



## COVID update

As you will be aware, we had to instigate a COVID outbreak management plan on Monday this week, due to a number of COVID cases in Year 6.

I would recommend that parents ensure they have lateral flow devices available at home in case they are needed. Families can collect an LFD testing kit from any local pharmacy (or library). A full list of where to collect testing kits is available here: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. Families unable to collect one, can also be sent an LFD testing kit via post using the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

## Passwords for Google Classrooms

We will be sending out reminders of children's log in details for Google Classroom this week, with the aim of years 1-6 receiving their homework via Google Classrooms from next week.

Hopefully, we will not return to a situation where we are teaching children remotely once again, but it feels wise to be prepared for all possible scenarios.

Please note that remote learning is only available for children who are self-isolating due to COVID. Children who are not at school as they are unwell are not set remote learning.



Thank you to the School Council who organised a launch assembly for anti-bullying week, which they delivered to children in Reception to Year 6 last week.

Everyone started the week with 'Odd socks' day and completed a range of activities to support our anti-bullying theme throughout the week.

## Support request from the Holy Trinity Foodbank

I have received another request from the Food bank for the St. Aidan's community to support them with donations.

Therefore, I have suggested that we have a permanent donation point at the school entrance. Families can then make donations on an ongoing basis.

All non-perishable food items are most welcome, but there is a special request for tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables and rice pudding



In each edition of Headlines, I am continuing 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.

## Sharing information, pictures and videos

It's still hard to keep connected with our friends and family right now, so you may be sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child.

Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Read [your child's personal information and how to protect it online](#) for information and advice.



Many thanks to everyone who supported our WrapUp London collection of coats. Many thanks to Gillian Spry for organising this collection. We were able to pass on four very large sacks of coats.

### **Update from the PSA**

#### **Christmas Fair**

The Class Reps are working hard to organise volunteers, if they contact you please consider putting yourself down in a timeslot. We also need people to help with setting up (from around 2pm) and clearing up on the night. If you can make yourself available before or after the fair, please get in touch with your reps.

#### **Raffle**

Each class will be coordinating hampers this year, please contact your Reps for information. We will also be putting out a box for donations from next week at drop-off and pick-up.

#### **2nd Hand Books**

Priority given to kids /teens books but we will accept whatever you have in reasonable condition. Donations can be given to the school or arranged with Orange Class Reps

#### **Cakes, Bakes and Home produce**

Looking for whole cakes (not sliced or cupcake) including if possible some gluten free/ allergy free options. We would also love your jams and chutneys or other homemade treats. Speak to Red Class Reps to find out how to donate.

#### **Arts and Crafts**

Knit, stitch, sketch, form, assemble... Do you make something that can be sold at our Arts and Crafts stall? Drop it in the donations box next week (clearly marked *for Arts /Craft Stall*) or contact Orange Class reps.

#### **Traders**

We have some great traders already locked in, covering all manner of lovely stuff for kids and adults. Could possibly fit in one or 2 more, perhaps on a shared table. Get in touch with reps if you are interested.

#### **Raffle tickets**

Raffle tickets are being printed and should be in book bags by Monday. We need your ticket stubs (or whole books if not sold) and money returned by Wednesday 8th December, we will continue selling more if available on the night. To aid collection of tickets and money we will be taking card and cash payments from next week at the school gate.

Please give whatever you can, whether time or a donation. Every little bit helps!

#### **Christmas cards**

The orders have now been placed and you should

receive a link either by email or phone in the next week. If you haven't heard by December 3rd please contact the office with your details and the school will pass on your query.

If you would like to order additional products, you will get a code through with your cards and can place orders direct through their website.

#### **Living Advent Calendar**

We need your help! There are still 8 spaces to fill the calendar so if you are interested in spreading some Christmas cheer by decorating your front window please contact [carrievacher@hotmail.com](mailto:carrievacher@hotmail.com) ASAP. Hope to see lots of you at a window 'reveal' from December the 1st (the first is at Butler's Deli 😊).

The details of the dates and addresses will be kept updated on the PSA board outside school and via the Facebook group here... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/501794067104562/?ref=share>

#### **Punctuality**

School starts for all children from Reception to Year 6 at 8:50am when the bell is rung in the playground. Please ensure that your child is on time for school; it can be really stressful for children to join their class after everyone has started their learning.

A text is sent out to children who arrive late for school. This is followed up when children are regularly late for school.

#### **Can you help?**

We are looking for some parents to support us with filming our Nativity before the end of term, so that this can be shared virtually with parents. If you may be able to help, please contact the school office.

#### **Participation in sporting events**

It has been great for children in KS2 to return to participating in local sporting events. Recently we have had teams of children from St. Aidan's participating in football tournaments at Powerleague and at a cycling league event in Finsbury Park.

#### **Thank you to our garden team**

Thank you to the fabulous garden team who have worked so hard this term and provided so many valuable experiences to children.

Every child has had the opportunity to plant a bulb in the school garden and there is now a lunchtime gardening club being held every Friday. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm!

#### **Has your child tested positive for COVID?**

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.