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Friday 6th November 2020 newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. Our children have once again returned to school with their smiles and love of learning that motivate me and the rest of our staff to keep going during these challenging times. As we enter the second national lockdown, I hope you and your families stay safe and thank you for your support with our systems and procedures.

Mrs Swift – Head Teacher

A prayer from the Bishop of Durham

Loving God,

as we pray for our nation in this time of trial,

we pray for our Diocese.

We pray for wisdom for leaders,

in our local authorities, health trusts, businesses large and small,

in our schools, colleges and universities,

and in our churches and other faith communities.

Grant us all wisdom, compassion and courage to live supportively of each other.

Help us together to step into your future for us,

knowing that you will never leave us or forsake us as we follow you.

We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen



News from our School Council

Our School Council held their latest socially distanced meeting on Thursday to discuss the results from staff and parent/carer surveys. The children would like to thank everybody who contributed.

Charities

The three local charities that the children would like to support this year are Guide Dogs for the Blind, Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team and Mind. I am sure you would agree that these are three fantastic charities to support this year. Thank you for your suggestions.



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On **Thursday 19th November** we will be holding our first non-uniform day. We kindly ask for £1 donations which will go to support our first charity of the academic year, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Children in Need

Our School Council felt that they would like to celebrate Children in Need in school on **Friday 13th November**. The children are free to come dressed wearing yellow or non-uniform for the day however decided that we will not be collecting donations in school but would ask for donations to be made throughout the community.

Admissions Policy 2022-2023 Consultation

At a recent meeting of our School Improvement and Ethos committee, Governors decided to consult on changes to our Admissions Policy.

Our current Admissions Policy includes a criteria (at number 5)

Children who have a parent/carer on the electoral roll of Holy Trinity with St Mark Church. Application details for the Electoral Roll can be found on Holy Trinity with St Mark Church website

www.holytrinitywithstmark.co.uk

Governors propose the removal of this criteria for the following reasons:

1. Our school has a falling role – for the past three years we have not admitted to our published PAN (Pupil Admission Number) of 60. Therefore no children, at least for the past three years, have been admitted under this criteria.
2. Church schools were historically set up to educate children of the Christian faith, of other faiths and for those of no faith. Governors want to give as many children the opportunity to attend our school as possible.
3. Governors want our school to be as inclusive as possible.

The results of consultations involving parent/carers and other stakeholders will be presented to the Governing Body. The Governing Body will then consider the consultation evidence before finalising our Admissions Policy.

A copy of our proposed 2022-2023 Admissions Policy will be emailed to all parents/carers and will be available on our school website in the news section. Our current Admissions Policy can be found on our website

www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/about/admissions

Governors welcome feedback and comments on our proposed Admissions Policy – these should be made in writing c/o Mrs C Himsworth Chair of Governors via our school offices holytrinityrosehill@sbcschools.org.uk.

Please note that in order to allow time to analyse the results before the Governing Body meeting, the consultation will close at 4 p.m. on 21st December.



• **Protect yourself** • **Protect your loved ones** •
Protect Stockton-on-Tees •

**Coronavirus rates across the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees are high.
We can all help reduce the spread by following these simple steps.**



Hands Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Face Wear a face covering when it is difficult to stay two metres away from other people and where you will come into contact with people you don't live with or aren't in your support bubble.



Space Keep two metres apart from people you don't live with, or one metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors).



NHS COVID-19 App Download and use the NHS COVID-19 app. You will see an easy to use QR code to scan when you enter venues across the Borough.



Protect yourself If you are eligible for a flu vaccine, it's more important than ever to get it. It's not just about protecting yourself, it's about protecting other people too, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the effects of the virus.



If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a test

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:



a high temperature



a new, continuous cough



a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have these symptoms - no matter how mild - book a test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119, as soon as possible.

It's also important that you and everyone in your household stays at home to self-isolate.

You can find out about testing and self-isolating at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus



ONLY get a test if you have symptoms

If you don't have symptoms, please don't book a test unless you have been advised to do so by a medical professional or NHS Test and Trace. This will help make sure people who need a test can get one.



Self-isolate if you're told to

If you are informed you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 you can expect a call from NHS Test and Trace. If they tell you to self-isolate then you must stay at home for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the infected person. This applies even if you have had a negative test.

Remember, the COVID Community Support Team can support vulnerable and elderly residents with food deliveries, shopping, picking up prescriptions or making sure people who are self-isolating and may be worried or lonely get the support they need.

There is a printable checklist at www.stockton.gov.uk/preparingforselfisolation with useful advice to help you prepare in case you need to self-isolate.

The team can be contacted on **01642 733906**, between 9am and 12noon, Monday to Friday or by emailing covidcommunitysupport@catalyststockton.org

Advice on the financial support available if you cannot work due to COVID-19 or if you're self-isolating can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus/worker-support