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Dear Parents and Carers,

Usually at the end of a term I write a reflective letter. It seems very difficult this term but I am determined to keep the tradition....

What a start we had to the term: Times Tables Rockstars, Wax Work Museum, World Book Day (a lot of dressing up I know, sorry, but good fun!), Arthog, new curriculum topics, netball, basketball, rugby, dodgeball competitions and clubs restarting...

Wow! What experiences we offer our children: I am so proud of the broad and balanced offer at NJS.

The last two weeks have posed an unexpected challenge...

I reflect as a Mummy and feel overwhelmingly proud of my two boys. They have risen to the challenge of being 'stuck at home' and have done some amazing home learning (thank goodness for a timetable to keep us on track!). Don't get me wrong; they have had their moments, however as 'the grown up' I can go from moment to moment feeling anger, upset and then unexpected happiness. I have to explain to my children that it is perfectly normal for them to feel this mixture of emotion at this time and support them with that as I am sure you are.

Like me, in your role as a parent or carer, I know you are also very proud of your children and how they have coped. I have been delighted with the photos and messages I have received with information about the wonderful things they have been doing. You are doing an amazing job and your children are very special.

Pride seems to be a theme running through this letter as never have I been more proud to be part of our phenomenal NJS team. In our role, like many other keyworkers, we have collectively risen to the challenge of staffing the site and working from home. Staff have done this with a faultless commitment and I am incredibly grateful to them all. The day Team NJS can reopen the gates will be full of emotion: we genuinely miss our children and are trying to do our very best for them at this time.

'Easter holiday' will feel very different this year; if you are fortunate to be able to please take the time to enjoy your children, create memories to last a lifetime, cuddle them like you never have before and stay safe.

We will be keeping in touch over the Easter break as best we can so please keep a look out on your newsletter for our ongoing communication.

Take care
Mrs M x



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