

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



Term 1 Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It has been absolutely wonderful to see the school alive with after school clubs again. We have seen a wide variety on offer from cooking, sewing, community and wellbeing, netball, tennis and performing arts! Swimming has begun again for our year 3 @ WW. This important exercise and life skill has been missing from our curriculum for too long! Our Hewish year 3 children will have the opportunity to swim in January. Children also had the opportunity to practise their bike skills this week with bikeability sessions.

Our new Busy bees on both sites have stayed all day and quickly settled into school routines including enjoying lunches! All children have settled back into school and I have been inundated with fantastic learners proudly showing off their quality learning. We really have had a very lovely start to the school year – high expectations have been established and as usual our children have risen to the challenge!



My favourite part of the week was my story time with the Hewish year one class, who have kindly offered to have me once a week, to read them my favourite stories. Reading aloud to children is the best! Have a wonderful weekend.

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COVID CONTIGENCY PLAN

Please see this reminder about our Covid Contingency plan.

To support everyone's health and safety, the following measures are in place

- Regular hand washing and sanitizing
- Respiratory hygiene including catch it, bin it, kill it
- Increased cleaning of high contact touch points

Please remember to let school know **immediately** if your child tests positive with a PCR test. Any child with any symptoms including cold like symptoms, **should** take a PCR test not just a lateral flow.

When should my child selfisolate or miss school?



- All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or doublevaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- They will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.





- If your child develops any Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC test, <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to selfisolate for 10 days. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PRC test.
- Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PRC test unless they have Covid Symptoms.

- Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.
- You will be contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. These contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book a PRC Test.
- The school may contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.

If the school has 5 or more cases of Covid in a class within a 10 day period, we would discuss the outbreak with North Somerset and may strengthen protective measures in school for at least 10 days including introducing some restrictions of whole school gatherings and events. You will be informed of any protective measures, we need to introduce. We will keep you informed as much as we can.

BREAKFAST CLUB OPENING

Breakfast club is running well at our West Wick site. Sessions start from 7:30am and are open to children from both sites. There is a shuttle bus provided to transport our Hewish children to Hewish.

Our Breakfast team are delighted to offer Wednesday breakfast specials from next week. Please see the flyer on the right. Next week, 22nd September, scrambled egg on toast is on offer followed by sausage sandwiches on the 29th September! If you would like your child to attend one of these special Wednesday sessions or any other day, please contact the school office to reserve a place. Your children are guaranteed a warm welcome and a lovely, positive start to the school day.



VACANCIES

We have a number of roles available at St Anne's. We are looking to recruit lunchtime supervisors so if you are interested in joining our very friendly and supporting staff team please contact the school for more detail. All information and application forms regarding roles at our school and across TPLT can be accessed by contacting recruitment@theplt.org.uk

If you would like to volunteer at the school, we would love to welcome you. Please contact the school office for more details.

UNIFORM

Thank you for supporting the school to uphold high standards of uniform as we have started the new school year. We are all very proud to be part of the St Anne's family and our uniform helps all children to reflect belonging to St Anne's. A reminder that shoes should be polishable— not trainers. No jewellery should be worn except small and discreet studs. For KS2, please continue to support your children to wear correct PE kit on PE days. School jumpers or school hoodies should still be worn. Year 6 leavers should not be worn in school. PE kit should be unbranded and trainers should be black where possible. Your children may be reminded about uniform and PE kit if needed. Please always label your children's school jumpers, cardigans and coats as we have already seen many lost jumpers this year!

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

I know this is always on the newsletter but it is **VERY** important. Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty, including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella and peanut butter. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and cooperation is greatly appreciated.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22nd September – WCSA open evening Week beginning 11th October – learning review meetings Thursday 14th October – End of term 1 for pupils. Friday 15th October – Training day for staff Monday 1st November – Beginning of term 2

VALUE AND VISION

As we welcome new children and their families, I wanted to share our school vision and values with you all again.

Our vision 'Learn to love ... Love to learn' is very important to us and you will hear the children and staff referring it. Do you know where the vision came from? It's based in the Bible "Love is Patient, Love is Kind, Love Never Fails – 1 Corinthians 13"

Please click on the vision page on the website for more information https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/ethos-and-values/

I would welcome your thoughts about our vison and values and would like to offer the opportunity to discuss and share your thoughts and ideas about how this vision is embedded throughout the school with me and other members of the school community when we invite you into school for learning review meetings later this term. More details to follow.

Our value for this term is generosity. Please see the attached information to share with your children.

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Our church services have resumed and I'm not sure who was happier, Andy and Cathy from Locking Castle Church or Caz and Matthew from St Andrews or the children! Welcoming members of the church to lead us in worship is an integral part of our school and it is lovely to have them all back on site. We are also very excited to be welcoming you to join us for family worships from term 2. Dates to follow.

OPEN EVENING

If your child is due to start secondary school next September, please take the opportunity to visit Worle Community School Academy open evening next week. Even if you think you have already decided which school you want to your child to attend, it is a useful exercise to visit other schools to make comparisons and be fully informed. WCSA is an excellent secondary school and I gurantee that you will be impressed! WCSA open evening has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22nd September from 4-7pm – why not pop in and take a look (3)

