



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



Term 1 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you have all noticed that the weather is on the turn and the Arctic blast this week took us by surprise. My school coat has come out of hibernation and the boots are back on. Due to our COVID preventative measures, we need to keep windows and doors open as much as possible throughout the school so it can be a little chilly in the classrooms. We also need to get children outside in the fresh air as much as possible so please ensure your children are dressed warmly for school as we do not want shivering children. You may notice the staff layering up like Arctic explorers too! Even Maggie the school dog was cold today.

Government guidance changed again this week and it is imperative that we all continue to follow the guidance and adhere to social distancing at school. Please try to keep 2 metres apart from others where possible. If you are unable to maintain a 2 metre distance, a face mask is advisable. Thank you for helping us with this and being so supportive of the school. We are all facing a very challenging time at the moment and we are all trying our absolute best. Please continue to share any concerns with me or your child's teacher directly and we will respond as soon as we can. Please continue to follow as many St Anne's staff on Twitter as possible as there are so many amazing updates about our wonderful school and you may even see photos of your child and their brilliant learning!

Have a fantastic weekend.

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## SPECIAL MENU DAY - ONLY £1!

Now that the weather has changed and it is getting colder, we are exploring ways to safely extend our hot meals provision. To encourage more pupils to order a school lunch, next **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** we will be offering hot dogs and wedges in a bag for the special price of only **£1**. Children can order their meal on Thursday morning as usual, but please make sure you pay via ParentPay unless your child is in BB, Y1 or Y2 or eligible for Free School Meals (check out the criteria below if you need to apply). Fish & chip Fridays will continue as usual and we will be trialling other menus in the coming weeks with the aim to provide hot school lunches every day after the October half term.



## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL



If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Please complete the form sent home last week and return to school as soon as possible. Vaccinations will be given @Hewish on **11<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> November** @West Wick. If you need another form please ask.

### BUSY BEES @HEWISH NEED WALLPAPER

If you have any unwanted rolls of wallpaper Busy Bees @Hewish would love to have them. You can drop them in the foyer at Hewish and they will be taken to the classroom for the Busy Bees to use after being quarantined for 72 hours.

### PARENTPAY

Our fish & chip Fridays are proving to be very popular, but please don't forget to pay for any school dinners ordered via ParentPay. It is a good idea to check your balance regularly to avoid an **escalation of debt**.

### PARENT PHONE CALLS

Due to the current situation, we are unable to offer our usual learning review meetings and have decided to offer teacher phone calls during the weeks beginning 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> October instead. Next week, you will receive a letter detailing how to book a phone call with your child's class teacher using our booking system. I hope you understand why we have had to make this change this year and we look forward to talking to as many of you as possible.

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Our year 6 children will now be thinking about their applications to Secondary school. The closing date for Year 7 applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please remember to check out the fantastic secondary academies in the TPLT Trust. We work very closely with the staff at both Priory and Worle and we know that your children would receive a very warm welcome and an excellent transition into their secondary journey. Please use the links below to find out more information about the academies.

WCSA website <https://worle-school.org.uk/>

PCSA website <https://pcsa.org.uk/>

The application window has also opened for the 2021 EYFS. The closing date for these applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Please remember when filling out an application for St Anne's you must also fill out a supplementary information form (SIF) We would like both sites to have a full Reception next year so please spread the word about our wonderful school

### NUT-FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of children with nut allergies across both our sites so 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 all our children including a number of children who could have a severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Circumstances are always changing, especially during the current climate so if you think you are eligible for free school meals please apply.

There are two schemes for free school meals:

- universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school
- free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so:

- you're eligible for other financial assistance for items such as school trips
- the school can receive funding for the free school meals

Follow this link for eligibility and application:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

### TERM DATES

#### **2020-2021 Term dates**

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 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 Thursday 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

### **2021-2022 Term dates**

Term 1: Wednesday 1st September 2021 to Thursday 14th October 2021

Term 2: Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3: Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4: Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

### **Contact the school on:**

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstannes](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstannes)



## **PCSA VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020**

Join us for our Virtual Open Evening, where you can find out all about PCSA. There will also be opportunities to ask any questions that you may have. We may be doing it a bit differently this year but hopefully this still gives every student and their families a good feel of our school.

### **THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2020**

*Please refer to our website for more details.*



Please keep an eye on our website and refer to <https://pcsa.org.uk/virtual-open-evening-2020> for more information.