



# St Ann's Church of England

## Primary School



*Always our best for God, each other and ourselves. Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!*

**Value of the Half Term**

*Forgiveness*

**Newsletter Issue 20**

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Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9

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### THANK YOU & WELL DONE!



On behalf of all St Ann's school staff, I would like to thank all our families, as we reach the end of an extraordinary half term, for managing to support your child with their learning at home. We are hugely aware of how challenging this is, especially when you all have so many other important commitments. It really is truly marvelous to see the continued progress that the children are making. So WELL DONE! We think you are all LOCKDOWN LEGENDS.

Thank you also for all the heart-warming messages of thanks and praise (and gifts!) for all the staff at the school. It means so much to know that what they do day in day out is appreciated. THANK YOU!

## **SCHOOL UPDATE**

At the time this newsletter was published, there were no updates regarding a wider school opening. As soon as the government have shared their plans for the re-opening of primary schools, we will of course share that with parents/carers at the earliest opportunity. As it stands at this moment in time, there will be no change as to how school is operating from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (the day we re-open after half term).

## **ACCEPTABLE USER POLICY**

Following the review of our remote education provision and the decision to allow permitted pupils to have their camera on when it will benefit teaching, it has been necessary to also review our Pupil & Parent Acceptable User Policy. If you have not already done so please ensure you complete the survey sent via text. Thank you for your co-operation in completing the survey.

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY**



This week children both at home and in school have participated in national Safer Internet Day. With much of education taking place remotely at this present time, there has never been a better reason to focus on how to stay safe online. The campaign focused especially on how we can know what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online.

If any parents/ carers require support in keeping their child safe when working online, please contact school in the usual way, or check out our website.

## **REMOTE EDUCATION ADVICE & SUPPORT**

If any parents/ carers require further support or advice about their child's remote learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can do this via the school office phone or email address.

## **REMOTE LEARNING & DEVICES**

If any children who are currently learning at home, only have access to a mobile phone or other small device for MSTEAMs, please contact the school office, as we may be able to offer you a chrome book to loan.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends during this period, the government recognises many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. For this reason, they have produced guidance outlining resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice.

You can find the support and advice on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

From 22nd Feb - 7th March, it is Fair Trade Fortnight. This Fair Trade Fortnight we will be thinking about choosing the world that we want and the ways in which we can make choices to shape the world. Miss Foster has recorded a Worship for you all to watch on the 22nd February which contains lots of exciting information about Fair Trade Fortnight and some small, fun challenges for you to complete linking to this special fortnight. The link will be also be available in the general



announcement for all year groups on 22nd February. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMXrmOth25c>



During this week, Sandra Roscoe, a local Parish Councillor and Member Pioneer for the Co-op, has kindly donated Fair Trade bananas for the snack in school. We would like to express our thanks to Sandra for this lovely donation, we know the children will enjoy eating these. Thank you Sandra!

## CHRISTIAN VALUES AFTERNOON

One afternoon this week the children explored the Christian Value of Hope, which is our value of next half term.



## POSITIVE CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID19

Please can politely request that parents/ carers continue to inform school if someone in your household tests positive for Covid. We are continuing to support our local health protection team in the tracking and tracing of cases within the local community. Thank you

## TOAST

Refunds of Toast payments made for Spring 1 have now been made to your Arbor account. These credits can be used towards the cost of Toast when it is next available. As it is unclear at present when all children will be able to return to school we would ask that those children attending school after half term bring their own snack each day. Many thanks.

## PAYMENTS ON ARBOR

After the half term break we will be fully using payments in the Arbor Parent Portal! You will be able to make payments for meals, toast and Base by simply logging into the Parent Portal. Any credit/debit balances for BASE on ParentPay are in the process of being transferred over and will be completed by the start of next half term. If you currently have a credit balance on your Parent Account on ParentPay please withdraw this by 31st March 2021 at the latest. For more information on Arbor and its uses please follow this link <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/sections/201716749-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App-as-a-parent>.

School breaks up for half term on Friday 12th February 2021

School re-opens to children with a place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

## WEEKLY REMINDERS

### REVISED PE DAYS DUE TO CLOSURE

Don't forget on the days children have PE, they should wear their PE Kit to school. As this forms part of the children's school uniform, children must wear the full and correct PE Kit.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y4	Y2	EYFS	Y2	Y1
	Y3	Y1	Y3	Y5
	Y5	Y6	Y4	
			Y6	

## BLOG: SUE FORSTER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ST HELENS



5 February 2021

Dear residents,

St Helens currently has one of the highest coronavirus rates in the country, so we must continue to be vigilant and continue to wash our hands, cover our faces and make space.

It's crucial to self-isolate if you are instructed to by NHS Test and Trace, the COVID-19 app, your workplace or school. It will break the link in the chain - stopping the spread of coronavirus, protecting our NHS, and saving lives.

The vaccine rollout is going tremendously well, but the vaccine doesn't stop the virus from spreading, and many people show no symptoms so can be passing it on without knowing.

We have been alerted to a new variant of Covid-19 that has been found across Merseyside, including here in St Helens Borough, and other areas of the North West.

There is currently no indication that this version of the virus is more transmissible or results in more serious illness but work is ongoing to identify if the variant is more resistant to antibodies.

This mutation of the virus is different to the South African variant, which has been identified in Southport and other places in the UK this week.

It is common for viruses to mutate, I don't want people to get concerned but we need to all play our part by always ensuring we keep to the rules and get tested when we have symptoms no matter how mild. This way regardless of the mutation of the virus we will bring the infection rates down in our community.

But as part of this we are urging anyone who is feeling unwell to get a Covid-19 test, even if they aren't showing the classic symptoms.

The three main symptoms of Covid-19 are a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste.

But there are other symptoms that have been reported by people who have tested positive, such as a persistent headache, diarrhoea, fever and chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose and nausea or vomiting.

You can read the other symptoms on the [World Health Organisation website](#).

If you do feel unwell, even if your symptoms are mild, please book a traditional PCR test online. It's important that you do not use the symptom free test sites if you are feeling unwell.

You can book a free test by calling 119, book online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or through the government's NHS Covid app: [www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19)

When you are booking a test online, say you do not have the classic symptoms, then in follow up pages choose the option which says 'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'.

It's vital we catch cases quickly and then follow the isolation rules for the entire household to prevent the spread. If you're worried about losing out on pay if you cannot work, [check to see if you are eligible for a £500 payment](#) if you test positive.

Also, if you are isolated by coronavirus and are in urgent need or are vulnerable and you are self-isolating, call the [St Helens Together](#) helpline for support on 01744 676767 (open 8am-10pm, 7 days a week).

Stay home, stay safe, stop the spread.

Sue

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TERM DATES

	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Spring Term	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Summer Term	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the School Office at [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk) so that arrangements can be made to issue the item.

Current prices are as follows:

School Bag	£9.00
Junior Tie	£3.50
Elasticated Tie	£3.00
Replacement Planner	£4.00

**Courtesy**

**Care**

**Concentration**



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Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

‘But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.  
They will soar high on wings like eagles’ **Isaiah 40:31**

### Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Children return to school
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Book Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Maths Day 4F Family Worship
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Assessment Week
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	3H Family Worship – To be Confirmed
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Super Leaders Day 2
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	4P Family Worship- To be Confirmed
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Aspirations Day 1
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Aspirations Day 2 Easter Bingo – To be Confirmed Y5 Easter Service – To be Confirmed
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	School Closes for half term