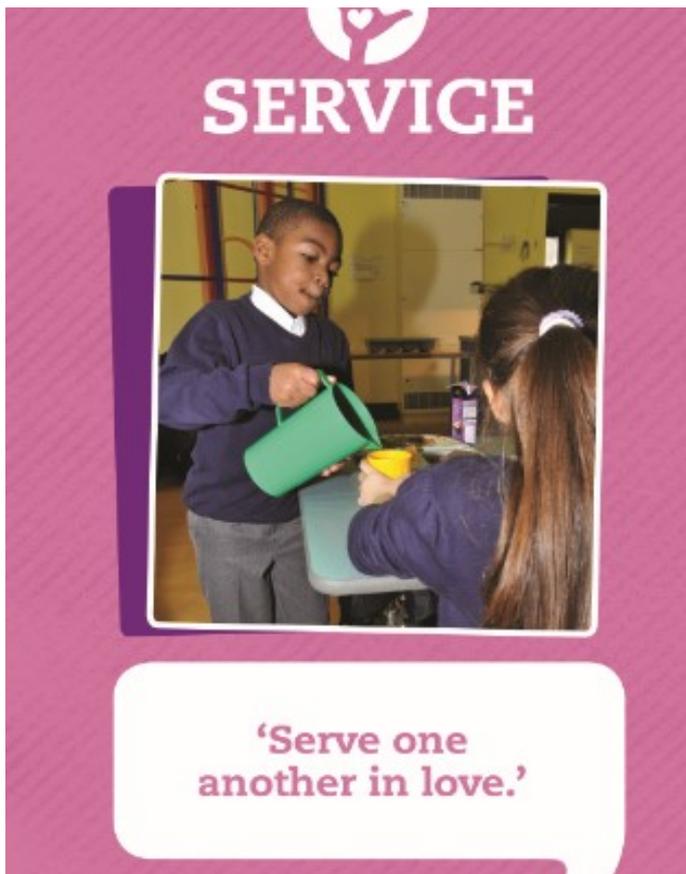


Headteacher's Newsletter

5 May 2020

Christian Value for this half term:

Service



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the May newsletter.

As we move into another week of lockdown I hope that you are all keeping safe. As time goes on we are aware that more people are feeling anxious and are worried. Please be assured that there is support out there and people to talk to. We have updated the school website with links

that you may find useful for support. Please take a look.

There are still some paper learning packs which haven't been collected. If you haven't done so please pop over to school and these packs are waiting for you in the main entrance.

Our digital Virtual School goes from strength to strength, and we are delighted that nursery and reception children and families have joined this week, having moved away from Tapestry. It feels right to have the whole school community together in one place, albeit distantly.

Teachers continue to work hard to get the online learning up each day and I know that you appreciate the video messages from teacher to pupil. They are great at responding to emails, as well as celebrating the work children are doing at home.

Teaching assistants are in school ensuring that our key worker children are well cared for. The children who are attending are thoroughly enjoying themselves. They complete their home learning first, then spend time doing a variety of other activities such as cooking, craft and being creative.

We are missing the children and families of St Catherine's so much and hope that we will be together very soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs Graham

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Schools Reopening



A few parents have asked the question: 'When do you think the school will reopen

again?'. The simplest answer is I am waiting for an announcement from the Prime Minister, which I understand will be on Sunday this week. Until then I have not made any plans based on different scenarios—it doesn't make sense to do this. Waiting to hear from the Prime Minister is the first step, and from there senior leaders and I, in consultation with other Headteachers, will put a plan in place.

We are as keen to reopen as I am sure you and the children are. There are no doubts that it will be challenging!

It is best to avoid taking much notice of the media and wait to hear it from Boris Johnson himself. I think I have read every possible scenario going, including space suits for all!

Please be assured that when we know more we will be in contact with you with any plans we have.

VE Day celebrations

We have been encouraging the children this week to take part in celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day.



We'd love to see photos of what you and your family gets up to—please email them to your child's class teacher.

Arrangements for the Next Academic Year

We have been busy making arrangements for the next academic year.

Staffing will be as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Hart

Reception: Mr Mistry

Year 1: Miss Simm

Year 2: Mrs Lightbown

Year 3: Mrs Holloway

Year 4: Miss Urmston

Year 5: Mr England

Year 6: Mrs Leather

We are delighted that Mr Mistry will remain with us as a permanent member of staff.

Mrs Holloway moves to Year 3 (a huge change for her, but one she is already busy preparing for).

Mental Health



You're not alone if you're worried about you child's mental health during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Young minds has a brilliant resource to support parents. There are tips, advice and where to get support.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

