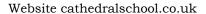
## The Cathedral School Newsletter



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**John 14.1-9** Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Thursday 7th May 2020

## Coronavirus (COVID-19): latest information and advice Click Here

## Head Teacher's Message

**Dear Parents** 

As we approach the Bank Holiday, I hope today's newsletter finds everyone well.

To get a balanced view, it was very helpful to receive your responses to the survey we put out in the middle of last week that ended yesterday. Key Points:

- 99 families responded
- 72% said the amount of work set was just right, 24% said there was too much and 4% too little.
- It was identified that visual contact with other children and the class teacher for wellbeing and morale was missing.
- Pupils appreciate feedback on Tapestry from staff.

We have setup weekly catchup chats via Zoom that your children are invited to attend (via SCOPay message). We are aware that not everyone may be able to make it, due to the time offered, but we hope many of your children can.

You will appreciate that use of Tapestry has been a reassurance to us that pupils are engaged with learning and enabled us to interact with them and respond to their efforts, so do remember anything you can put up of their experiences is a positive; even a photo of them playing or engaged in something meaningful.

It is likely that Sunday's announcements will start the plan for change. There are so many unanswered questions. Rest assured, Headteachers and the local authorities have been very clear to the Government what needs to be answered about safety for our community to return to school and what is needed for you to have confidence in schools reopening.

In the meantime, staff are working everyday on the tasks set and meeting the needs of the children either based on site or at home. Office staff are regularly in school, but constantly access emails and pass on messages. Mrs Russell, Mrs Quinn or myself are leading in school on different days and we will help with queries, or frankly, ring us, if you just need a chat.

We will see what the next few days brings and continue in our Christian Hope and Faith.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH!**

To keep up to date with our most recent information and learning tasks.

Please check out:

- Tapestry for the whole school, where you can find our latest learning and share learning and respond (Please register if you haven't already)
- Twitter page <u>twitter.com/cathschool</u> where there will be regular update/challenges/videos and a place for you to respond and share. (See the latest staff video message)
- Latest learning is found on our webpage under each class <a href="https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/school-info">https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/school-info</a>
- Extra weekly learning go to 'Picture News' <a href="https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/school-info/curriculum/picture-news">https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/school-info/curriculum/picture-news</a>
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