



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



Term 1 Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the wet and windy weather continues, it would be easy to feel a little deflated, but one of my favourite sayings is 'You can't have a rainbow without a little rain.' Despite the fact that it is raining and things remain so uncertain, let's all take a moment to look for the joy and the beauty around us. Sometimes, it can be very challenging on wet days in school as the children cannot get outside but our children fill us with joy with their enthusiasm and fantastic approach to learning. Every Friday, we hold our celebration worships where learning champions are selected from each class. These learners have made their teachers proud by really standing out and showing positive learning behaviours. We also recognise our 'hot chocolate children' each week who regularly go over and above and demonstrate our school values like kindness, respect and forgiveness. This Friday was no exception as our school is filled with exceptional learners. Most days, all our teachers Tweet photos and learning to celebrate the joy in their classrooms. You are missing out on sharing this joy if you are not following your child's class teachers on Twitter and the class pages. On a wet day, nothing fills me with joy more than seeing our wonderful children learning to love and loving to learn..... Have a lovely weekend.

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LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

Learning Review Meetings are being held remotely via phone calls during the next two weeks.

Telephone appointments are available to book now using this link:

<https://stanneschurchofenglandva.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Our teachers are looking forward to speaking with you about how your child has settled back into school. Please sign up for a call as it is a very important opportunity to get to know your child's teacher especially as face to face contact is now restricted. Please contact the office crew if you need help logging in or would like us to book an appointment for you.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This term our value is Thankfulness and usually at this time of year, we would be holding a Harvest worship and asking for donations for the Foodbank. We will be celebrating Harvest as part of our remote worships but due to the current situation, we will not be collecting donations, but we would still like to promote this excellent and much-needed charity and encourage all our families to donate through collection points at local supermarkets. Follow this link for more information about how and where you can help.

<https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



COLD WEATHER

As part of our Covid-19 measures, we try to get children outside in the fresh air as much as possible and we keep classrooms well ventilated so please ensure all children are warmly dressed for school with named school jumpers and don't forget their coats now that the weather has become colder and wetter!



DINNER MONEY OUTSTANDING

This is a polite reminder for you to make sure that you log in to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding debt. We are trying to be kind by not sending regular debt texts at the moment, but please pay for dinners your children have already taken. We do not have the resources to supply credit. If you are finding it difficult to pay or cannot remember your login details, please give the office crew a call and we will be pleased to help.

CAR PARKS

@Hewish - please be considerate and kind to others when parking. Unlike many schools, we are lucky to have a car park and although the carpark is less congested due to the staggered starts and finishes, people are still blocked in at times so I urge you to keep being patient and show consideration for others when parking. We are all experiencing inconveniences in our lives due to the coronavirus pandemic and waiting a few moments to park or to leave a parking space is just to be expected. You will notice that the staff are all blocking each other in at their own inconvenience to leave more space for parents in the carpark. Please ensure you leave the site quickly and drop at the gate where possible. Some parents are still lingering in the carpark and not adhering to social distancing guidelines.

@West Wick – a polite reminder that only Little Learners nursery parents should be using the car park. Please walk to school or park nearby.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Please can parents and carers try to be more mindful of social distancing guidelines when on the school site. **We ask that only 1 parent drops off and picks up to reduce the number of people on site.** We have been asked by some parents to encourage others to wear masks when picking up children especially as pick up times as the site is becoming more crowded as more and more people are not sticking to their allotted time slots. Masks are encouraged in crowded places but not mandatory. You will notice staff beginning to wear masks on the gates from next week. We all have a responsibility to keep each other safe especially our more vulnerable parents and carers so please help to minimise the spread of Covid-19 by maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask in crowded areas, especially as we head into the winter months.

Please stick to allotted pick-up times and do not arrive before the gates open.

@Hewish - non-siblings 2.50-3.00pm siblings A-L 3.05 siblings M-Z 3.20

@West Wick – BB & KS1 3.00pm KS2 3.10pm – Despite the inconvenience, older siblings at West Wick can no longer be picked up before 3:10 as there are too many people arriving early and not everyone is respecting social distancing. We should **all** be aiming to keep 2 metres apart where possible. Please be mindful of others and please leave the site quickly and separately to allow others the space to pick up.

BAGS

We are trying very hard to encourage social distancing with our children, but our shared cloakrooms are very small and cramped and bags are becoming a real issue and making this impossible especially in KS2. Many schools have prohibited the use of bags completely (we do not want to go down this route) so please help us by not sending children with bags if possible or only use a small bag. We would really appreciate it and it would help the children.

ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK

Please check for unwanted visitors regularly to avoid a full infestation – click on this link for our guidance: <https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Headlice-new-2020.pdf>

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Our year 6 children will now be thinking about their applications to Secondary school. The closing date for Year 7 applications is **31st 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 **15th 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

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.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th November – Flu vaccinations @Hewish

Thursday 12th November – Flu vaccinations @ WW