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Headteacher's Newsletter – 6th July 2021

Covid Rates & Implications

As we all know, the final reopening of everything was not able to go ahead on 21st June and we must now wait to see if the restrictions will be fully lifted from 19th July.

As you may know, there are a number of local schools with bubbles closed and the infection rates locally are increasing. Although infection numbers are relatively low, it is a 650% increase in infections for Tongham and 600% increase in Ash.

Although I am aware that most adults will have had at least one vaccination which helps to protect them, the children are still vulnerable to catching Covid and although they are unlikely to be very unwell with it, the school guidance means that if we have a case then the entire bubble has to isolate at home for 10 days, which will of course have implications for you as parents as isolation at home means that the child must not leave the home at all.

In school, we remain in class bubbles and although children are outside to play at the same time as other bubbles they do not mix and we are doing all that we can to try to get to the end of term without having to close because of an outbreak.

Due to the ongoing restrictions, we have had to cancel the Summer Fete.

In line with Surrey guidance visits to new schools or classes are restricted. It may be that if Covid infection rates reduce locally and the guidance is changed, we may be able to do visits for Beech Class moving to Rowan Class and Rowan Class moving to Elm Class before the end of term, but if not we have an outside story and a google meet as a backup plan.

At this stage, it does seem that events such as sports with parents attending and our end of term service in church are very unlikely, but I will be able to let you know nearer the time as we know more about the infection rates and guidance that schools have to follow.

Uniform Orders

We will be placing an order for sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts before the end of term for arrival at the start of September. Please let Helen Holdaway (hholdaway@stpaulstongham.com) know if you would like anything ordered.

Breakfast Club & After School Club (Childcare)

As you know, we do not operate our own breakfast and after school clubs as they are run by our partners, Tongham Daycare (operating under their umbrella company Nurturing Childcare). The school governing body has been liaising with the directors of the company and I am pleased to let you know that they have reduced the costs for this provision and offered shorter sessions. If you need this sort of childcare, please take a look at their new offer. (details included with the newsletter)

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 21st July - Collection Time

Children can be collected between 1.20pm and 2pm