

Dear children,

It's the end of a strange week which has been full of surprises and getting used to things.

Firstly, **well done** for getting through it. We are very proud of you. You have been fantastic this year, but especially over the past few weeks. Everyone has been keeping calm, looking after each other and washing hands about 50 times a day! You have carried on and done as you were asked without grumbling and we are very impressed by you.

It has sometimes felt odd this week as your classes have become smaller and smaller. Some of your friends haven't been here because they have felt a bit ill or because they needed to be away from school so they don't catch any bugs. However, although we are missing people who aren't here, there have still been lots of smiles, laughter and learning in school, which is exactly how St Clements and St James should be! Your smiles and your laughter have helped the adults too, because sometimes adults do feel worried about things and need cheering up.

From next week, things are going to feel even more different. School will be closed for most of you. Some of you have parents who are 'key workers', who do important jobs to help everyone at this difficult time, so you will still come into school. However, most of you will need to stay at home to help you and your family stay healthy.

For those of you who will be coming to school on Monday, that's great! We will have plenty of exciting learning opportunities for you to get involved in.

For those of you who won't be coming to school on Monday, we will be posting some learning and activities that you can do with your family on the school website. We will keep in touch with you and you'll hear from us often!

We look forward to having the St Clements and St James' family back together when things get back to normal. Remember, these changes are only for now and they are to keep everyone safe and well. They won't last forever.

In the meantime, stay healthy, keep reading, keep learning, and most importantly, **keep smiling!**

With love and prayers from all the staff at St Clement and James