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Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Well here we are the third newsletter since we have been in lockdown. I hope you accessed the 3-part assembly this morning. We will do our next Celebration Assembly on Friday 15th May.

Once again, this week the amount of work uploaded onto ClassDojo has been fantastic. Well done to everyone - children and parents for all your hard work.

Parents Survey - results

Mr Marsh and Mrs Lee have been working hard this week on developing surveys for both school staff and for parents and carers. I hope you received the text which sent you the link. Thank you to those of you who have responded already.

We have had 45 responses since yesterday which is a very good number. We are looking individually at the survey responses but also looking at them collectively. The main headlines of the responses are very positive.

43 out of 45 responses gave a score of 8 or higher to the distance learning provision.

95.6% of the responses said they felt that "school had clear expectations of the work, but the teacher was flexible and had not been pushy or demanded work".

82.2% of the responses said when there have been problems with distance learning school had been able to solve them and the other 17.8% said they had not had any problems with distance learning - making 100% of positive responses.

The area that we need to give more thought to is where families have more than one child distance learning. The difference in responses where only 1 child was distance learning and where 2 or more children are distance learning is marked.

Families with only 1 child distance learning = only 6.5% said they found it almost impossible to organise distance learning and upload the work

Families with 2 or more children distance learning = 10% said they found it almost impossible to organise distance learning and upload the work.

Families with 2 or more children distance learning = 53.3% of these families also said they sometimes find it difficult to organise distance learning or upload the work.

There was also a marked split between families who thought "the amount of work has been just about right" = 66.6 %, whilst 33.3% thought "the amount of work has been too much and they struggled to finish it".

I think the main thing we, as school staff, can learn here is to make it really clear which activities and tasks are optional. You are all doing such a fantastic job at home of juggling all the huge expectations that are upon you at the moment. As parents and carers, I can't emphasise enough how much the teachers still want to support you just as they would if we were in school. Please use ClassDojo to send messages if you are finding it tricky or email me at head@castlefields.org.uk and I can pass your message on.



SCHOOL MEMBER



Year 6 Pupils

I wanted to take this chance to say how proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. They should be taking their SATs tests next week and would have been having breakfast club every morning. They have been so sensible about their attitude to working from home and as always have set a brilliant example to the rest of the school. Sadly, for them there will be no residential visit to Plas Caerdeon this year. We are all waiting to see what Boris Johnson will announce on Sunday about gradually coming out of lockdown. I hope he will be telling some of you that you can come back to school in June but until then we don't know who this will be. We have been talking to the secondary schools about organising transition visits for you and will let you know more about this soon.

Nursery into Reception transition

Mrs Wills has sent a letter to all the families of children who will be starting Castlefields Reception Class in September. Once again when we know a bit more about opening, we will be in touch again.

V.E. day

Don't forget that tomorrow is V.E. day. The 75th Anniversary since Victory in Europe, the end of the Second World War. I hope you might be having a celebration of some sort. Don't forget 'social distancing' if you are.

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/>

Above is a link to an informative VE day website.

Rainbows

As you are all aware Rainbows have become the symbol of staying positive and thank you to the NHS during this time. The staff team at school this week, came up with a great idea of us making a video to make you all smile during this tricky time. I am going to add it to ClassDojo this afternoon. Have fun watching it!

Stay Safe! Take Care! Castlefields you are Simply the Best!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hampson