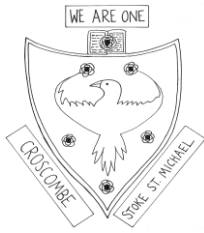


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Dear Children,

Well this is a strange time not having you at school. I hope you are being good at home and helping as much as you possibly can. You may have heard that there are some children in school still. This isn't because they are more important or more special than you, it is because they are not able to stay at home like most of you. You are all equally important and equally special and we really look forward to having you back in school when the time is right. For now we all have to stay at home to keep each other safe. Enjoy this time with your family and make some super memories of new things that you learn about together. Take care, listen to your parents and stay safe.

See you soon
Mrs Vincent

Dear Owls Class,

How are you?

What a strange time for everybody. Who would have thought that you would be breaking up for Easter so early!

Despite the fact that we are not altogether at the moment, we are still 'Owls Class' and we all still belong to Stoke St Michael Primary School. I am thinking of you all and I am putting together some more learning for you to do at home. ("Yipee!" I hear you cry.) Seriously, it has been an absolute joy to teach all of

you – you are such a brilliant group and I am looking forward to when we get back in the class again.

Year sixes – don't you worry – I am communicating with the teachers at your secondary schools, so that whenever it is that we return, you will still have a positive transition (change up) so that you can get used to your new school gradually as well as receive a hearty 'Well done and good luck' celebration, here at Stoke.

In the meantime; remember to use your amazing **Ruby Power**, all of you. Be kind to your parents and carers. Offer to help, even more than normal; it's actually quite fun isn't it. Be a team. You guys have got the best **Amethyst** and **Topaz Power** that I have ever seen in any school. Use that power to learn and play with your adults and/or siblings.

You are the oldest children in the school, so you might understand a little more about the weird situation. Just follow all of the advice that we have been given with good grace. Staying in can be tricky but how about you try and be the most graceful and most harmonious person in your family? How about you be proactive and seek out new things to do yourself?

E.g.

- Listen to and share new music.
- Try the Jo Wicks workout at 9:00 am.
- Be in charge of '5 a day' for your family.
- Stand in your yard or garden and sing to or with your neighbour!
- Put on a puppet show with old socks from behind the sofa.
- Learn British Sign Language.

Aha!... So... I have a challenge for you....Can you....

1. Recall your B.S.L. finger spelling.
2. Find out how to say 'Hello', 'How are you?' and 'I must go now' in B.S.L.

British Sign Language is a really fun thing to learn. Remember to double check your learning and then see if you can teach someone else in your family. When we get back to normal and we're all back at school, looking back at this time, we will ask each other "What did you do during 'lock down'?" Now is your chance to start answering that question.....

Goodbye and 'Au revoir' for now.
Miss Foord.