris has closed schools until further notice - hopefully not too long. Some of you will be coming into school on Monday because your parents / carers are 'keyworkers' and are carrying out essential daily duties to support the community at this time to help us all. Many of you however will be at home. For those of you coming into school, we look forward to seeing you and have some great activities planned. For those who will be working from home, we are going to miss you all terribly, but we have given you plenty of activities to be getting on with for a few weeks and if we are away from school longer staff will continue to send you further activities to do. Also remember Purple Mash and MyMaths are there for you to use. Please send in pictures if you are being creative at home or if you have done an amazing piece of work and we will post them on the school Facebook site. Please remember to keep reading too!

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The most important thing is not only to keep those brains active and keep your learning moving forward but also to make the most of this precious family time and please continue to respect the important school values of Joy, Peace, Respect, Dignity, Community and Hope and support your families. We want to keep in touch so don't be surprised if you get a message or a phone call from myself or your teacher asking how you're doing.

It's been a really tricky week..... But I have to say.....

Year 5 you have been fantastic as you always are. Year 6 you've been terrific, and now you have no SATS to worry about! Year 7, well what can I say? Year 7, you were amazing yesterday. Thank you. We loved signing your books! We hope this won't be the case, but as I said yesterday, if in the worst case scenario schools were away until the Summer, I will still be organising a special leaving event for you to attend as soon as we are back. That's a promise! So whatever happens, we will see you sometime soon.

I look forward to having all of the SNMS community back together before too long. In the meantime, please look after each other, I hope and pray that you and your families all stay safe and keep well.

With much love,

Mrs Jennings and ALL the staff at St Nicholas C E Middle School.

We miss you already!



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