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Dear Parents, Guardians and families of Prosperous,

I write to you at a time of unprecedented challenge for us all.

Schools closed on March 12th in an attempt to slow the spread of Covid 19, and they will remain closed for the foreseeable period.

I know this puts additional strain on families at an already stressful time. Many of you parents are working in frontline services and I salute you for your service to the people of Ireland. More of you have lost your jobs because of the closure of shops, pubs, restaurants and other places of employment, as a result of the virus. In many homes, older brothers and sisters are stressed because of Leaving Cert or Junior Cycle issues compounded by the current crisis. Many are also catering for elderly parents, relatives or neighbours.

We in the school have no intention of adding to these difficulties.

We are posting suggested work for the children on the school website and facebook. We encourage you to see these suggestions as a 'menu' to choose from as you see fit, and not as a 'prescription' that must be completed.

We are also conscious of the fact that not all families have access to technology or may wish to reserve access to the technology they have for parents' work or students in the house studying for exams. There is much that can occupy the children beyond screens – out planting vegetables in the spring soil, baking brownies for an elderly neighbour, reading, drawing, building lego, composing songs... The list is endless.

This enforced slowing of the pace of life is an opportunity for families to be together, rediscover old hobbies or try out some new experiences. Every cloud has a silver lining. Sometimes we just need to look for the silver threads.

Keeping positive at this challenging time is essential for all our mental and physical health.

One of our SNAs sent this poem to the staff last week and I thought it was worth sharing with you.

A poem by Kathleen O'Meara (1839–1888)

And people stayed home....

*And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves.*

May I wish you all health and kindness in these trying times.

Keep safe.

Stay well.

Take care.

Geraldine Hetheron

Principal

Please note: The school email account enquiries@prosperousns.ie is checked regularly, so please send us a message if you have any questions or queries.

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