

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

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Dear Parents,

I hope your week has gone well. That is two weeks down and hopefully only four weeks left. I hope the children have enjoyed their live lessons this week. I am sure there have been some teething problems as we all get used to them again – there certainly was last Friday in mine – but before we know it they will become second nature again.

The DFE have given guidance that schools should provide 4 hours work to Key Stage 2 children and 3 hours work to Key Stage 1 children. Please remember that this includes the children's reading and other daily activities set by the school such as assemblies, prayers, physical activities etc. If you are finding that your child is finishing their work much more quickly, then you need to make sure that they are keeping to the timings set by the teacher. If the teacher says a task should take half an hour then they should spend half an hour on it. If they finish it more quickly then they may have rushed it and if it takes too long then I would suggest just leaving it. Every child is different which means they will work at different rates but is important to try and keep the structure and discipline for them. The teachers are suggesting a few extra optional activities if you really want to fill the children's day however I wouldn't recommend this as working at home on your own is extremely intense and can actually be much harder than working in school. Please contact your class teacher if you are having problems with the routine and we can help with some ideas.

I would also recommend that you are flexible. If you know your child is going to need help with something but you can't help them in the morning then, maybe do it after school in the evening. There is no right or wrong. Remember this is all about having a **HAPPY HOME-SCHOOL**.

Finally, I'm trying to find ways of including children at home in some Live Assemblies or recording the Morning Prayer. If you would like your children to read the morning prayer then please contact the office so that I can make a list and contact you with instructions. It really is very easy. Have a good weekend.

God bless,

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