



# Castor Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another brilliant week in school. The children have been delightful as always, and really seem to be thriving from the routine and structure that coming to school every day inevitably provides. The familiarity seems to help them, and they seem to get some comfort and reassurance from doing the things that they used to do pre-COVID, even if it is sitting down and doing work! I'm sure they are enjoying playing with their friends too!

It is so important that we try to keep things as normal as possible, and still being able to hold our Harvest Festival this week was a typical example of that. I know that Father David and Mrs Boulton were amazed by how much produce had been donated – I think Father David was concerned at one point that it may not even fit in the car! Father David has asked me to pass on his thanks to everybody, and also added that there was over 150kg of food that he handed to the Food bank. This generosity really does show the spirit of the community at the moment - thank you very much.

In the interest of keeping things as normal as they can be, we have been looking at ways that we can help ensure that parents continue to play an active part in the life of the school. The relationship between home and school that we have here has always been a strength, and we are keen that this remains the case, despite the obvious distance that we have to have between the two. We have had a few weeks now of running Collective Worship online in school, and we feel that we are now ready to start inviting parents to join us for not only Collective Worship, but also other whole school events that you would normally have attended in person.

It is our intention to start with inviting parents to Achievement Assembly at 2:30pm on a Friday afternoon soon, and if this is popular and works well, we will then look at further opportunities. Parents will be invited to join through Microsoft Teams, and a weekly recurring meeting will be sent out. It will then be added to your calendar and you can join when and if you are available. The format of the assembly itself is a little different to how it was before, but the children have enjoyed them and it is a really valuable way to celebrate the achievements of the week.

In order to include parents in this way, we will need **written consent** from all parents for their child to be live-streamed and the images shared with other parents through Microsoft Teams. We will only be sending the invites out to parents of children who attend our school, and to our school governors. Whilst gaining this consent, we would also like to do the same for future whole school and class events, including participation in home learning through Microsoft Teams. We are therefore asking you to **'consent to your child being live-streamed during whole school or class events (e.g. achievement assembly, home learning tutorials), and the images shared with parents of other children in the school and school governors only, through Microsoft Teams'**. To give your consent, please can we ask that you reply to [secretary@castor.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@castor.peterborough.sch.uk) with this wording. Please be aware that by giving this consent, your email address will also be viewable to other parents within the



*"We have faith in God, ourselves and everyone around us"*

meeting. Once we have received this consent we will also take this as your request to receive an invitation.

Next week you will also be receiving an invitation to attend a curriculum workshop with your child's new class teacher. These will take place during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. Again, this is something that has worked well in the past and will help maintain the relationship between school and home. It will allow you to find out more about what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them. It would be great to have as many of you attend as possible.

Have a lovely weekend, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Nick Brompton  
Headteacher

