



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



Term 2
Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, I cannot write that we have 100% bubbles intact this week as we had to close the year one and two bubble at Hewish. Thankfully, everyone is well and the procedures we had in place allowed for effective contact and tracing which enabled us to inform everyone quickly. Life at St Anne's has continued, albeit a little quieter on our Hewish site and without a full complement of staff across all our sites. Yet again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff team who have covered the roles of the missing staff members, often without a break, and continued to make life at school as normal as possible. As I walk around the sites, I am greeted with happy children who are thoroughly engaged in their learning and this is due to our incredibly hardworking staff.

Next week is our Christmas week, and we are all looking forward to enjoying our Christmas dinners in our Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 16th December. As it has been such an extraordinary year, our aim has been to spread Christmas joy and we have been busy making cards, writing letters and filming videos of Christmas carols to send to local care homes. Please follow our Twitter feeds and Facebook pages to see all the ways in which we are spreading joy this Christmas.

Just as I was finishing this bit on the newsletter, the Government have announced that self-isolation for people who have been in contact with confirmed cases of Coronavirus has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days. This means we can welcome back our year one and two bubbles and our Silver Link bus children on **Wednesday 16th December** – just in time for Christmas dinner day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

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LAST DAY OF TERM – THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER

Last night our Board of Trustees met and confirmed that we would follow Government recommendations that schools could close a day earlier on Thursday 17th December and use Friday for staff professional development. We apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience caused and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe, healthy and revived on Monday 4th January. Little Learners nursery remains open on Friday 18th. A packed lunch will be sent home with children entitled to FSM on Thursday 17th December.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term – now **Thursday 17th 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.



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the Virtual Christmas Fair and a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported it. The PTFA raised over £500 which is just amazing. Competition winners have been announced and children's prizes have been presented in school to bring home and adults have been notified by phone.





BUBBLE CLOSURES

Unfortunately, we have had to close our first bubbles this week as our year one and two bubbles at Hewish had to self-isolate. I am pleased to say member of staff and pupil involved are both doing well and are not too poorly. Thank you for your understanding and continued support to ensure the safety of all those involved during these challenging times.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

I am very pleased to say that all the work we put in to ensuring we had a remote learning plan in place if we needed to close a bubble proved to be successful. Both the year one and two classes had their Google classrooms up and running on the first day of bubble closure. Any missing logins were sent out by the teachers and I have seen some fantastic learning posted on the platform. Miss Houlihan and Mrs Poole are working very hard to make videos to keep their classes engaged in their learning. Learning packs have been provided for children who cannot access Google classroom. We have received some really positive feedback from parents about their Google classroom experiences. Please keep sending this positive feedback as it really does raise the spirits of those working from home. Please contact us if you have any queries about Google classroom. If you haven't yet logged into your child's classroom, please do so then you will be prepared when you need it.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please be mindful and always be kind during these difficult times. Our staff are working tirelessly for your children often without a break. Any negative comments on social media can be very hurtful. Comments can often be misconstrued. Please take a moment to think about the effect of anything you post on Facebook groups and 'Whats App' groups as these comments often get passed on to school staff. As always, if you have something you would like to discuss please do get in touch with us directly by phone or email and we are always happy to help.

If you would like to send any positive comments to me or the school, we would welcome them and I will happily share with my hard working staff.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR -FOODBANK

Thank you for your kind donations to the Foodbank this Christmas; these will be collected on **Monday 14th December**. Please do not bring any more donations on site after this date but you can continue 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/>



VACANCIES

We are very excited to say that we have a 1:1 LSA post available from January 4th @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

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.

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 less than one week 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. Please continue these practices in January.



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 16th December – Christmas Dinner / Christmas jumper day

Thursday 17th December - Non- uniform day & Last day of Term 2

Friday 18th December – Professional development day for staff.

Monday 4th January 2021 – First day of Term 3

Please see the flyer below for details about the Drive Thru Christingles offered by Locking Castle Church this Christmas. All the children have been learning about the meaning behind Christingles and would thoroughly enjoy sharing this learning with you. Thank you to Locking Castle church for organising this. St Andrews Church will be delivering some Christingle packs for our children at Hewish to enjoy.

Christingle

DRIVE THRU

4-7PM CHRISTMAS EVE
BOOK YOUR SLOT, PICK UP
YOUR CHRISTINGLE, MAKE
IT AT HOME, AND TUNE IN TO
OUR ONLINE SERVICE....

SLOTS AVAILABLE FROM 13TH DEC
VIA OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH.ORG