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Letter to parents - 7th May 2020

Dear Parent ,

Over the past few weeks, we have shared our thanks to our dedicated staff, our parents who are doing a fantastic job, and our thanks to all key workers. This week we would like to say an enormous thank you to our wonderful children. There are many things that are currently different for them, and lots of uncertainty. Yet, the resilience and positivity they show are inspiring. We are really enjoying the learning that is being emailed and hearing about everything they are doing.

Fortnightly, we are asking to hear from you via the class email addresses; we really enjoy hearing from you and it allows us to know that everything is well with you and your children as well as hear about and encourage their learning

We miss the children very much and look forward to when we can be together in school.

Children's well-being

You may be noticing signs of increasing anxiety in your child as a response to what they are hearing about the virus, or because their routines have changed and they are indoors more and missing others. These may include:

- Regressing behaviour
- Showing anxiety at being separated from you
- Tantrums
- Trouble sleeping
- Wanting to talk about the virus all the time
- Not wanting to talk about the current situation at all
- Acting out
- Becoming afraid to leave the house

We have put together some resources with further information and support which you can find attached to this email.

For other avenues of support for families please see the previous week's letter or get in touch with us directly by emailing office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk

Keeping safe online

The virtual world has so many benefits and is essential to keeping connected at the moment. It is important that we teach our children to be safe online. We have attached moment. It is important that we teach our children to be safe online. We have attached online safety guidance to this email that you may find helpful.

We will provide regular hints and tips in our letters.

Dulwich Festival

Creativity and community are two of the values that we hold dear. Although Dulwich Festival will not be in its usual form this year there are two ways to get involved online. **Children's Art Competition**

From protecting our oceans and natural environment to reducing plastic on our local high street; it's time to think about the future. This year's Children's Art Competition celebrates Sustainability. What does SUSTAINABILITY mean to you? It could be saying no to fast fashion; changing eating habits; cutting down on plastic; switching off the lights; walking or taking public transport. Children of all ages may enter and winners will receive vouchers from the Art Stationers in Dulwich Village.

Flash Fiction Competition

Write a story of 400 words max on any theme of your choosing. The competition is open to adults and children alike and there are great cash prizes to be won. Entries will be judged by spoken word poet, Nick Makhoa and local authors, Alice Castle and Marianne Kavanagh.

For further information and to submit entries please visit the website dulwichfestival.co.uk

The team here at SJSC would like to wish you a happy and healthy rest of the week.

Warm regards

Mr Bell Miss Crank