



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

It feels like winter has well and truly hit with the cold and the rain! We have various updates for you in the newsletter this week so do please have a good read.

I know the paths coming into school are flooded at the moment. We've been trying to get work done to improve the gravel path to the back gate but really struggling with contractors. Hopefully an improvement can be made soon. If you do want children to wear wellingtons or a different pair of shoes to school then you are welcome to do so, but please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### **Christmas bubble closures and January:**

Parents of children in 602 have experience of what happens when we have to close a school bubble due to a covid case. We haven't needed to do this elsewhere in school, but I want to explain what could happen over Christmas and into January.

Christmas – The rule for a child or adult needing to isolate is if they have had contact with a confirmed positive case in the 2 full days prior to the child or adult developing symptoms. So for example, if symptoms developed on a Saturday and that person tested positive, all those who had been in the class bubble on the Thursday or Friday would have to self-isolate for 14 days from the Thursday.

Practically, that means if your child is caught in a bubble closure from a case at the end of term, they would need to isolate up to New Years Eve.

Generally, parents have been very quick to let us know if children need to test for coronavirus and what the result is, so we have been able to act quickly.

If we do have children or adults who test positive on the first weekend of the school holidays, we may have to inform you that your child needs to isolate. As you get closer to Christmas day it is less and less likely you will hear from us and I can be almost certain you won't hear from us after 24<sup>th</sup> December.

I really hope none of that happens but I did want to explain the situation to parents now so that you would know what would happen if it did. You can help this situation by:

- Following all the coronavirus precautions
- Getting precautionary testing if needed (in the newsletter last week but copied again below)
- Isolating and getting a test if anyone in your household develops any of the 3 main coronavirus symptoms
- Informing us at school on [stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com) if your child tests positive for coronavirus. You will get an auto response from this email telling you the information we need. Please email us back with that information.

January – After the last school holiday in October, we saw a spike in the number of cases of coronavirus. At St Peter's, this included:

- Positive cases of children in school, which closed a bubble
- Staff needing to isolate due to being positive contacts
- Children isolating because someone in their household testing positive for coronavirus

A number of children and staff were absent from school as a result. We were able to cover staff and make other arrangements so that we could practically organise and manage the school, while staying covid safe.

I think it is highly likely that we and other schools have a spike in cases and further disruption in the first few weeks of January. We hope this doesn't happen, but I felt it appropriate to prewarn you of this.

**GETTING A COVID-19 TEST**  
in Telford and Wrekin

**You MUST get a test if:**  
You have at least **one** of the three main symptoms.

- High temperature
- New persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

**ISOLATE as soon as symptoms show**, while waiting for test results **and if you test positive**.

**You CAN get a test for these precautionary symptoms:**

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache in children

**You DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE** if you have **only one or more** of these precautionary symptoms, or while waiting for test results for these precautionary symptoms.

**You only need to isolate** if you **test positive** or have at least **one** of the three main symptoms.

Book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

For precautionary symptoms testing select:  
'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.'

Coronavirus  
Prevent the spread in Telford and Wrekin

NHS  
Telford & Wrekin  
POLICE  
Telford & Wrekin  
Council

If your child is getting a test for one of the main symptoms of coronavirus, they and the rest of the household self-isolate. We will send out the letters informing of a child in the bubble testing in this situation.

If your child is getting a precautionary test they do not need to self-isolate and they can come to school if they are well enough. If we don't think your child is well enough to be in school we will send them home. We will not send a letter to the bubble for precautionary testing.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, the usual arrangements apply – they cannot return to school for a full 48 hours.

### **Holiday club**

There will be no holiday club over the Christmas holidays. Based on the current situation, care in the February holiday is unlikely but I think the Easter holidays may be a possibility.

### **Miss Plowman is getting married...**



Next Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> December) Miss Plowman is getting married and becomes Mrs Oakley. Congratulations to her and her husband to be.

### **Save The Children Christmas Day**

On Friday 11th December, we are asking children to come in something festive in aid of Save the Children. We request that you reuse clothing from previous years or add some tinsel or sparkle to a regular outfit. Please remember that if your child has PE on Friday, they will need to come in suitable clothing for being active.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation towards this charity, please do so online on the school Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200017698>. (for donations of £2 or over) or to donate £1, please do so through the Save the Children's website at [www.christmasjumperday.org](http://www.christmasjumperday.org). Please use our school reference number of CJD200017698. Unfortunately, we cannot collect donations brought into school. During the day, the children will learn about the work that the charity does and take part in various Christmas activities.

## Food Bank and Clothes Bank



As we mentioned last week our Food Bank and Clothes Bank boxes are now set up at the front of school, please feel free to donate to or take from as you wish.

## UPDATE FROM THE KITCHEN

### Christmas Lunch

The children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Could we please remind you that no other school meals will be provided on this day? If you have not prebooked the Christmas lunch for your child you will need to send them with a packed lunch please (this includes children in reception, year 1 and year 2 who normally receive universal free school meals).

Could we also please ask that if you normally pay for school lunches that payment for the Christmas lunch is made before Wednesday?

Thank you

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Save The Children Christmas Day – more details to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term starts