Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

When teachers are in school with the childcare provision, they have started working their way through their class lists and ringing parents and children. This is just for a catch up and a chat as the teachers miss the children! Due to different staff being off this may take some time but please let the children know the teachers are thinking of them.

I am also still in school most days. If you are worried or anxious please feel able to call us we are here for you as well as the children.

Reports were sent out last week. If you have not received a copy of your child's report either before school closure or in the post please email the office at admin@stjo.uk

Sadly, I am aware that in the current economic climate there has been an increase in loan shark activity particularly for those people who are now unable to repay their loans. The National Trading Standards Team have put together the following resource which offers advice and highlights the dangers of using loan sharks.

https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/warning-issued-over-loan-sharks-during-covid-19-pandemic/

On a more positive note Father Philip sends his blessings to every family, their loved ones and especially the children in these challenging days.  He is regularly celebrating mass for you all and holds you in his prayers.

Father Philip would particularly like to thank the children who are in school at the moment for the lovely rainbow posters that are displayed on the school gates and fences. Many parishioners who have seen them when driving past have sent their compliments and thanks. There is a picture of them now on the parish website for anyone who hasn't seen them. [www.holyghostexmouth.org.uk](http://www.holyghost.org.uk/) .

For those parishioners who sadly can't attend mass on Sunday, there is a live link on the parish website to Plymouth Cathedral where you will be able to join Bishop Mark, and parishioners from across the diocese. at 11.00 am

You are welcome to contact the parish office on 01395 263384 if you would like to talk to Fr. Philip.

Best wishes

Nicky Taylor-Bashford