



## **Maintaining a COVID safe environment in school**

I am glad to say that we are seeing the impact of our COVID outbreak management plan and that as a result the number of new cases has plummeted.

However, it is important that we maintain vigilance and I would please ensure you continue to keep children away from school if they are unwell, but please book a PCR test for them via the link below. The testing centre at Alexandra Palace has now closed, so the centre at the Sobell Centre is closest for most St. Aidan's families.

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-PCR-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus)

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive in school, then you will receive an e mail from school asking for your child to be tested.

In a meeting with the Haringey Public Health team this morning, we were requested to ask if children could please be kept at home when there is COVID in the household, as this is being seen as a key vector of transmission. In addition, once there is a case in a household, the Public Health team have asked that families wait a few days before testing the close contacts within the family via a PCR test.

It is very important that we are informed of any positive COVID tests in children as soon as possible. If you receive notification that your child has received a positive test during school hours e.g. 8am until 4pm, please call the school office on 020 8340 2352. Outside of these times, please text or leave a voicemail to 07946 174469, stating the name and class of your child.

## **Harvest Festival donations request**

Last week children in Key Stages 1 and 2 celebrated Harvest Festival with a virtual service with Father Patrick.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, which were taken to Holy Trinity and blessed at their Harvest service on Sunday. The donated food will be given to the Holy Trinity Church food bank and the toiletries will be used by homeless guests at the Haringey Churches Winter Night Shelter.

## **Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?**

The Haringey Educational Psychology Service are running free sessions for parents to enable you to share your concerns and can signpost support if required.

Sessions are available via the Markfield. For further details, including how to book a session, please see the flyer in this edition of Headlines as some sessions are still available.



## **Languages morning**

Bonjour,

This year, as we don't want to miss another Languages morning, we would like to celebrate St Aidan's multicultural and language diversity using Zoom in the classroom!

We would like to invite parents and members of staff who speak another language to showcase their own heritage and language for 20 minutes with a class on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to offer each class two languages immersion experiences.

In your session we are looking for you to:  
Explain where the language is spoken in the world showing a map  
Teach the class how to say hello and goodbye  
Teach the class how to count to 10  
Read a book in your language or sing a song

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office.

Merci beaucoup,

Charlotte, MFL subject leader



In each edition of Headlines, I am going to share some content from Thinkuknow. Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-)

CEOP) whose aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parent's website](#) and download their [home activity worksheets](#) for fun, online safety activities to do with your family.

#### Advice on watching videos:

From animals doing funny things, to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

To understand what type of content might not be suitable and advice on how to help your child watch safely, watch this short [video guide](#).

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

### **Update from the PSA**

#### PSA Reps 2021-2022

A big thank you to all who have volunteered to be a class rep this year.

The reps are there to help coordinate fundraising efforts and to help deliver PSA information to all parents. If you have any questions or would have ideas on how you can help raise funds for the PSA please get in touch with your class rep:

**Nursery-** Interim rep -Anne-Louise Craven

**Red Class-** Polly Akeroyd, Jo Johnston

**Orange Class-** Sophie McCullagh, Susie Braun, Will Davies

**Yellow Class-** Alison Moriarty, Linda

**Green Class-** Ela Karel, Anne-Louise Craven

**Blue Class-** Lucy Lorraine, Tom Way, Sandra Hamilton

**Indigo Class-** Anu Liisanantti , Hannah Robson

#### 2nd Hand uniform giveaway

This Thursday we will be giving away all the second hand school uniform. We will be setting up in the playground at pick-up 3.15pm, Thursday 7th October in the amphitheatre. Small donations to the PSA are welcome but not obligatory. We want to make sure all children have access to school uniforms, especially warm jumpers and fleece, and encourage the handing down of outgrown clothing.

#### Tea -Towels

We still have a number of Portrait Tea-Towels available for Key stage 1 & 2. Login to your Teachers2Parents app and order directly from the shop.

#### St Aidan's PSA Facebook group.

If you would like to join our Facebook group, please search for **St Aidan's VC Primary PSA**. Besides being a noticeboard for the PSA, we also encourage local news, events, wanted and for sale ads. Have a look if you are Facebook friendly.

### **Nursery places**

There are some places still available in our school Nursery, where we offer places for children for the term after they are 3 years old. Please contact the school office, or contact Joy Banfield in the Nursery if you would like more details.

### **London Marathon 2021**

Many thanks to everyone for their great support for my participation in the London Marathon last Sunday. It really was an extraordinary day, when I can truly describe London as being at its best. The crowds were so supportive and there was a wonderful atmosphere amongst the charity runners. I was running for a charity which means a great deal to me, further details can be found [here](#).

Details for how the children of St. Aidan's will be taking part in their own mini marathon will be shared soon.

### **Pumpkin growing competition**

Classes across the school have been waiting for the outcomes of our pumpkin growing competition, which were announced in assembly last Friday. Several varieties of pumpkin were grown and were judged by Tessa and a parent from the garden team. There are pictures on the news feed of the school website of the pumpkins that were harvested.

Credit was given as follows:

- Yellow class grew the most perfectly formed petite pumpkins
- Orange class grew the curliest Tromba D'Albenga pumpkin
- Purple class grew the largest Atlantic giant pumpkin
- Green class grew the heaviest Tromba D'Albenga
- Indigo grew the heaviest single pumpkin and were judged as runners up
- Blue class grew the biggest and heaviest crop overall and were judged overall winners.

The pumpkins have now been passed on to the kitchen team who have been preparing them for school lunches this week.

### **Garden volunteers**

We have a great team of parents who volunteer to help in our school garden, which is a wonderful space, valued by all at St. Aidan's.

We are looking to strengthen this team, so if you have some time to be able to help in the garden, please contact the school office. Parents who are new to St. Aidan's or existing parents are all very welcome!



Black History Month is celebrated each October in the UK. This year, each class is going to be researching and celebrating the contribution that Black people with a connection to the borough of Haringey have made. Classes will be sharing their learning in an assembly after half term.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the kitchen team are preparing a special meal to celebrate Black History Month.

They will be serving:

Meat option- Caribbean lamb curry served with basmati rice

Pescatarian option- Escovitch fillet of fish served with Jollof rice

Vegetarian option- Veggie Jollof rice

Side dishes- Escovitch vegetables and fried plantain

Dessert- Puff puff or ice cream

Drink- sorrel juice drink

### **Autumn has arrived!**

Whilst temperatures can be variable at this time of year, we have had some very chilly days recently. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly for school and has enough layers to keep warm on colder days.

### **Playground Buddies**

Many thanks to everyone who has submitted an application to be a playground buddy. Due to staff absence there has been a delay in contacting those who applied, but you will be contacted next week.

# Free Consultations with an Educational Psychologist

Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?

Then book a **free 40 minute session** with an educational psychologist from Haringey Educational Psychology Service. We can talk through your concerns with you, help you make a plan of action and signpost you to sources of help and support.



Educational psychologists (EPs) are qualified specialists who offer support and advice to schools, early years settings, voluntary groups, parents, carers, children and young people on a range of issues. This includes supporting children with disabilities, learning difficulties or social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

For more information on EPs:  
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds/educational-psychology-service>



Where: Markfield, Markfield Road  
London, N15 4RB

When: 10am – 12pm on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Or by phone: Week beginning September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>

If you have any queries or would like to book a phone or in person consultation, please contact:

Family Admin at Markfield on:  
Tel: 020 3667 5233  
or email:  
[familyadmin@markfield.org.uk](mailto:familyadmin@markfield.org.uk)

