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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone had a lovely bank holiday and that you all took a moment to set pause and take a bit of time for yourself. This school year is like no other and while education is always a school's priority, this year the wellbeing of our school community is a step above education. That means that we need you, as parents and guardians to make sure you are looking after yourselves. I ask the children to complete a challenge each month. For May the children have been asked to 'Be Patient'. For the parents and guardian can I suggest the following: May is #METIME

I hope that everyone received a text with the class email, if not please contact the school email on stbrigidsgns@gmail.com. This is to allow ease of communication between parents and teachers regarding classwork. Please give feedback to the teachers so that they can know how you are getting on at home. From last week I outline a couple of ground rules for use of the class emails. The first one was as follows:

1. Email's to come from parent/guardian email address not a child's. This is very important.

This may seem as unnecessary as it may be the child emailing from your email address. But there is a difference between the teacher communicating with a child that is monitored by the parent because they are using their parents emails and communicating directly with a child unsupervised. This rule is in place for child protection and it is in our Acceptable Use Policy for internet use. If a teacher receives an email from a child's email address they will be told that they must email again from the parents email address.

Great to see some more lovey samples of work come in for the creative corner, I have some suggestions for art, cooking, music and outdoor activities put up this week in 'creative Ideas for May'. Have a look, especially if your child needs a focus on some small projects. Building obstacle courses, lego, scavenger hunts in the garden are all learning opportunities. Lots of chat turns anything into an oral language lesson. Building something is tapping into a design and problem solving lessons.

Please continue to send any questions and queries into me, as by doing this I know what is working for you at home and what is not. I appreciate you taking the time to let me know.

I know some parents are wondering about collection of books and returning rental books, at the moment it's not safe for staff or families to accommodate this but it may be possible in June. I will keep you updated about this.

6th Class parents, we are working towards coming up with a way to mark the Graduation, the teachers are asking this week to send in any ideas and suggestions you may have.

2nd class parents, last Sunday and this Sunday should have been time for celebrating your child's Communion. It will now happen a later stage so all plans are just put on hold and when the time comes we I hope that you will really enjoy the special day.

I hope the resources from last week were some help to you. This week I have a lovely book to read with your child that explores the fact that everybody worries and this is perfectly normal, it may help if your child is worried about anything, have a look at [Everybody Worries](#).

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

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