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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. As we know schools will remain closed until further notice. While our academic structures are important in this time, we also know that your role is to be a parent, not a teacher. I hope that you will be gentle with yourselves as we engage these new endeavours together.



Some wonderful baby news to share, congratulations to **Mrs Harper (4th class)** who had **baby Zeph** a fortnight ago and she and her family are all doing great. Congratulations also to **Mrs Anderson (senior infants)** who is expecting her third child in September.



As I said to the students this morning in my video message on Showbie, there has been fantastic work completed by the students over the past few weeks. Many of the students are engaging in the activities set by the class teacher each day and the teachers are enjoying seeing their work and commenting and correcting each piece that is submitted. Teachers are trying their best to accommodate a variety of content that will suit as many home situations as possible, while delivering the curriculum in an interesting and enjoyable way. Teachers are supporting the students daily and are providing feedback on their work at home. Ms Swindell, our SET (special education teacher) has been using the platform Showbie to communicate with her students and she is available to give additional supports to her students. Please contact her directly on Showbie if she can be of any further help to you or your child.



If you fancy some Gaeilge Homework please watch **Cleas Act TG4 8.30 pm Sunday, May 3rd as 4th class** are in the audience.



I would like to thank the teachers for all of their massive efforts during this time to deliver distance learning through digital means.

To date there has been no supporting directives regarding the live streaming of teacher videos from the Department of Education. Therefore, teachers will not be engaging with live online teaching. We are aware that not all families have access to devices and we are trying to cater for all the needs of the entire school community. I am listening to parents and the hardships that many are facing during these difficult times. Every child is connected to a family with a particular story and we are very mindful of that.



Many of you enjoyed Time Out Thursday yesterday in connection with Active Week. The students shared lots of photos, videos and messages of the activities they enjoyed. **Thank you Janette** for hosting two pilates lessons for the students.

Thank you all for participating, and we hope to have more fun things planned for the coming weeks.



Next week we will be looking for any **jokes** (clean ones!) for our website. This is a great means for the children to see their friends and see what they have been doing at home. Please type up or write out and take a photo of the joke and send it to Ruth at burrowsecretary@gmail.com



Class teachers will be **awarding Writer, Artist, Mathematician and Gaeilgeoir of the Week**, every Friday, to encourage the children and to keep them motivated. Students in **5th and 6th class** will be sharing a piece of written work (poem, joke, picture, etc) with their **Buddies** in the **infant classes** as an assignment early next week, and I know their Buddies will be thrilled to receive these via Showbie. They may even reply! It would be so sad if some of the infants didn't receive any correspondence, no matter how small, but I am hopeful all of the senior students will participate in this activity.

Thank you for your patience and support towards all of our endeavours. Have a lovely May Bank Holiday weekend and hopefully An Taoiseach will have some positive news and hope for us when he next addresses the nation in the coming week.

Lynn Harley
& The Burrow Staff