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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Dear Parents & Children,

Firstly children,

I write to you as we fast approach the end of our 11th week since school closure. As the days and weeks pass by its important to look back and recognise your amazing achievements. As well as your Seesaw journals showing a fantastic record of the progress you've made, I'm also proud to hear of the other achievements such as cooking meals, learning to ride bikes, cutting grass, washing cars, climbing fells, supporting your community with volunteering your help, perfecting your computing skills, the list goes on... I recognise how tough it has been to date and how we've all had to adapt. I'm sure it felt tougher again at the start of this week, as you adjusted your mind-set from the sunny half-term holidays to being back in home schooling. Speaking to teachers today, they are delighted with the efforts shown and state that they have seen an increased effort from you all this week. There has been some fantastic writing and maths work, as well as some creative topic and science work going on. Perhaps the week-long rest has helped refresh our efforts! I look forward to checking all of the 'Penny in the Jar Galleries' today when they are launched.

There is still a lot of uncertainty with how schools will re-open for the majority of you, so it's important to keep remembering 'The St James' Way' and giving our all to our studies. It's also important for us all to recognise the great job your parents are doing. I hope you are listening well to them, enjoying spending time together, and showing them how hard you work at your studies.

Secondly Parents,

PPE – Can I please issue my gratitude on to the Engineering Department at UTC, Workington for kindly making and provided the school with some PPE visors that can be used by staff to administer first-aid.

School has re-opened this week for a small few students of keyworkers. It has felt a little different having so few children in school, but we are all adapting well and looking forward to being able to open more widely to other year groups when it is deemed safe to do so.



Thank you for your continued efforts to balance home schooling with your already busy lives. As always, we are here to help, so if there are any school matters you wish to speak to me about please email at admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk or alternatively call the school office, which will be manned on limited days next week.

Stay Safe



Mr A Beattie
Head teacher

