

# 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

## Forgíveness

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And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Mark 11:25

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#### **COMMUNITY KINDNESS**

This week a Rainhill resident has been so moved by the reports of some children not having adequate access to technology for home learning that she has purchased not 1 but 2 chromebooks for our school. A huge heartfelt thank you from everyone at Rainhill St Ann's. You know who you are!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR



HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours, from everyone at St Ann's. We hope you had a merry Christmas and that you managed to get plenty of rest and that you are ready for the year ahead.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE

Following on from the school closure announcement on Monday evening, we would like to thank all our parents/ carers for responding swiftly to our surveys so that we could re-organise as school as speedily as we did. We appreciate that the last few days have been a particularly anxious time for all concerned, and hugely appreciate the moral support and kind words we have received. I am delighted to say that the children in school have settled into their home groups, and the children working remotely are engaging with their learning. Well done Team St Ann's! You know where we are if you need us!

#### **ENGLISH TEACHING AND LEARNING**



#### Reading books

From today, no paper books will be sent home with children. Instead, children will be expected to read using Bug Club when they are at home as was the case in during the Spring and Summer terms of 2020. If your child reaches a point where they don't have any books to read on Bug club, please contact your child's class teacher via Teams and they will sort it out for you.

#### **Reading diaries**

Reading diaries will also need to stay at home for the foreseeable future. Please continue to sign these diaries on a daily basis as we will backdate everything as soon as we all return to school in order to continue with our reading certificates.

#### **Spellings**

Spellings will still be set as homework via Teams and the weekly spelling test will still happen either in school or remotely depending on where your child is currently learning. Any spelling test done via our remote learning platform will need to be submitted in the same way that daily lessons are (usually a photograph of the completed activity).

#### **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	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Y4	Y2	EYFS	Y2	Y1
	Y3	Y1	Y3	Y5
	Y5	Y6	Y4	
			Y6	

#### PARENT WORKSHOPS

The individual parent workshops which were due to take place this half term will be postponed as a result of the school closure. We hope that all who attended, and have since watched, Mr Phillips' webinar on MSTeams and Remote Education found this useful in terms of supporting their child at home. Huge thanks to Mr Phillips for organising this at such short notice. If you missed the webinar, you can watch it at the following link: https://youtu.be/aCE9RzWIRqA



Parents MS Team Open Evening youtu.be

#### ST ANN'S HAS GOT TALENT

Our plans for this year's talent show have unfortunately been disrupted once again. All is not lost, but the audition will be postponed until we are all back in school once again. Watch this space!

3H Mentoring Conversations will now take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Time slots will remain the same. However please contact the office is this is problematic for you. The new zoom link will be sent out by email before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **BOOK BAGS**

#### EPIPHANY SERVICE

This week children enjoyed watching Reverend Alan's Epiphany service. As children will no longer be receiving paper books and their diaries will no longer be being checked,

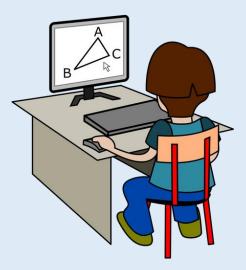


As children will no longer be receiving paper books and their diaries will no longer be being checked, from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, children should not continue to bring their book bag to school.

Thank you!

#### HOMEWORK

Due to the recent changes, we will be making some amendments to the way homework is set for the children. At present, the children complete a Maths or an English homework each week, this will cease from next week. The reasoning for this is to help reduce the screen time for the children. In place of this, we encourage you to access some wellbeing activities from the list below to provide your child with a break from the screen. As always, TTRS (Y2-Y6), Numbots (EY-Y2) and Spelling Shed are available should you feel that your child would like more support with English and Maths. We look forward to hearing about the wellbeing activities that you choose to complete over the coming weeks on social media. #5WaysToWellBeing.



#### **3H MENTORING CONVERSATIONS**



### Term Dates

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

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whilst school attendance is not compulsory during the current lockdown, learning remotely is. All children learning at home are expected to log onto MSTeams/ Tapestry (EYFS) by 9.30am at the latest. Where a pupil is not present for the register, a phone call home will be made. If your child will not be online to complete their learning because they are unwell, a phone call should be made to the office school office in the usual way before 9.30am. As per our usual first day response procedure, where there is no contact between home and school, a home visit by a member of school staff will be made.

#### WEEKLY REMINDERS

## TOAST

Toast at break time is available every half term. The deadline for the next half term (4<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February has now passed)

#### FISHY FRIDAY

Unfortunately we are unable to offer the option of "Fishy Friday" at present. We will notify Parents/Carers when we are able to resume this option



'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

DAY	DATE	EVENT	
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Children return to school.	
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Epiphany service	
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Parent Workshops- All week (online)	
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	RE Focus Day – Hinduism	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Community Cohesion Meeting 3.30pm - 4.30pm	
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Harry Potter Day	
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	3G Family Worship – To be Confirmed	
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Stand Up, Speak Up Week	
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Internet Safety Day	
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Star Day	
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	KS1 Service- To be Confirmed	
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	School closes for half- term	
Monday	22 <sup>™</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	