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Dear Parents and Carers,

No-one could have predicted in January that this year was going to turn out as it has. It has been most memorable and most challenging for all of us but we made it!

St Joseph's has stayed open for our keyworker children and we were delighted that we were able to welcome back more children from 1st June. Our staff and SLT worked extremely hard to make that possible and we were quite humbled to see the majority of our families letting their children return to Reception and Year 1. However, our happiness was tempered by the fact we could not welcome more children back. Our school is a single community and we are acutely aware of how hard it has been for the children and families who were not able to attend.

It was lovely that we were able to welcome Year 6 back, albeit briefly, before they leave St Joseph's to continue their learning journey at secondary school; we will miss you and wish you all the very best for your future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Lewis and thank her for her many years of dedication to our children and for her support to the Governing Board. We wish her a well-deserved, long and happy retirement.

We as governors have missed popping in to school and have not been able to hold all our meetings as usual at school. We have of course been working behind the scenes as usual, supporting our staff team, meeting our statutory obligations and holding our meetings via Google-Meet.

We would like to thank you for all you have done at home to support the children and we look forward to everyone being together again in September. It is certainly strange not having been able to reminisce a little over past events such as sports-day and school outings, that we just take for granted to always happen but we will come back strong and have an amazing next year at our wonderful school.

Let us remember and pray for all the families and friends who have lost loved ones to the virus. Please also remember Mrs McLeary in your prayers that she will continue to make a full recovery and that we can welcome her back again when she is better.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Tina Rowe and your Governing Board