



St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 4 Newsletter 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the situation continues to change in relation to COVID-19 I would like to share with you our plan in response to the updated government advice, and in relation to any future school and nursery closure.

We can assure you that at the time of writing we still have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with suspected COVID-19 in St Anne's and Little Learners Nursery. We are continuing to follow the advice of the UK Government and Public Health England and **will not close unless directed to do so.**

As you may be aware from the recent government announcements, those suffering with even mild symptoms similar to those of coronavirus (a persistent cough and fever) should self-isolate for 7 days. This may mean your child having to miss school or nursery; please follow the normal absence reporting procedure and contact the school office on the first day of absence. Please do note that the government is not requesting whole households to self-isolate if one member of the household has a persistent cough or a fever. At some stage in the future this advice may

change and should this be the case we will be sure to update you.

We understand, that you and your child, may be feeling very anxious. You may be feeling concerned about the impact of a possible future school and nursery closure on your child's learning, particularly if they are due to sit their SATS in May. Plans are in place to continue to support all pupils in the event of closure. These include contingencies should we need to close for a short period of time for a deep clean and for any longer term directed closures.

Should we need to close for a deep clean, or for any other reason, we will tell parents through our usual communication route (email and text message) advising both when the closure will take place and when children should return to school or nursery.

In the event of being directed to close by the government, we will ensure our pupils will have learning they can access at home. This may be online materials or paper based. Should your child not have access to a computer or the internet for any reason during any closure please advise us and we will despatch a package of work in hard copy.

Whilst we are sharing the above, please be assured that at the time of writing there are **no current indications that we will be closing.** Please continue to ensure that your child attends school or nursery as usual and follow the advice on Public Health England's website should they become unwell.

We may need to contact you prior to, or during any period of school and Nursery closure. It is vital that we have up to date telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses for each of our students and their families. If you are in any doubt as to whether we have the correct information, please contact the school office to update us.

In the meantime please find links to the Department of Education below which will provide further and up to date information of the fast changing situation.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and nursery during this unusual time. If you have any concerns you wish to share with me please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Where to find the latest information
Updates on COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

BOOK WEEK

Last week's book week was a brilliant success. Thank you to those families who supported our Bedtime stories afternoon and for your amazing efforts in producing World Book day costumes. Keep reading!

EASTER MENU

There will be a menu change for Easter on Wednesday 1st April – roast turkey with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables (vegetarian option will be omelette) with Easter biscuits for dessert.

PTFA SCHOOL DISCO

The PTFA will be running a disco on Thursday 2nd April @West Wick. Years 1, 2 & 3 will be 4.15-5.15pm. Years 4, 5 & 6 will be 5.45-6.45pm. Tickets cost £2.50 and will include snacks and water. There will be a tuck shop too for purchasing extra treats.

SPORTS RELIEF

The children had a great day championing Sports Relief and raising money for this important charity. Thank you for supporting the school in our charity work.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must not contain anything nutty. This is to ensure the safety of some of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd March – Y3@H Family Worship (Forgiveness) 2.30pm

Monday 30th March – Y3@WW Family Worship (Forgiveness) 2.15pm

Thursday 2nd April – PTFA School Disco

Friday 3rd April – Last day of Term 4

Friday 10th July – Summer Fair

ST ANNE'S TERM DATES 2019-20 FOR CHILDREN

Term 4: Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5: Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1st June 2020 to Friday 17th July 2020

TPLT TERM DATES 2020-2021

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd September to Thursday 15th October 2020

Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3: Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 1st April 2021

Term 5: Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021

Please book holidays within these dates so that your children maximise their learning in school. It really does make a difference. Applications for time off will **not** be authorised unless in very exceptional circumstances. Our whole school attendance currently sits below the DFE guideline of 96%. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.



