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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all continuing to keep safe and well during this time. I hope our children are enjoying the lovely weather we are having and the exciting activities they are doing on their home learning journey. Thank you for sending all the lovely pictures into our school website, it is great to view them, to see all the brilliant experiences our pupils are having. They are very much helping our school family keep connected during this difficult time.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work you are doing with your children at home. As a parent, I know it is difficult to try to keep to a routine of home-schooling, to find a balance between your child(ren)'s learning and also to enjoy the beautiful weather we are experiencing. As long as the children are completing some Literacy and Numeracy tasks, particularly Reading and revising the main Number facts this will definitely help to maintain progress made this year. Reading with your child(ren) maybe at bedtime, is hugely beneficial and very comforting for them.

I would also like to thank the staff, particularly our teachers who have worked extremely hard and put a lot of effort into the children's "Home-Learning" Packs. They have also recommended some excellent on-line activities and are regularly monitoring and assigning work for the children on the Mathematics Programme. Congratulations to all of the children who have achieved Bronze and especially Silver awards. Mrs Kelly and I are also monitoring the children's progress on the Accelerated Reading Programme as they complete quizzes and reach their targets. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have achieved Accelerated Reading Certificates during this time. Please encourage your child(ren) to continue using both of these very beneficial on-line resources. Mrs Kelly has also organised Nessy resources, details of this are available on our website and Mrs Duffy is regularly posting new information, resources and activities on our school website. These resources include a link to Big Cat reading books, you can also access free on-line reading books via Libraries NI and we have recommended the weekly GAA Challenges for daily outdoor exercise and there is also a link to the "Healthy Kidz" Virtual Sports Day!

However, sometimes you can have too much choice and feel overwhelmed. If this is the case just complete the work that has been included in the work packs from school and try and help your child(ren) as much as possible. The second Home-Learning packs commenced on Monday 27th April, these packs cover a six week period as we were unsure at this stage when schools would reopen. If your child(ren) does not get the work completed by the end of June it would be beneficial to complete some work over the summer holidays.

Hopefully your child(ren) is progressing well through the “Home-Learning” packs and if at any stage you as a parent require some assistance in helping your son or daughter to complete the activities, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher who will gladly assist in anyway they can. I have detailed below their e-mail address for your information:

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I hope all St. Teresa’s pupils and their families keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future.

Yours Faithfully,

Sinead Mc Court