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COVID 19 Update

I 'attended' an NHS Webinar for Head teachers last week. I know on the most recent news that there are shortages of tests...but below are the key points that the Webinar covered:

- The 3 main symptoms of having COVID 19 are still: High Temperature, Cough and loss in taste
- Children with these symptoms (and family members not with symptoms) must isolate
- People with symptoms must get a test or isolate for 10 days
- People without symptoms must isolate until the test says negative - or for 14 days
- School must send children home if they suspect a child has symptoms
- If at any point the symptoms get worse contact <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19>

Or call 111 (999 if really bad)

- Children can return to school once a test says negative
- Please let school know when the results arrive and what they are
- If after a negative test, or after the isolation period the children can return to school - even if they are still experiencing a loss of taste or have a cough.
- If a test is negative, or after the isolation period, they must be free of a high temperature (fever) for 48 hours before returning to school
- Children absent from school due to COVID reasons will not be penalised in the register
- As would be usual...don't send your child into school if you don't feel they are well enough
- You can book a test using the gov.uk website. If it says 'No Tests Available' keep refreshing
- The best time to book is 8am or between 6 and 8pm as these tend to be the least busy times
- Centres are open 8am 'till 8pm (it says)
- Our local test centres are Southport (near the Town Hall) and Walton le Dale Park and Ride
- Two of our families have simply 'turned up' to the Southport walk in test centre and have been seen within 10 minutes... it doesn't say this on websites but...
- You can apply for a home testing kit - but the results for these take a lot longer to come through. The box must be posted in a 'priority' post box. Our nearest ones are at 'this end' of Blackgate Lane...and the Post box next to the Spar Shop

Useful web links for all this are:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2Igc>

<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you#/>

If a child in school does test positive - School has a number to ring and they will then give us advice of what to do next...it all depends on who has had contact with the child / person and for how long etc. This could involve shutting down a whole 'bubble' etc. but we'll let you know if and when we have to do that. If you don't hear from us...all is OK. So far, ("touch wood") all the tests which have come back so far have all been negative!! Let's hope it stays that way!!

If your children are at home...

I have had a request to remind parents / carers of the work that was saved onto the Google Drive during Lockdown. These are archive activities that were put there for the Lockdown 'On Line Learning'.

If your children are off school at the moment due to illness, not able to attend as a sibling has symptoms, or is waiting a test result...they could always go back through some of the activities set.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SMcD1K-ISrk0aKcbv63wslj7RDfhRuW>



Library Books

Although the school library is not in use at the moment, we are now ready to receive Library Books back into school. Please send them into school via your child / children.

Sweets for Birthdays

I didn't put this on my Risk Assessment...I never thought about it until a child's birthday last week.

If you are sending sweets into school as it's your child's birthday, please make sure that they are individually wrapped sweets in sealed bags... I think this will be the best way of getting round this one safely... For example - MAOAMs Stripes or Haribo Starmix.



Due to COVID 19 situations, we can no longer give out sweets that are loose in a bag (i.e. Jelly Babies) ...and we can't give out any 'baked goods' (cupcakes etc.) Sorry.



Messages to School

To avoid queues of parents / carers wanting to see teachers in the mornings...please remember it is safer for staff (and you) and quicker to either phone messages in...or even better, email the message in... bursar@... office@... head@...

Week 3 at THT!!

I think we've got the Lunchtimes sorted...although not all of our Reception children were in last week...our second group started yesterday...I popped into see them this morning and there were lots of happy, smiley faces, trying to tell me which day of the week it was.

Understandably, handwashing is really slowing the running of the school down, and with the staggered timings of the day, we think we are losing at least an hour of the day...Mr Marshall says 1 ½ hours...

Therefore, although we are still offering the usual THT broad and balanced curriculum, the shortened day and additional cleaning requirements have reduced our teaching hours and we are having to focus much more on key learning.

School Gates at Home Times

Now that the full complement of our Reception class is in school, if the YR parents / carers can please use the back gate to enter / exit school...and the rest of parents use the front of school, this will make social distancing easier.

Ofsted contacted me this morning

Apparently a '19 Plate' Range Rover is parking across drives on Church Walks at drop off and pick up times...and a resident has complained. It happened at least twice last week. Please park responsibly when dropping off and picking up from school.

Message from Fr Soady

A final reminder that the Harvest All Age Eucharist will be on Sunday, September 20th at 9.30am on Facebook...please 'log in' if you can!

Celebration Worship

I recorded the first Celebration Worship of the year last Friday, with the usual 'Star of the Week' from each class and a new Head teacher Award. This has been put onto ClassDojo for you all to see.

Well done to all those who made it to the 'Virtual Bench'.

They were:

Year 1	Charlotte
Year 2	Bethany
Year 3	Jasmine
Year 4	Talia and Katie
Year 5	Joshua
Year 6	Oscar
Head teacher Award	Luca in Year 3

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Harvest

Last Week's Team Points

Last week's winners - ssshhh...it's a secret...I'm going to tell the children during celebration Worship...then I'll let you know!!

If your child / children achieve something at another club outside of school - please send a photo and a 'blurb' to my Head teacher email address, saying what they have done and I will add it to the Celebration worship as I have done in the past. Just be aware that if you do send something in, I will be using their first name and photo at the same time on the recording and then 'publishing' it on ClassDojo...

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2021??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2020?? - 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/academy.

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

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

(then "Apply for a school place")

This already went live on 1st September 2020. 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 2021 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2020

Primary school applications - 15th January 2021

For prospective parents, it is very unlikely that we will be holding our annual **Open Day**, but get in touch with school and we will try and find a convenient time to show you round.

Attendance

On Newsletters in the past, I usually let you know how many 100% attenders we have and which the best attending class is. Although we'll still be keeping an eye on attendance, we won't be publishing any figures due to the COVID related absences.

A Message from Mrs Seeley

As always please make sure that uniforms are named either by using a permanent marker on the label or by using printed labels that you can buy.

Fun with Phonics

Just a reminder that on the 22nd and 29th September, there are some free sessions for the parents / carers of younger children regarding Maths and Phonics. See the poster at the bottom of this newsletter for more details.

Wasps at the back of school

As you go out of the back gate of school and walk round to Trinity Walks, there are quite a few wasps. They are collecting the nectar from the mature ivy bushes which grow there...so please be careful!!

Pyjama Jog

We will be holding a form of Bog Eyed Jog this year, called a 'Pyjama Jog', but it will be quite different. Look out for a communication from Friends coming out to you soon.

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



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

'Friends of Tarleton Holy Trinity' is one of the chosen charities that the Co op are supporting this year. If you have a membership card and have 'logged on' and chosen us as your chosen charity, we get a small donation every time you shop and swipe!! (If you haven't...ask for one in store, or go on line...it costs £1.) Donations so far this year are just over £1,700!! Keep shopping and swiping!! Unfortunately, we have not been selected as one of the chosen charities for the up and coming year...so every little help this year!!



FREE, ONLINE Fun with Phonics / Fun with Maths

We understand that face to face learning may not always be possible, that is why this autumn, Lancashire Adult Learning are holding LIVE, ONLINE CLASSROOMS for parents who have children starting in Reception- and we'd love your school to get involved!

Both sessions aim to increase parents' awareness of how Phonics and Maths are currently taught in school and to enable parents to support and develop their child's skills at home.

- The sessions are FREE and are delivered by our fully qualified teachers.
- Each session is approx 2.5hrs and takes place either in a morning or afternoon. (On an agreed date/time)
- LAL will provide school with publicity and online enrolment details.
- Learners take part in the course in the comfort of their own home via an online platform e.g. Zoom (Requires Internet connection and mobile phone/tablet or computer)
- Where possible we ask for a minimum of 8 parents to take part.
- **For full details and to book please contact Laura Myers on l.myers@lal.ac.uk**

We have a wide variety of FREE, ONLINE Family Learning Courses for September

Please contact Laura Myers for more details on l.myers@lal.ac.uk



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