Dear parents, carers and children,

I’m writing to you ahead of what should have been the start of the summer term in Year 3. I’m sorry that I won’t be seeing you in person next week, and hope it won’t be too long before we’re back at JYS together again.

I know many of you have been doing some fantastic learning over the last few weeks despite not being here in school. I have loved hearing about what you’ve been up to at home and seeing pictures of the work you have been doing. Well done for all the amazing effort you’ve put in, whether that is as a child completing the work or as a parent or carer helping them to access it. I know this a hugely challenging time but it is so heartening to see the way you are all coping and adapting to make the best of the situation we are in.

I have included fewer documents and resources in this pack than in previous weeks because Monday 20th April will see the launch of the BBC’s new ‘Bitesize Daily’ website, which should provide a wealth of learning materials you can use at home during the school closures. There will be daily video lessons for Literacy, Maths and other curriculum subjects, each adapted for different age groups. You should be able to find this at [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) from Monday, as well as on the iPlayer and red button services through your TV.

You can still access all the resources we’ve previously uploaded to our website (under the ‘classes’ tab on [www.jys.org.uk](http://www.jys.org.uk)), and I remain contactable via email if you’re short of activities or would like some more direction on particular subjects or areas of learning ([donald.vass@jys.org.uk](mailto:donald.vass@jys.org.uk)).

As has been the case throughout this difficult period of school closures, please don’t feel any pressure to get a particular type or quantity of work completed. As a school, we recognise that many parents will be juggling their new ‘teacher’ role with their own working from home commitments, and that many children will be finding this challenging and difficult as well. We don’t want to burden you with any additional expectations – do what you can, but remember we can always pick up on any gaps when we’re back at school. Focus on keeping everyone in the household happy and healthy. Everything else can wait if needed.

Stay safe,

Mr Donald Vass

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**1. Various**

* BBC Bitesize Daily (from Monday 20th April). Daily lessons on various curriculum areas on [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

**2. Maths**

* The next Maths unit the children were due to learn at school was Fractions. The group who produce the school’s long term Maths planning have put together a fantastic set of resources, including teaching videos, on the different skills and steps we were due to teach over the next few weeks. There are accompanying activities to go alongside each lesson. Visit <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-3/> and begin from ‘week 1’.
* Part of the last set of learning was about telling the time on an analogue clock. How accurately can you do this now – can you recognise on the hour? Half past and quarter past? To the nearest five minutes? Keep practising this skill whenever you can throughout the day. A useful extension is to estimate roughly what time it is to the minute, noticing for example that if the minute hand is nearly at ‘ quarter past’, perhaps it may be 14 minutes past the hour.
* If you started practising your 8x table as part of the last set of learning, how are you getting on? Can you count up in 8s, do multiplication facts in a random order and even do the corresponding division facts? This would be a great thing to continue practising, perhaps on [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

**3. Literacy – Reading**

* Read books daily if you can. They can be school books, old favourites from your bookshelf or even things you find online.
* Harry Kane & Fossils reading comprehension (mild, medium, spicy)

**4. PE**

* How many of you have completed all 20 of the Joe Wicks PE lesson so far? Hopefully you’re finding it a bit easier each day as your muscles grow and get used to it – I certainly found it very tricky to begin with! If you’re finding them too tough, you may prefer to have a go at ‘Cosmic Kids Yoga’, which is a themed yoga session with moves linked to the story being told. There are videos based around Frozen, Pokémon, Harry Potter and many more, and each has some fun visuals to go alongside the moves. You can find them at [www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga](http://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga)