

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021



As we look ahead to next week we are excited to be welcoming all of our children back to school and cannot wait to see everyone face to face. We would like to thank our committed parents who have worked so hard to help their children adapt to and succeed in remote learning. Your efforts haven't gone unnoticed and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Proud to be Me: Sacred: To be sacred is to be holy – to be dedicated to God. God wants us to be his sacred people – to be holy and to try and live and love like Jesus did.

Reception	Bruce	For his dedication towards making new friendships
Year 1	Maya J	For showing dedication towards her reading to achieve the next book
Year 2	Emily	For always trying her best and being dedicated to her learning. She has shown great confidence to share her ideas on Google Meet.
Year 3	Amelia	For trying her best in maths this week and being determined!
Year 4	Bailey	For always helping others kindly and politely- particularly during tidy up times this week.
Year 5	Fontaine	For always completing her online learning to a high standard.
Year 6	Ava	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Spanish: Teph: for a superb description of her dragon in Spanish for World Book Day.

Music: Kaidan for joining in all our activities and trying his best. **All Y3/4** for their great character music on World Book Day. **All Y5/6** for their great character music on World Book Day.

P.E: **Esme Reynolds** super effort and contributions!

Upcoming Events...

Monday 8 th March	All children return to school for face to face Teaching and Learning
Week of 8 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 16 th March	First Swimming Lesson for Year 3/4 (to be confirmed)
Friday 19 th March	Red Nose Day – No Uniform
Week of 29 th March	Holy Week
Thursday 1 st April	Break up for Easter

Plugs for Parents...

Re-opening of School: Although we are on the roadmap out of lockdown, we must remember that Covid-19 is still a risk within our community. From Monday 8th we will have 76 families dropping off and collecting their children from school. Please can we take this opportunity to remind everyone of the following steps we can all take to reduce the risk of transmission and keep everyone as safe as possible:

- keep a minimum 2m social distance from others
- wear a face mask if possible
- do not loiter to have a chat at the school gate
- If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive, or someone in your child's household has symptoms, isolate at home and follow appropriate guidance.

Please continue to keep the school office informed of all absences, Thank you.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing for households of school pupils:

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing known as LFD tests. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (3 to 5 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take it. Results are reported online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by calling 119

Plugs for Parents Continued...

Tests are accessed in several ways:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site – find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site at [NHS: Covid Test Finder](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site – find your nearest home test kit collection point at [NHS: Rapid Test Collection Covid Test Finder](#)
- by ordering a home test kit online – this service is only for people who cannot get a test through the methods **above**. Order rapid lateral flow home test kits online at [GOV.UK: Schools testing](#)

Important: An LFD test should not be used by anyone who has symptoms. It is vital that all children, young people and staff who are symptomatic follow national guidance, do not come into school and access PCR testing.

Back to School Safely: Please find attached with this Newsletter a letter to parents from the Director of Public Health. There is also [Back to School Safely](#) page, which has information about all aspects of the re-opening of schools.

Red Nose Day – No Uniform 19.03.21: Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something red or Red Nose Day related if they have it. Red noses will be available to buy from school for £1.50 (1 nose per child) with any spares being available to buy at the school gate. There will be lots of fun Red Nose activities in the afternoon, including biscuit decorating for the children to enjoy.



Science Week: The children will be returning to a fun filled week of hands-on experiments and investigations. Here's a link to the British Science Week website for further information <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>

Year 3/4 Swimming: We will confirm that swimming is going ahead for Tuesday 16th March as soon as we hear back from Sheffield Swimming Service.

Holy Week w/c 29.03.21: Holy Week liturgies will take place in school as planned in each class and shared on each classes Google Classroom: Rec/Y1 - Palm Sunday; Y2 - Last Supper; Y3/4 - Garden of Gethsemane; Stations of the Cross will be a joint liturgy of all our Sheffield Catholic Schools and shared across the whole school on Maundy Thursday, 1st April.

National Online Safety (NOS): Signal - Signal is a multimedia messaging service (previously known as TextSecure) that provides secure chats between users. It is encrypted, so any intercepted communication cannot be read by attackers. Users can send one-to-one messages or set up group chats. The service is free, has no adverts and doesn't track users' location like many other messaging platforms. The app experienced a popularity boom in early 2021 as large numbers of users left WhatsApp over perceived privacy issues. In the attached guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as a false sense of security, vulnerability to hackers and disappearing messages.

Wednesday Word: This week's Wednesday Word can be found by following the link [here](#).