



26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you today on what would have been our last day of this school year. I would like to thank you all sincerely for your great support and co-operation during this very long period of school closure. It has been a very challenging time for everyone. It was lovely to meet so many of you again this week as you returned your children's Rental Books. This was greatly appreciated as we need to do our Book Audit to be ready for September.

We congratulate our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who graduated on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June and we wish them every success and happiness as they begin on the exciting new path into Secondary Education. I hope that the 6<sup>th</sup> class children and their parents have enjoyed the slideshow and message from staff which are on our website.

Thank you for engaging as you did with the learning opportunities provided by your children's class teachers. We were delighted to see that children's learning continued at home even under very challenging circumstances. We appreciated your on-going communication and the many wonderful samples of work that you sent for our school website. We will feature one last article of 'Our Best Work from Home' on the website which you can send to [ourbestworkfromhome@gmail.com](mailto:ourbestworkfromhome@gmail.com) before 12noon on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We await guidelines from the government on procedures to be followed for a safe and orderly return to school for everyone. We will communicate with you all before the children return to school to give you information on the procedures which we will put in place in response to COVID-19.

On your behalf, and on my own, I would like to thank the wonderful staff of St. Joseph's Mercy Primary School for their dedication to the children of our school and for their great support and co-operation during this difficult time. I wish you and your families continued good health and a happy and safe summer and, please God, we look forward to welcoming your children back to St. Joseph's in September.

Kindest regards,

Ann Murphy