



Newsletter
Term 3
Friday 7th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year and welcome back.

Yesterday marked my 2 year anniversary as Principal of St Anne's. What a two years it has been! Who could have possibly known what was in store for us all? Despite the many, many challenges of the last two years, I could not be prouder of St Anne's. I love my role and love our school. I and continuing to learn every single day and feel blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive school community and Trust. As a school , we have continued to thrive and grow. We have the absolute best children, families and staff (I know I am very biased) Thank you to all of you for your continued support and encouragement and a huge thank you to our entire staff team who work tirelessly to ensure St Anne's is the wonderful school that it is.

Have a lovely weekend.

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COVID-19 - UPDATE

Information on the updates to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR or LFT test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on **day 6 and day 7** of their self-isolation period. Those who receive **two negative test results** are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children age 5 – 18 Years and 6 months. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to their education setting from day 8.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop any symptoms at any time.

- **If your child develops any Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and have a Lateral Flow test.**
- **If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and have a Lateral Flow Test**

We will continue to have all our Covid-19 measures in place and will advise you of any further measures we may need to add in the new term.

SMART WATCHES

We have noticed that a number of children have been coming to school wearing smart watches. Whilst we support children wanting to track their steps and be active, it has come to our attention that some of these watches have a camera facility and can take incoming calls. This is very distracting for children and not conducive to learning. We would prefer that only watches and step counters are worn in school. If your child has a smart watch with a 'school mode' please ensure this is set for school.

HOME SCHOOL VALUE - COURAGE

Our value for this term is courage. Please see the Home- school values sheet attached. This week we explored stepping out of your comfort zone which fits in beautifully with this time of year as we think about setting goals and new year resolutions. The children will be exploring how they show courage both at school and beyond during this term.



**NELSON
MANDELA**
(1918-2013)

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

BUSY BEES REQUEST

Our Busy Bees classes would love any old IT tech or mobile phones that you no longer need. These items do not need to be in working order as the children will be investigating the hardware itself. If you have anything the children can use, please give to the Busy Bees class or the main offices. Thank you.



NUT REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**. Snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella or peanut butter. PLEASE support us. If it was your child who was severely allergic, you would want everyone to support them and keep them safe. Please consider the safety of others. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

TRY OUR FANASTIC BREAKFAST CLUB

If you are looking for Breakfast club provision, we would love to welcome your children at our Breakfast club at West Wick. Children are offered a very substantial breakfast and always have a really great start to the day. Di An Toni, our breakfast club leaders make sure the children have a wonderful start to the school day. Sessions are held at our West Wick site and are open to **all** children. Sessions start from 7:30am. There is a shuttle bus provided to transport our Hewish children across at the start of the day.



Each session costs £3.50 or £4.25 if including transport to Hewish. Sessions can be booked and paid for via the School Gateway app. Please look out for more information about our Breakfast club offers and incentives.

NURSERY PRACTITIONER ROLE

We are looking to recruit a nursery practitioner for our excellent Little Learners nursery. We have a very friendly team and fantastic benefits. If you are interested in working as a nursery practitioner, please see the link provided



<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/ThePrioryLearningTrustRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=108&returnurl=/ThePrioryLearningTrustRecruitment/#.Ydq2P2jP1PY>

All other TPLT vacancies are available on the following site

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/ThePrioryLearningTrustRecruitment/>

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14th January – Swimming for year 3 @ Hewish starts

Friday 18th February – Last day of Term 3

Monday 28th February – First day of Term 4

Friday 8th April – Last day of Term 4