

## **ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents,

The children have come back to school seamlessly again and the half term has got off to a flying start. They are calm and settled in class and have adjusted to having lunches in the hall again. It's been lovely to see them having an opportunity to have a hot meal now the weather is turning colder.

No new guidance has come out for schools as a result of the latest lockdown, but as soon as it does, I will be back with any new changes that may affect the running of the school.

Thank you to everyone for the wearing of masks and social distancing at drop off and pick up times.

### **Catch-Up Groups**

These continue to run and thank you for supporting this by ensuring your child attends and is on time. **The last week for the current group is w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Letters for the next catch-up group will then be issued **which will start w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** Please look out for a letter in your child's school bag.

### **Parents Evening**

You will now have received an email with details about how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. We are using a new programme across the academy this year called Parent Cloud. The crib sheet will explain how to log on.

### **Well-being Wednesday**

You may have seen Mrs Rainbow's Friday assemblies on e-schools which have been encouraging the children to explore themes of well-being. Every Wednesday all the children will now be taking part in short activities connected to their well-being for example - exercise, self-care, giving to others, connecting with others, challenging yourself and embracing the moment.

### **Skipping Workshop**

This Thursday and Friday every child in the school has taken part in a skipping workshop to provide them with lots of great ideas and techniques. The children really enjoyed these sessions and many came back into class quite puffed out! It is important to encourage them to keep active as well as giving them activities that they can do independently in the playground during the pandemic. We are encouraging the children to use the ropes they have bought at playtimes and lunchtime, and if pupils want to bring a rope from home this is absolutely fine as well.

## Year 4 Rowling

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Heath will be making a gradual return to school this term.

## Christmas Events

Usually during this term we begin making lots of preparations and rehearsals for Christmas and I have discussed with staff how we can find a balance between making it special but also safe. Therefore, more details will follow, but Christmas events that you would usually attend will be recorded and put onto e-schools this year.

The children will still take part in lovely Christmas activities in their classes and will have Christmas lunches on the 16<sup>th</sup> December for KS1 and 17<sup>th</sup> December for KS2. More details to follow. On these days your child can wear a Christmas jumper to add to the special occasion.

**St. Anne's Winter Wonderland- please support**

### YOUR CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

When I met with the Parent Champions we discussed how we could make Christmas special as we would not be able to hold our annual Christmas fete this year. Therefore, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Father Christmas will send a virtual message to all the classes. He will ask the children to help design his Winter Wonderland at the front of the school.

We are envisaging that we will have a gazebo at the front of the school for the month of December for classes to visit and feel 'Christmassy'. Staff have already discussed how it could be a place to visit to stimulate writing during this time too.

The children will be asked to design the inside of the Wonderland and the winner from each key stage will have their designs made inside and a chance to officially open the Wonderland. We want to make this a real success so if you have a gazebo that the school could borrow, please let us know! Also if you have any spare Christmas items that you could lend or donate, so that we can build up a really special place for the children.

Wishing you all a lovely and safe weekend.

God Bless,



Mrs Murphy  
Acting Head Teacher



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