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COVID Cases at THT

As I stated in my letter to you last Friday, the rising numbers of positive COVID cases at THT seems to have slowed - and staff / children are beginning to return to school after their periods of isolation.

However, for this week (at least) - the following restrictions will continue to be in place:

- Please can we ask parents / carers / grandparents to wear a face covering (mask / visor etc) when on the school grounds (unless you are exempt).
- School staff are to wear masks / face coverings in the communal areas of the school.
- With regard to visitors and parents, please limit coming into school as much as possible - i.e. phone or email the office rather than 'popping in'.
- For the next week we are cancelling all face to face IEP (Individual Education Plan) meetings - these will be done by phone call instead.
- Parents' Evenings will all be done by phone instead of Face to Face.
- The Friends Christmas Market has been cancelled (see later in the letter).
- Whole School Worship continues to be recorded which can be played in classrooms rather than gathering together in the hall.
- All after school clubs (football / netball / Ninja Club etc) are cancelled for the time being. WLSF will continue as normal...unless you hear from us.
- All community clubs are also cancelled (Yoga, Hiit Classes and Women's Institute).
- Before and After School Club will continue as normal - but will revert to a bubble system.
- We are keeping Year 4 and Year 6 as isolated bubbles this week.

At the start of the day Year 4 will enter school using the main entrance and Year 6 will come through the door between my office and the staffroom. They will also use these entrances at the end of the day. (Please can Year 6 come through the churchyard rather than down the side of the school.)

Year 4 will have morning break at 10.40am - Year 6 at 11am

Year 4 will have lunch at usual time and play on the area just outside the Junior Entrance

Year 6 will have lunch from 12.30 until 1.00 - and will then play out on the Junior Yard until 1.30pm

We hope these restrictions will only continue for this week - but of course this may change according to the number of positive COVID cases at THT.

The reassuring thing is that I had a phone conversation with Public Health England during the latter part of last week, and they were happy with all the measures that THT has in place during this time.

Extra Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Don't forget, THT will be closed this Friday, 26th November, in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

If you remember, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there is to be an extra Bank Holiday for the 2021/22 academic year. The date set for the Country is Friday 3rd June 2022. However, as many schools are already on holiday during this time, schools are allowed to designate another day during the year to mark the holiday. We have therefore chosen to have a longer weekend in November to break up the long Autumn term.

Parents' Evening

The Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place this week, on Wednesday 24th November and Thursday 25th November. We hope that the evening will prove to be useful and informative for you. All the meetings will be done by phone call. If you miss the call - please do not call back or try and contact school as the teachers will move onto the next person on the list and then try you again. Please note that as some of the teachers will be using their personal mobile phones, your phone may display 'unknown number' or 'Caller ID Unknown' when they ring.

Two Messages from Friends

- The Christmas Market

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately we have taken the decision to cancel the Christmas Market this year. The event was due to take place on Sunday 5th December, but due to Covid cases, both in our school and surrounding area, the health and well-being of our school family and community has to take priority over the Market.

A lot of planning, time and effort has already gone into the Market, and we don't want it all to be wasted, so please watch this space for how we'll be raising funds for our school this Christmas, and how you can help support us.

Thank you for your understanding

The Christmas Team

- Veg Boxes

Due to the availability of locally sourced produce, next month will be the last of the veg boxes until further notice. Boxes will be available to order via the PTA website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoftarletonholyltrinity until midday Tuesday 14th December. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

Now that all the pounds and pennies have 'quarantined' in the school safe, Mrs Sudworth is now busily counting all the donations made to Children in Need last week - and we hope to get a 'Grand Total' to you soon.

Thank you for all your donations - and all the children who had a go at the Pudsey Colouring Competition organised by Year 5. If you would still like to make a donation to CIN simply click on the following ParentPay link to make your payment.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4030>

The colouring competition winners will be announced later this week.

Celebration Worship

Last Friday, we held a virtual Celebration Worship...which you can watch by clicking [here](#).

Well done to all those who made it to the virtual bench!! They were...

Reception	Minnie and Flynn
Year 1	Dorothy
Year 2	Paige
Year 3	Tommy
Year 4	John
Year 5	Elizabeth
Year 6	All Year 6
Head teacher Award	All Year 4

Co op Local Causes

Don't forget to log onto your Co op Card account and choose us as the Charity you would like to support this year... choose us and even tell your family and friends!! <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes>

So far £31.74 has been donated...'keep it coming'!!

Mr Skinner's Min y Don Information Evening for Year 6 Parents / Carers

This is another cancellation I'm afraid - the evening was scheduled to take place on the evening of 2nd December. Instead - Mr Skinner will email / Dojo the PowerPoint that he had prepared to Year 6 parents and carers so that they have the information - and then anyone can ask questions if and as they arise. Simply contact him through ClassDojo with your question - or ask for a phone call.

School Lunch - Week 3 of the Winter menu - Week beginning 29th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread and salad	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Chicken Curry with Mixed Savoury Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Filled Free Range Omelette with Paprika Potatoes and Vegetables	Crispy Bubble Salmon with Herby Potatoes and Peas	Pasta Arrabbiata with Garlic Dough Balls and Salad	Pork Sausage in a Bun with Tortilla Chips and Salad	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Chips and Sweetcorn

This Week's Worship

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Christmas Lunch at School

A reminder that the Children's Christmas Lunch (on Wednesday 15th December) is now available to order on ParentPay. For KS2 (Years 3 to 6) the cost of the Lunch is £2.35. If you would like your child / children to have a lunch please book their meal as soon as possible and no later than 12 noon on 1st December. If your Infant Child does not usually have a School Dinner - please can you also book this on ParentPay - don't forget that School Meals are free to all infants!! (See the Christmas Menu below.) I'm afraid that we will not be inviting Parents / Carers to join us for Christmas Lunch in 2021 (for obvious reasons)...sorry!!

The Christmas Infant Nativity and Junior End of Term Service

Just a reminder that instead of our Traditional Infant Nativity, we will be sending home a recording of the children performing some of the songs from production called 'Shine Star, Shine!' for you to enjoy nearer the end of term. The Junior children will also be putting together some festive videos, as we do not think we will be able to meet up as a whole school (including parents) before the end of term.

Are You Applying for School Places for September 2022???

Time is beginning to run out...Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 - then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (then click on School Admissions and "Apply for a school place")

This went live on 1st September 2021. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications.

Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

The closing dates for applications for September 2022 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Primary school applications - 15th January 2022

Toast and Breakfast Buns

The payment items for Toast and Breakfast Buns are now available on ParentPay for January and February 2022, please log in and pay for these items before the deadline which is strictly Thursday 16th December at 12 noon. Sorry but we cannot add late comers!!

...And some Good News!!

We welcomed a new Baby Warburton to the world in the early hours of Sunday morning!

Teddy Warburton arrived at 4:20am weighing 8lb and 2oz on Sunday 21st November.

We would like to send a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Warburton and of course to Arthur.

Mum and baby are doing really well.

Mrs Warburton has let us all know that she's absolutely fine and in 'baby bliss!'

Congratulations to you all from the THT family!!

As always...thanks for reading...stay safe...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Head teacher



Did you know...

This Sunday (28th November) it is Advent Sunday.

Advent Sunday, also known as First Sunday in Advent, is the first day of the Advent season in which Christians prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas. It is always on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and can fall as early as November 27 and as late as December 3.

On Advent Sunday the first candle is lit on Advent wreaths decorating the house or church.

During Advent the School will say the following prayer - feel free to use it at home...

Dear God,
Help us to make our hearts ready for Jesus.
Help us to be patient as we wait.
Help us to re-live this amazing story.
Help us to change for the better, that we may reflect the light of Jesus.
In Jesus' name.
AMEN

Scroll further down for the Christmas Menu - don't forget that orders for KS2 need to be in by 12 noon on 1st December!!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Roast Turkey
with
Chipolata Sausage
or
Roast Quorn Fillet
with
Veggie Sausage

served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Roast & Creamy Mashed
Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
&
Gravy
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Seasonal
Biscuit or
Cup Cake



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