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When I wrote to you all in April it was springtime and we looked forward in hope. Now in the month of June we continue to look forward, in hope, at the beginning of summer. Just as the seasons change and time moves forward so has our world and this week we have been able to welcome some of our children back to school.

It was a joy to see you walking and skipping through the school gates! You were absolutely brilliant, understanding that school is a little different at the moment. It was great to see you greeting your teachers - there were big smiles all round! It was lovely seeing how much you enjoyed catching up with your friends and to see you laughing and playing outside in the fresh air.

As you know, we can't let everyone come back to school just yet because we need to make sure we keep safe. If you are staying at home we will continue to keep in touch as each and every one of you are the beating heart of St. Aloysius wherever you are.

Over the weekend I have been thinking a lot about our next steps in this unusual time in our lives. Some of you will know, if you have been to school or if you have walked by school, that we have the most beautiful mosaic that has been created on the wall overlooking the Junior yard that you all use every day when you play. It is this small word that holds so much in its message: HOPE. Hope is about staying positive at all times. This picture shows a tiny shoot that has persevered and found its way through from the dark, under the ground, to the light and it has started to grow.



It has shown great resilience and determination to be strong and to continue to grow. This is what you are all doing. What is happening in the world today is part of your story, your journey in life and you have all remained strong and determined. Small steps on your journey of hope are being made every day.

I know that you are continuing to learn at home as your teachers and teaching assistants have told me all about the conversations they have had with you on the phone. Well done to you all! I am looking forward to hearing about all the great books you have been reading. Keep up this fantastic work. Also, keep talking to the people who love you. They might not have all the answers to your questions but they will always listen. I saw how you were keeping emotionally healthy last week by all the lovely pictures you shared with us. If you haven't seen them yet please look on the school website.

Thank you for sending in your artwork during this time. We are building up a lovely collection of work from you and your parents which we have displayed in school. There are some fantastic pieces of writing too; you are very talented indeed. Please keep sending them into school. Recently I saw this beautiful collection of one tree through the seasons. It reminded me of how you have remained strong and resilient on the inside while things change on the outside. Remember whether you are at home or at school at this moment in time it is ok.



Keep looking after each other and washing those hands.

With love,

Mrs Godfrey x