



Dear Parents,

**Welcome back**- We welcome all of our children and staff back, this week. We are pleased to hear that there are no further cases of positive testing amongst our school community. All children and staff look fit and well and in most cases have made a great start to the second half of the Autumn term. **0.03% of our extended community (parents) have tested positive to date.** Detailed analysis demonstrate that there is no consistent correlation or pattern in dates, year groups, wraparound or extended proximity that links to school currently. We thank these parents for their level headed approach to communicating this to school and responding to national guidelines. We keep all who are symptomatic, currently in our thoughts and prayers.

### **Behaviour Expectations and reminders**

Statistically, a **staggering 99.4% of your children's behaviour, despite complex needs, Co Vid restrictions and all that is currently in place, behave in an exemplary fashion.** Where behaviour has been unacceptable, **less than 1% of the school population,** the policy is in place and, with excellent nurturing and guidance in school and full co-operation from home, these pupils are already realising the error of their ways. Please speak to your child/ren regularly about your expectations. Some children assume that, "I don't want that to happen" is the same as "It's not fair". We will address that quickly with you and expect your full support in preparing them for the future world of secondary school, work and business.

**Parents Consultations and Inset Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.** Your child/ren will receive login details for you to sign up for parents' evening, **by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, at the latest.** Please read through the information when your child brings it home and sign up for a 10 minute phonecall with staff. This is a maximum amount of time, to be fair to all other waiting parents. Please, however, be patient if phonecalls are a little later than anticipated - staff will be doing their very best to keep to schedule, with your help.

## Reminders

**School uniform**- Almost all children are looking smart and ready for action. PE uniform is really positive too. Thank you parents and children. There are still a few missing ties which need to be adjusted by next week, please. Uniform is not an option but a necessary discipline for all children, in all schools. Thanks for your full co-operation.

**The school twitter account continues to grow.** We now have almost 2/3 of our school community accessing Twitter. That is great to hear. We still look forward to those who have not yet signed up. It is a great insight into your children's experience in school.

**Virtual P.E challenges** – These are posted on class pages. Keep looking children and parents. Keep posting staff. P.E is part of Wellbeing. Wellbeing is part of Safeguarding. Let's see which class can really raise engagement with physical fitness.

**Thanks to the PTA** for their ingenuity and flexible approach to thinking outside the box with regard to raising funds. Watch this space for further developments from them.

**Reading books**- These are working effectively. Thank you to all parents – co-operation is vital. There are great learning curves currently where children are being guided to make better choices in what they read.

**The Poppy Appeal is now open** - Y6 Gardening Monitors have distributed plants to symbolise poppies; seeds have also been planted and art work is in place.

**Advent** – ideas for raising awareness of the plight of others are under consultation. Please watch this space for further information.

## Other news ...

**National Lockdown 2**- This was inevitable and there are no significant changes in school. Children will, however, only be permitted to go home with their parents or 1 identified other person.

**Hands, Face, Space** I absolutely implore parents to take this seriously and lead by example. If we want to make a difference to our community, we need to follow advice consistently, whether we like it or not. In school, staff are cleaning, supervising, advising, coaching and adapting. Please look to the future now and follow guidelines at all times. Walking and chatting closely to other parents, after your children have been collected is putting you, your children and the community at risk of further lockdown and of further infection. I look after children. I ask you to look after each other. Thank you in anticipation.

**Democratic decision making linked to good behaviour**- Pupil voice is asking that rewards are used for play time equipment. This is really positive and supports wellbeing effectively. Well done to St John Paul house who wore their own colours and received extra play this week.

**Inset** Please remember **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** is an INSET Day School will be closed to all children.

**And Finally...** We remember those who mourn the loss of loved ones during this season of remembrance.

***"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"***