



Dear parents, carers and friends

It has been a busy week at school and no doubt at home too. Our value this half term is courage, which feels very relevant at the moment. It is often difficult to feel brave and persevere when faced with challenge, adversity or loss. Faith and hope can be important during these times to help us through. Psalm 16:8 says, 'I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.' Kathy also continues to be there for everyone, all of the time. She has continued to record her wonderful services using her YouTube channel. The latest edition is available by following this link:

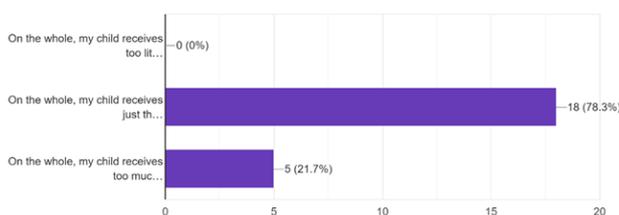
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3bB5e0X6-dbeEHJv0LGLQ>

We have been trying to arrange a whole school celebration assembly. However, there are difficulties getting everyone to join so we will look for an alternative.

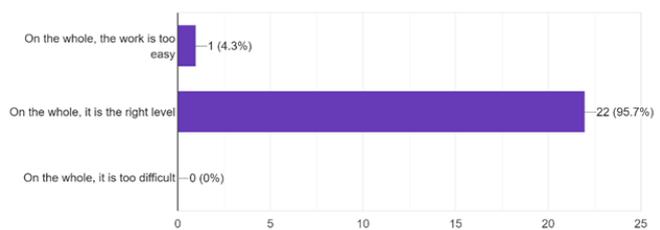
Feedback from survey

Many thanks for everyone who sent in feedback from our survey about how remote learning is going. I have shared the information with teachers and governors. There are lots of positives and I know that teachers and teaching staff really appreciate this feedback. However, we are also very aware of the difficulties and challenges you are facing and will consider all suggestions in developing our remote learning offer. We understand that TEAMS takes some time to get used to, although it appears that everyone is getting more used to it as they use it more. It also permits live sessions, which is an area we are developing. It is also evident that the work being set is mainly at the right level and quantity. We acknowledge that there is a lot of work to complete and a number of families are feeling overwhelmed with balancing jobs and remote learning. Teachers are aware of this and will work with you to help in any way they can.

Please comment on the amount of work set. (Guidelines are for approximately 4 hours for KS2 and 3 hours for Reception and KS1)
23 responses



Please comment on the level of work set for your child
23 responses



I am really pleased that helpfulness and regular and useful communication features highly on your feedback:

'Brilliant at communicating and helping.'

'...gone above and beyond.'

'...level of support and personal feedback...'

'I really appreciate all the hard work you are putting in.'

'...extremely supportive and helpful.'

'...excellent with communication and nothing is too much trouble.'

If you would like to send your feedback or would like to give us an update on how things are going for you, the survey is still open and can be accessed by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8qYSWoPw6rx6U_DQA6aYOySIG17eftEN1hEI1vQ78xvClw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Laptops

This is a source of great frustration for us and we know that a lack of devices is making remote learning difficult for some families. We were expecting a delivery of 25 chromebooks this week, but they have yet to arrive. We are chasing this up and will get them out to families as soon as we can. In addition, we are waiting for 15 laptops through the government funded scheme, but these are also still to arrive.

FSM Vouchers

Following issuing of Tesco vouchers for the first 2 weeks of term, we are pleased that the Edenred voucher system is now up and running and families have received them for this week. If you think you are entitled to benefit related free school meals and have not received vouchers this week, please contact the school office. Additionally, if you think that you are entitled but have not registered, contact school and we can support you with this.

Donations

Last week, we informed you that we have been very fortunate to be financially supported by our Foundation and Balsall Parish Council to purchase chromebooks, as well as being given several laptops from other people. We have also been given monetary donations from members of our congregation of St. Mary's church to go towards buying the devices. This is very kind and we all really appreciate your generosity in such challenging times.

Home and school

I want to finish this week by saying how utterly remarkable you all are as the community of Lady Katherine Leveson CE Primary School. From our incredible children, who have adapted and remained positive throughout, to our amazing parents, who are juggling jobs, care, remote learning and everything else you do, you are all very special. Likewise, I couldn't be more proud of our staff, who have changed plans again and again, embraced every challenge that has been put before them and continued to deliver their excellent standard of teaching, care and communication both within school and with families remotely. Thank you.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend and week ahead.

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