



17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Luliya, Denzel, Corum, Olivia, Oneil, M'Taio, Solomon, Aminah, Ava, Zarah, Norbert, Kian, Nieve, Sahil, Maisie, Jaroslav, Jia, Lucas, Brandon, Miley, Isobel, Leo, Paul, Frehiwqt, Mischa, Ruby, Declan, Kiera and Roya,

When school went in to lockdown on March 20<sup>th</sup>, I was certain that within a few weeks I'd be welcoming you back to school and getting back to normal. That obviously wasn't to be and we are now at the end of term and the end of your time at St. Jude's. I can hardly believe it. You worked so hard in preparation for your SATs and you became mature, keen learners who I know would have achieved excellent results in your tests. But, to all of us here at school, you are valued so much more than for the results you would have achieved. You are valued for the wonderful people that you are growing to be. I am so sorry that we haven't been able to give you all of the things that you deserved and that you have looked forward to – your special mass, assembly, party and the chance to say goodbye to each other as a class.

I am writing to you today to wish you all the very best for a long and happy future. In September, you will start your new schools, make new friends, learn new things and start a new and exciting chapter in your life. Please work hard. Please be respectful to yourself and others. Please be kind. Please be happy. Remember all that you have learnt in your time here at primary school. I hope that you have some good memories of St. Jude's and, most of all, I hope that you will always remember the messages we have given you about being a good person who knows how to do the right thing in life.

Year 6, you've been amazing. Thank you for contributing to life here and filling our school with joy and happiness. I hope that you all achieve your dreams. Please stay true to who you are and be the very best versions of yourselves you can be. You will be missed here, but the greatest pleasure for me is when I hear of past pupils and how well they are doing. And I am certain that I will hear great things about all of you. I am looking forward to hearing about those whose path takes them to University, to different jobs and, perhaps, to different parts of the world. Aim high. Be ambitious.

You might not know it yet, but you will always have a piece of St. Jude's with you. And you will all have left a small piece of yourselves here with us. Each and every one of you will be remembered for something great that you have done here. Well done and thank you.

I pray for God's blessing on you always as you venture out to pastures new.

Take care, Mrs Smith (Headteacher)