



The Cathedral School Newsletter



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Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

We have reached the Easter break and we salute the critical workers; we are pleased to play a part supporting you by having the school partially open. We have now reached the Easter break and the majority of children will need a few days break before we resume our new curriculum projects for the summer term.

We are providing suggested activities rather than our curriculum for Easter which will resume after the break. Please find this information on our website, under curriculum.

We recognise how difficult it is to turn home into a school, and many of us of course find it hard to turn home into a workplace! This week we have worked on how to support this temporary transition and provide greater communication between school and home to help learning.

Over the past three years, the school has introduced Tapestry to EYFS and then into KS1. It is an online platform that allows the Learning Journey to be recorded at home and school and gives a means of communication between school and parents that can be both class-wide and individualised. Those who have experienced it with the younger children will know the benefits of sharing learning at home and school. We would like KS2 to have the same opportunities to share their learning with us and allow parents, children and staff to communicate more effectively.

Therefore we have accelerated this development process to meet need and this week we purchased Tapestry for KS2 as well.

Once the children are back in school, it is recognised in KS2 that there is considerably less time to engage with some aspects of Tapestry, but it will still provide more information about what is happening in learning in school during the day and allow teacher/parent dialogue and give the children another means of recording their experiences and development.

On Easter Tuesday, 14th April, if you are a KS2 parent or KS1 who did not sign up, the instructions and activation method to join Tapestry will be issued. This will mean that we are all ready for some fresh curriculum work on Monday 20th April.

In the meantime, everyone at school joins me in wishing you Easter joy amongst the strains, stresses and sadness of the current situation.

Linda Wiskin

KEEPING IN TOUCH!

To keep up to date with our most recent information and learning tasks. Please check out our:

- Twitter page twitter.com/cathschool where there will be regular update/challenges/videos and a place for you to respond and share.
- For EYFS and Years 1/2 Tapestry where you can share learning and respond (KS2 after the Easter break)
- Latest learning is found on our webpage under each class along with 'Picture News'

<https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/school-info/curriculum>

- Or email office@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk and we will ensure it will get passed to the relevant people
- See the latest staff video message <https://www.cathedralschool.co.uk/news-and-diary/newsletters>