

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks for your continuing support in notifying the school of your child's absence and being really clear about their symptoms and therefore the necessity to get them tested. Since we started this academic year St. Andrew's have had no confirmed cases of COVID 19. However, many schools close by have had to close Bubbles and it does seem inevitable that this might happen to us at some point. As previously asked please make sure you have plans in place at home in order to respond to an immediate closure of a Bubble and for the possibility that your child/children will have to isolate for up to 2 weeks. Home learning packs will be provided, with the class teacher have daily contact via Google Meet or Microsoft Teams.

If you suspect your child might have COVID you must not send them to school. Please see link below informing you about when not to send your child to school.

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-Covid-Guide>.

We continue to keep the three Bubbles separate with children frequently washing or sanitising their hands.

Helen Green

Christmas



Even though we have restrictions to our school life, we still intend to make Christmas a memorable event for our children here at St. Andrew's.

On Friday 4th December every child will make a Christingle. A service will then be held on Monday 7th December in the school playground with the whole school separated in their class Bubbles. The service will be led by Rev Sue. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents this year.

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. Children will have this with their Bubble in their classroom. Children to wear a Christmas jumper this day. After lunch the children will enjoy party games with their class teacher.

On Friday 18th December (last day of term) the whole school will congregate onto the school playground to sing some Christmas carols together. Bubbles will be kept separate. Christmas jumpers can be worn again on this day. PE kit does not need to be worn

Christmas cards

Your children can bring in Christmas cards for their friends on a Monday and Tuesday only. They can place them in the school Christmas posting box. The cards will stay in the box, being quarantined until Friday when they will be handed out

School Christian Values

This term's value is Compassion. Mrs. Green has been leading Collective Worship to the whole school via Microsoft Teams.

Please be reminded that St. Andrew's school values are: Respect, Courage, Friendship, Truthfulness and Forgiveness.

A message from Mrs Woodcock

A reminder that children in YR5/6 have weekly spellings to learn which they are tested on, on a Friday.

Playtime and coats

As the weather is becoming colder and more unpredictable please ensure your child has a coat in school (in addition to a school fleece). We want the children to be outside for the majority of playtimes and will therefore be encouraging outdoor play even if it is light rain.

As the children play in their separate Bubbles we have to use our school field in order for this to happen. Therefore it is of paramount importance that your child has wellies in school.

Attendance

School attendance

Reception/Year 1/2 – 94.64%

Year 3/4 – 97.02%

Year 5/6 – 97.08%

These percentages are very good considering our current situation. Once again many thanks for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance when they are not suffering with an illness.

Polite reminder

Please ensure you switch off your car engine and therefore stop unnecessary car fumes polluting the environment when dropping your children off at school. In addition to the environmental factor, we have many children and preschool children walking past the cars and breathing the toxins in.

Please think about our whole school community and support us in this.



Remembrance Day 2020