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Dear Parents,

I would like to start this week by thanking everyone for being here!! Our assigned Local Authority educational welfare officer (EWO) often asks why our attendance is so high (last week 97.1%) compared to many other schools. The answer is, I believe, simple. Children at St Teresa's love coming to school! The interconnections between the pupils and yourselves as parents, with staff are constantly evolving. Well done everyone for helping to keep our attendance figures consistently above our school target of 96% - teamwork in action!

Thank you to the great many parents who have been booking parent consultation appointments on the 'School Cloud' site. Most parents have found this trouble free although we have had to iron out one or two difficulties where contact details need updating. Do try to log on and book if you haven't yet done so, so that we can help if need be. Please also remember that there is a really useful guide on how to prepare for the meeting itself, including an option to test your equipment beforehand. We are looking forward to seeing many of you next week, albeit on screens.

John's Gospel this weekend set's a familiar scene. A group of disciples gathered together in many ways fearing what lay outside. Anxious, worried, scared - somewhat similar to how many of us may be feeling as we take the next step towards the light and away from the darkness of COVID. Jesus' appearance to them allowed them to breathe in the Holy Spirit. The disciples instantly became apostles, leaders, advocates of the Good news - the Church was born.

John's Gospel message is as relevant today as it was then. The message of 'peace' is at the centre of Christ's words. A peace that can quell any of our anxieties, worries and fears and encourage us to forge forwards as a Parish and school community in Christ. Please see this week's Wednesday Word [here](#).

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux



Almost a year ago, children at St Teresa's were a significant part of a Diocesan choir who recorded a beautiful version of 'The Blessing'. I found myself drawn to this wonderful blessing. It brought me the kind of 'peace' that we can only find through God. Feel free to experience it again by clicking on the link below:

[Southwark Catholic Diocese Schools Blessing](#)

Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dachtler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher