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Dates for your diary.

23rd September:
Class mass for
Year 6

SCHOOL CLOSED
Teacher Training

22nd & 23rd
October 2020

Half Term

26th October—
30th October 2020



Newsletter: Friday 25th September 2020

THANK YOU

Thank you to the very large proportion of parents who are supporting us with the wearing of masks at drop off and collection times. It is greatly appreciated. We know that some of you do still forget, but if you could do your very best to remember it will hopefully support us in not going into a local lockdown like our neighbours in Solihull. Thanks also for being so efficient with the shorter entry and exits. It has really benefitted the children in terms of learning times. As a reminder, if your child is in years 1 or 2, please line up towards the police station. If your child is in years 3,4,5,6 please line up towards the precinct. Years Reception and Nursery also line up towards the precinct but the children in years 3,4,5 and 6 should be gone by the time the youngest children arrive. This is the same for mornings and afternoons. Many thanks

MAGIC BREAKFAST



Hopefully your child has told you about receiving a warm, jammy bagel in school this week. We are delighted to have partnered with Magic Breakfast who are supplying these to our school completely free of charge. They are a charity that recognises the importance of children having fuel in their stomach so they can start their school day positively. Every child from Nursery to Year 6 receives one as it is the charity's ambition that no child should go hungry. It is a government initiative and we hope it will be a positive start to their school day. We will be asking for feedback, so please do ask them about their morning treat.

A SIMPLE MESSAGE ABOUT MASKS (not the author—this is borrowed!)

I have worn a mask in stores (and limited my trips) since Covid started. I'm not sure how being considerate to others for the common good is now being mocked by some who are calling it "living in fear", but it needs to stop....

When I wear a mask over my nose and mouth at work & in public and in the stores/ Supermarkets/Pharmacies/ Offices - I want you to know the following:

1. I'm educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
2. No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
3. I don't feel like the "government controls me". I feel like I'm an adult contributing to the security in our society and I want to teach others the same.
4. If we could all live with the consideration of others in mind, the whole world would be a much better place.
5. Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid or even "controlled". It makes me caring and responsible and the opposite of stupid...
6. When you think about your appearance, discomfort, or other people's opinion of you, imagine a loved one - a child, father, mother, grandparent, aunt, uncle or even a stranger - placed on a ventilator, alone—without you or any family member allowed at their bedside.....Ask yourself if you could have helped them a little by wearing a mask.



PASSPORTS TO FAITH

Parents who still have not collected their passports to faith only have until Sunday to do so. If your child's passport has not been collected by then they will not be able to receive the sacraments this year.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Next week, we will resume with our Friday award assemblies. These will have to look different to before, with the vast majority of children and staff having to take part from their classrooms as they will be taking place via teams software. We are excited to start these again, however, and to share with you the celebrations of the children. As I have already shared, the children have been nothing short of exceptional since their return so it is only right that their efforts are recognised by the whole of the school community.

BANJO

We were absolutely delighted to be able to welcome Banjo back into school today. Yes, we had to welcome him via Microsoft teams, but he was so excited to see the children and the children were certainly pleased to see him.



SCHOOL SPACES

We currently have a few spaces across different classes in our school. Our school's performance is in the top 10% of the country, so if you have a friend who would like an excellent school for their child to attend please do encourage them to get in touch. Remember—children do not have to be Catholic to attend St. Anne's.



Love one another, as I have loved you, in our home, school and parish



Date: 23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, students, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with COVID-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- you should only book a test if your child has any of these 3 coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus
- if you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the [official list of symptoms on the NHS website](#), which is reviewed regularly
- only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the 3 symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result
- if the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms



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- if a pupil or student in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school or college. Schools and colleges have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some [guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school](#) which you may find useful.

It is vital for children and young people's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Viv Bennett CBE
Chief Nurse and Director Maternity and Early Years, Public Health
England

Dr Susan Hopkins
Interim Chief Medical Officer, NHS Test & Trace
Deputy Director, Public Health England
Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Microbiology, Royal Free, London

Willenhall Food Hub

Offer discounted food parcels, typically about £20 worth of groceries food for a cost of a £4 membership per week.

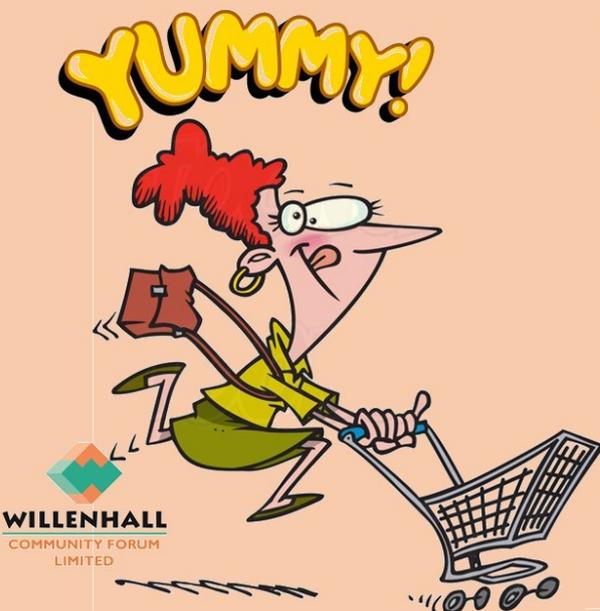
You need a referral from

Woodside Family Hub 02476978090

Eureka A Place of Discovery

St John the Divine Church

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If this is something you feel you need, please make an appointment to see Anna-Marie Maguire at school. She is able to make referrals to the hub on behalf of the school.

