



# 1st Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 2  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are following our 'Spreading Christmas Joy' campaign on social media (Twitter and Facebook) When filming the messages, it really makes me smile and I hope they make you smile too. I have some lovely messages to come so keep following.

As December has arrived, so has Christmas. There are trees and decorations everywhere throughout the school and Christmas shops and workshops in our Busy Bee classrooms. Needless to say, the children are excited. They are busy practising their singing for our virtual carol film to share with parents. Cards and pictures have been created and laminated ready to send to care home residents. We are ensuring that despite the fact that we cannot hold our 'usual Christmas celebrations', Christmas at school will be fun.



The year threes have had a wonderfully immersive socially distanced Stone Age day (That is a phrase I never thought I would ever say!) which was a fantastic way to end their learning theme. Seeing the children building Stonehenge and spearing (pretend) fish made my heart sing as despite the challenging times we are all facing, our children are still having the 'primary school experience' and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thanks to James from Past Presents for providing this opportunity for us.

I love the fact that schools have become so creative in the ways in which we are looking to provide learning experiences and the wider curriculum for children during these very challenging times. This term at St Anne's, we have been on a virtual visit to Caerleon, taken part in a virtual cross country competition, been visited (via zoom) by scientists and newspaper journalists, held daily worships via zoom led by me or our church leaders and held charity days not to mention the amazing learning going on in every classroom! I can't wait to see what the next two weeks holds for us. We are managing all of this whilst coping with numerous staff absences which means many staff do not have breaks during the day.

My staff are amazing and I cannot tell you how lucky we all are to have this hardworking staff crew. Thank you to all of them for all they do.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please make sure you book a Christmas lunch for your child by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/34zTASh4FKdETSrNA> by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Please call, if you are unable to access this booking system and we will be happy to do it for you – you can leave a message on the phone or email [school.enquiries@stannesprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:school.enquiries@stannesprimaryschool.co.uk)



To make the day our Christmas day as festive as possible, everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumpers for our Christmas lunch.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS AND PRESENTS REMINDER

A quick reminder that we are not accepting Christmas cards for distribution at school this year, but we are encouraging children to spread Christmas cheer in other ways.

We recognise that times have been extremely challenging for many in our community and so we also ask that Christmas gifts 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

Don't forget our reverse advent calendar - we would love to encourage everyone to donate via collection points in local supermarkets. 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 11<sup>th</sup> December and we will join with PCSA to deliver to the local Foodbank.

### VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

We have been absolutely blown away with the popularity and success of our virtual Christmas Fair! Thank you so much to our PTFA volunteers for creating, organising and running this. It will remain open until **10pm tonight** (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December) if you haven't had a chance to visit yet, 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.

Due to the popularity of the Christmas bags delivery may be delayed until early next week to cope with the demand, but please rest assured that your order has not been lost and you will receive it soon.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term (**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



### CHARITY DAY

We are very pleased to say that on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we raised the fantastic sum of £438.69 to be shared between Children In Need and MPS and would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity.



### VACANCIES

We are very excited to say that we have a 1:1 LSA post available from January 4<sup>th</sup> @West Wick 1-3pm every day. Please get in touch if you would like to be considered for this rewarding role or you can email [recruitment@theplt.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@theplt.org.uk)

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](mailto:recruitment@theplt.org.uk) for information and an application form.

There will be more roles available from January 2021 so please watch this space or contact us directly to register your interest.

### COVID 19

With only two weeks left before the end of term, we would like to thank everyone for maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and following the guidelines to keep everyone safe at school. **Please keep this up – we are nearly there!** Maintaining social distancing is very important at all times. Can we remind parents @West Wick that they should be keeping their younger children close to them after school and not allow them to run around whilst waiting for older siblings. Please be mindful of other parents waiting to collect their children, and leave the site promptly.



### 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. We will be expecting all accounts to be settled before the end of term and would prefer not to have to contact you for payment if possible.



### 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 including Nutella in sandwiches. This is to ensure the safety of all our children including a number of children who could have a severe allergic reactions to nuts (not just peanuts) Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.



### DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner / Christmas jumper day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Non- uniform day & Last day of Term 2

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – First day of Term 3