



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents,


I hope you have had another good week. On a personal note, I have had to isolate for 10 days after running with someone who subsequently tested positive so I have been working from home. Fortunately, I haven't contracted the virus although staying at home without being ill was frustrating. Anyway, I am actually only sharing this with you so that I can sympathise with all of you who are trying to work at the same time as home schooling. Believe me, my youngest son Joseph in Reception has probably had the most inadequate schooling of any child in the school. That is certainly not Mrs King's fault! He has completed about 10% of the activities and spent too much time watching television. I am clearly not advocating that but it does demonstrate that it is difficult and that no one should be too hard on themselves. Fortunately, the way the remote learning is set up for the older children they can pretty much get on with it. My children have even been making me lunch.

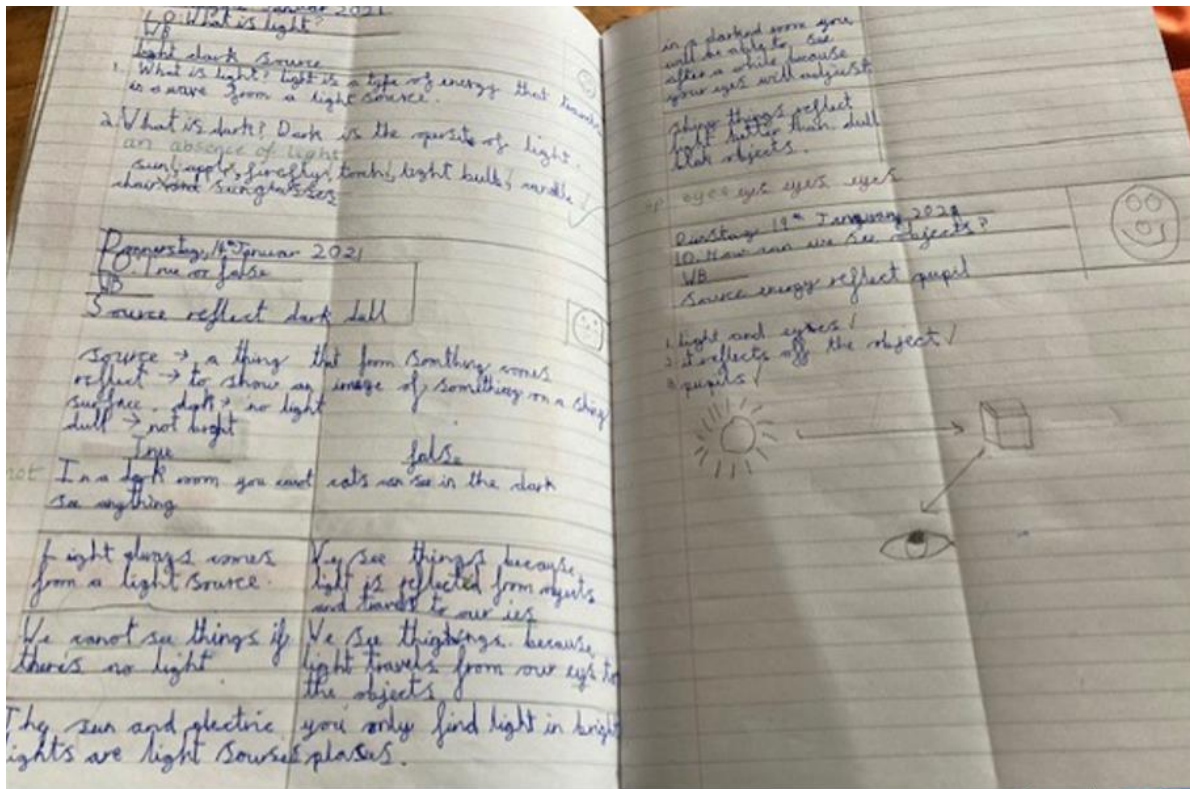
I would also like to thank the staff. We have had around 50 children in school every day which is about 25% of the children who would normally attend. This is a mixture of critical worker children, SEN children and children who we have identified as needing time in school for whatever reason. This has made this lockdown slightly more difficult than the one in the summer as it is requiring a lot more staff in school. As you can imagine though, they have been fantastic and extremely flexible.

Finally, a really big thank you to Eva Sconcia and Lauren Lister in Year 6 who have led us in the morning prayers this week. They have done an excellent job. If anyone else would like to take the lead then please email the office. I will then contact you with instructions; it really isn't that difficult.

Have a great weekend

God bless,

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Critical Workers

Please will parents of Critical Workers make sure they have a look at the Daily Work being set, particularly in Key Stage 2. Although they are in school, they are still doing the remote learning and there are some things which the children might need to do outside of school in preparation. You don't need to do a lot with them but just make sure you know what is happening.

Also, the Critical Worker children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are in on Tuesday have Forest school. Please will parents make sure they wear appropriate warm clothes, bring wellington boots and a change of clothes in case it is wet.

Thank you

Safeguarding

As children are at home during lockdown, they are probably online or in front of screens a lot more than normal. It is really important that we use this time to teach our children about being safe online and using the wonderful technology we have responsibly. Net-aware have produced these tips for to help.

[8 tips for keeping your kids safe online during lockdown \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)