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Headteacher's Newsletter – 22nd November

Covid

As I'm sure you are aware, cases are rising locally. We have a small number of cases in school. I'm sure you have heard that some schools have a lot more with whole classes having to close.

In addition to anyone showing symptoms, the guidance is that anyone identified as a close contact should book and take a PCR test. So if anyone in your home or anyone that you/your children have been close to tests positive please book a PCR test.

The cases that we currently have in school are not school linked and trace back to family.

Please also be aware that some children are showing as negative on a lateral flow test (where parents have chosen to try this) but are positive on a PCR test so a Lateral Flow Test is not sufficient.

Where children are positive, so far, they do not seem to be too unwell with it and so they can join us online via Google Classroom at various points through each day. We can also enable this where children are awaiting the results of PCR tests or where parents have tested positive and so cannot leave the home.

Book Bags and Books home

We are now starting to send books home with many more children, including some of our new Monster Phonics Books. Please help us by sending your child's book bag containing his/her book on Wednesday each week.

Children will only be able to borrow another book if they return the one they have been issued. Children will not be able to borrow a book unless they have their book bag in school.

In line with government guidance, phonics must be the first way that children are taught to read. If you are interested in finding out more about our scheme, you might want to join in with one of the parent sessions - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-webinar-phonics-explained-how-to-help-your-child-with-phonics-tickets-182583481107?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Friends of St Paul's Christmas Fair – Friday 10th December – 3pm

The Friends of St Paul's are busy planning the Christmas Fair. The plan is to have as much of this outside so that we can be as Covid safe as possible.

To help prepare for this event (as you may have seen on the school calendar) there will be 3 Mufti Days where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for:-

A Bottle of something (wine, shampoo, soap etc) for the Bottle Tombola (Weds 24th Nov)

A new toy for the Toy Tombola (Weds 1st December)

A home made Christmas Cracker filled with £1 worth of toys/gifts/sweets (Fri 10th December) Samples will be on display prior to this.

Please also send £1 in on this day as the children have an opportunity to visit some stalls before it opens to all at 3pm.

If you are able to help at this event, please see one of the committee or email friends@stpaulstongham.com Children of parents who help at the event can go in to see Santa before this opens to everyone else.

Christmas Play & other Christmas Events

We generally have a Christmas play, lunch, a party and Christmas Service during the last week before we break up for Christmas.

Children have started to learn Christmas songs for the play for this last week, although at this time we have absolutely no idea what the guidance will be about whether we will still be able to mix the children, be able to welcome an audience or whether we will all be online.

As soon as I know more, I will let you know.