

Tapestry is an 'online learning journal helping staff and families to celebrate their children's learning and development'. The use of Tapestry has evolved over a number of years at Evercreech, beginning with Reception, extending to year 1 and 2 and then to the whole school. Prior to the Lockdown its main purpose was reactive in forging home-school links. In-school experiences were shared and families shared what children are doing at home. The school encouraged more creativity through 'Wonders', the things that families can and are enjoying together. This is a tool teachers were confident to use and have enjoyed developing further.

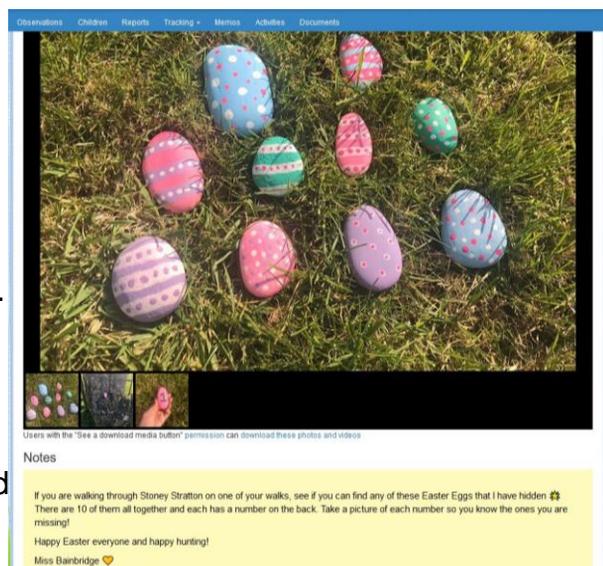
During this period of home learning its use has become more proactive, making the dialogue between school and home more dynamic. The teacher posts an activity.



Younger classes have more videos for shared learning experiences, older classes have more tasks set. Parents comment on the work to describe what has been achieved or to ask for support. These can be seen by other families.



Alternatively they can upload a 'new observation' that is a photo or video of the work done and this is only seen by the teacher and the family. Teachers and support staff can comment on the work, involving the whole school team.



A favourite experience has been teachers reading stories as they continue with class books. This has been part of supporting a sense of continuity and routine alongside daily reading and maths challenges. Teachers have increased their creativity as they think through play that will support higher order thinking. A generic 'new reception child' has been set up and is being used for transition into school for September. All new parents can ask questions with that log in to and gain information from the responses.

Expectations: Teachers are available during the school day and the headteacher has made it clear to parents that the school is doing their very best to meet the needs of all the children.

Use: 94% of families have at least one active relative. 90% of families were active in the week 27th April – 1st May 2020. Well-fare calls continue to any families not logging in. Lovington Primary, their federated school also uses Tapestry and Ditchat Primary have been supported to extend their use from Reception only to the whole school to contribute to their home learning.

Tips:

- Avoid activities that need printing out.
- Maintain at least one class activity that children are used to as part of their school day.