

St. Herbert's R C Primary School

Spring Term

13th March 2022



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are starting to get back to 'normal' now; we have started putting 'bubbles' together for assemblies, lunch etc and we will continue to monitor and ensure children and staff remain well. As part of our original risk assessments, we introduced a staggered start to the day, and kept this in place whilst we monitored the COVID situation during the Autumn and early Spring Terms. After Easter, we will be going back to our normal start time of 8:50am, therefore gates will open at 8:40am and doors will open at 8:50am. Pupils must be in school at 8:50am and the register will close at 9:00am (after this time children will be late).

Attendance

It has been an expectation that all pupil's attend school as normal, since September, however during the Autumn Term we still had several pupils who contracted COVID-19 and/or had to isolate, and we still do. However, as the isolation and testing rules have been adjusted, and life is beginning to settle back into a more 'normal' routine, we are now going to re-commence monitoring attendance more closely. It is even more important that pupils attend school, as whilst our children worked very hard during lockdowns and bubble closures, gaps in learning have arisen due to unavoidable inconsistencies. When our children are in school, they are working so hard and making good progress, however we also understand that this only happens if they are well enough to be in school.

Homework

As discussed above, our pupils do have some inevitable gaps in their learning due to the pandemic. However, we are now beginning to see evidence of gaps closing, particularly for those pupils who engage in their homework. Please ensure that your child completes their homework, and reads daily (little and often). Any problems with accessing Google Classroom, please use the support email (technical@stherberts.education) or speak to your class teacher.

Medication

A reminder, that school does not administer medication (unless on a Health Care Plan issued by a doctor) and has not done so now for two years. Many schools have now decided on this policy, following the pandemic; prior to the pandemic, we had a significant number of children requiring medication on a daily basis, and it was becoming unmanageable to administer.

Please can we suggest that you inform the doctor, when they are prescribing medication, that this is the situation and therefore to take this into account when deciding how often to give the medicine; medicine three times a day can be given to the child around school hours.

Sacramental Programme (second Parent's meeting)

Just a quick reminder that our second session will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6pm, in Church.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding Parent's Evening on Wednesday 6th April, and will be holding face-to-face meetings. If any parent has any concerns over this, please contact your class teacher.

Uniform

Mrs Collins has spare uniform available, if anybody needs anything. We understand that it can be difficult to get hold of certain items, and families have been very generous in donating spare uniform, some of which is brand new.

Please could you put names in uniform, otherwise we have chaos at PE time!!

Headlice

Headlice had disappeared during the pandemic, due to social distancing! However, they are making a return!! Please can we ask that children tie long hair back, and could you check their hair regularly so we can keep the creatures at bay!

Thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts this term; we continue to be able to support local families and the community with various items from our 'school pantry', and so far we have raised £365 towards CAFOD, who are sending vital aid overseas. Our next fundraising event, is a non-uniform day on Friday 25th March, and we are asking for donations for St Joseph's Penny (they are no longer providing the penny boxes, and instead have asked for a fundraising event to replace this).

Thank you for all your ongoing support,

Kind Regards

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