



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



Term 2
Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has passed and I feel very blessed to say that we have been lucky enough to still have all our bubbles intact. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Covid safety measures and helped our school community stay as safe as possible.

As we end the national lockdown, North Somerset are heading into tier 3 restrictions which will again cause challenges and hardship for many of us. The period of Advent should be an exciting and joyous time of the year as we look forward to Christmas, but instead we are faced with a period of uncertainty and worry and a very different Christmas. Now more than ever we need to look out for others around us and reach out to anyone who needs help. We are always here to listen if you need us.

As a school, we have a very different Christmas planned but some elements still remain (albeit in a new format). You will see below that we will still be having our Christmas dinner day with festive jumpers and the obligatory Christmas music. We are organising a way to share some Christmas cheer with the local community by sending pictures, letters and cards to local care homes and we want to share the joy of Christmas with our families by creating a slimmed down carol concert film (more details to follow shortly.) Our very wonderful PTFA have even been very creative and have organised a virtual Christmas fair for you to enjoy. Thank you to all of them for their continued hard work.

Despite everything that is going on, our wonderful school remains a very happy place to be. I am greeted by happy, smiley faces every morning and the learning that I see going on around the school every day never fails to blow me away.

Have a wonderful weekend.
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CHRISTMAS CARDS AND PRESENTS

Due to the current situation that we all find ourselves in and to ensure that our high standards of safety are maintained, I am sorry to say that we need to ask that Christmas cards are not given out at school this year. I know this will be very disappointing for many of our children who love to write cards to their friends but we simply cannot do it this year. The children will of course be making cards at school to share with their families. If children want to create and write a card or letter for their whole class that would be acceptable as it can be displayed in the classroom and not shared around. Alternatively, children can use Google classroom to send a Christmas message to their class.



We recognise that times have been extremely challenging for many in our community and we are asking that Christmas presents are not given to staff this year. If you want to show your appreciation, we would love you to donate to Foodbank instead. (details below).

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - FOODBANK

This year, as we have done previously, we will be asking for donations to Foodbank as a way of helping those in need at Christmas. The reverse advent calendar works by donating something every day rather than opening a door and eating a chocolate! We would love to encourage everyone to donate via collection points in local supermarkets rather than bringing items into school this year. This link offers suggestions of items



most needed:

<https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> or you can donate money if you prefer – information via this link: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

If you would rather donate at school, we would be happy to receive your donations in either of our foyers by Friday 11th December and we will join with PCSA to deliver to the local Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As with most things, Christmas lunch will look a bit different this year. The children will be eating in their 'bubbles' as usual, but the menu will be a Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 16th December**. We will be doing our utmost to make the occasion fun and full of festive cheer. As usual we need to know in advance how many lunches we need to prepare on this day, but to avoid letters going home and slips coming back, we ask that you click on this link <https://forms.gle/34zTASh4FKdETSrNA> and book your child's meal online by **Friday 4th December**. Reception and KS1 do not need to pay but do still need to book a lunch. KS2 lunches will need to be book via the link and then pay via ParentPay (unless in receipt of Free School Meals).



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

To make the day as festive as possible, everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumpers but with their usual school trousers, shorts and skirts on our Christmas lunch day (**Wednesday 16th December**). No donation is required, but festive spirit is essential 😊



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PTFA have been working very hard and creatively to spread a bit of Christmas joy by hosting a virtual Christmas. We really hope that everyone will be able to support our wonderful PTFA in their fundraising efforts. There will be fun and games to play and prizes to be won. It will be open for only one week from today (**Friday 27th November**) and you can access it via this link <https://patchworkit.com/35157/stannes>.



You can also click on our Facebook link or via my Twitter feed.

There will also be a non-uniform day on the last day of term (**Friday 18th December**), when children can wear their own clothes and their festive outfits. We will be asking for a donation to the PTFA which will boost profits from the Christmas Fair. Any money raised by the PTFA goes directly back to support our school.

CLASSROOMS TO CARE HOMES

At St Anne's we are always looking for way to support our local community. This Christmas, the children are trying to spread Christmas cheer and festive fun by connecting with local care home residents and staff by sharing pictures, letters and video messages from their classes. As we are unable to stage nativity plays or carol concerts this year, we are very happy to be involved in this initiative and we will be sharing videos with care homes instead. We have already approached a couple of local care homes , who are thrilled by the idea .If you have a connection with a care home either through work or loved ones, please let us know if you would like them to receive a Christmas message from St Anne's.



SMSA VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in working in a school, this is a really enjoyable role to consider as it can often lead to other opportunities. If you or anyone you know would like to apply please email recruitment@theplt.org.uk for information and an application form.

UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY

Please can we remind KS2 children that they need to wear their school jumper or school hoodie when wearing their PE kit to school on PE days and not non-uniform versions. Jewellery should not be worn to school, except plain stud earrings if ears are pierced.

BUSY BEES @ HEWISH REQUEST

Busy Bees @H are making a role play Christmas shop in their classroom and would welcome donations of festive wrapping paper. If you are able to help with this please leave your spare wrapping paper in the foyer @H where it can be quarantined before being given to the class.



ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent from school for any reason please make sure you report it to the office (not class teachers) on our absence line (@WW 01934 520461 option 1) (@H 01934 832159 option 1). Absences need to be reported to the office by 9.00am.



COVID 19

As the number of positive cases in our area rises and local schools are beginning to close bubbles, we are ensuring that we are being very mindful of our Covid safety measures. If your child or anyone in your household displays any of symptoms associated with Covid-19, please do not send them to school and arrange a test. Please inform the school as soon as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact the school and we will advise you of the steps to take. Please help us to keep everyone safe by continuing to adhere to our social distancing measures. We ask that only one parent picks up from school and you leave the site swiftly.

DINNER MONEY

Please login to your ParentPay account and settle any money owed. If you need help logging in or are experiencing financial difficulties please do let the office crew know and we will be happy to help.



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

Friday 27th November – Friday 4th December – Virtual Christmas Fair open

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner / Christmas jumper day

Friday 18th December – Non- uniform day & Last day of Term 2

Monday 4th January 2021 – First day of Term 3

2021-2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Thursday 14th October 2021 (Wednesday 1st September & Friday 15th October are INSET days)

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 (Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July are INSET days)

Term dates have been set for 2021-2022 and once again we will be having a two week break in October, to give parents an opportunity to take holiday time away from the more expensive traditional half-term week. We are also building in some training time for our staff in July, and so the summer term for students will end earlier than many other schools. We would encourage parents to consider using these times for family holidays, rather than children missing out on education during term time.



ST ANNE'S VIRTUAL
christmas fair

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER TO
friday 4th december

GAMES & COMPETITIONS
junior & adult bake off

GIFT BAGS AND CRAFT KITS
to buy

join us at:
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