

Dear Pupils

I am writing to you as we end our second week away from our school due to the Coronavirus. You should have your home pack and I hope you have completed some of the activities. I wonder how your parents are getting on as your teachers? I hope you are all being well behaved pupils for your temporary teachers.

Do you miss school? All the staff miss school. We were in school last week preparing work and school without the pupils is not a nice place to be. It is too quiet! All the teachers have told me to say that they really miss their classes. I miss talking to the children in assembly and I even miss children sitting on my bench! We all hope that we can all get back to normal soon but we know that we have to do things differently for the next few weeks.

All the new activities that your teachers have been preparing for you will be posted on our website soon. I will let your parents know when it is ready. I will be posting Easter activities on Monday 6th April for each year group as the first piece of work to be downloaded from our website.

As we all work together to stop the spread of the coronavirus, there are a few things I would like you to do for me.

- Stay in touch. At the minute, we have to give up many of the things we love, especially meeting up with our friends in school and outside of school. Please try to stay in touch with your friends by ringing or video calling. Ask mum or dad to help you if you don't know how. Your friends miss you as much as you miss them. Please ring your grandparents at least once a week to see how they are.

- Help out at home. I hope you are also trying to help around the house as you spend so much time in it. Ask mum or dad at least once every day if there is something you can do to help in the house. Start by keeping your room tidy.
- Say a prayer. The last thing I would like you to do is to say a little prayer each day for everyone who may be sick and for everyone who is helping the sick.

Each week in our rewards assembly we give out certificates for pupil of the week, good manners and healthy eating. I want to continue giving out awards. For pupil of the week awards, I will ask your parents to send me pictures or examples of excellent school work you may be doing at home. For good manners awards, parents can send me details of you being kind, helpful or using good manners. For healthy eating, pictures of healthy meals you may be eating/helping to make or pictures of you being active. Parents can send pictures, documents or information to pquinn475@c2kni.net

I will publish names of winners every Friday morning on our website and Facebook page and keep a prize for each winner from my prize box which can be given out when we return to school.

I finish by again saying how much we miss the hustle and bustle of school life at St Patrick's but I know that we will soon all be back in school together. Please try to enjoy this time with your family and look after each other.

Yours sincerely

Mr Quinn