

**YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT UPDATE:**

The encouraging news about the development of vaccines against Covid-19 have given us cause for cautious optimism that next July's Residential Visit to the Education Away Centre at Plas Nantglyn in North Wales will be going ahead as planned.

Of course this may change due to circumstances beyond our control, but at this stage we are going ahead with our planning for the visit in the hope that it will be taking place.

The weekly payment option is still available for parents who wish to pay small regular amounts towards the cost of the visit, and you are encouraged to do this, rather than having to find a larger sum in one go later in the year.

**Should the visit have to be cancelled, all money paid will be reimbursed in full to parents who have paid part, or the whole of the cost, of the visit.**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING WHAT IS NEEDED**

Despite the likelihood of a vaccine becoming available during 2021, we are a long way from the point where mass vaccination programmes will allow life to return to normal. It is essential that no-one drops their guard or relaxes their view on Covid-19, because there seems to be a bit of light at the end of the tunnel. We are continuing to be rigorous in applying our health and safety procedures in school.

Therefore, please support us and continue to do the following;

**Ensure that your child washes their hands thoroughly before coming to school.**

**Maintain social distancing at the start and end of the school day from other parents and adults, who are not part of your household.**

**As far as is possible, do not let people from outside your household bring your child to school or collect them.**

**Should anyone in your household develop symptoms and books a test, please keep your child at home until the test result is known.**

**Ensure that anyone with Covid-19 remains at home, and that household members immediately self-isolate. This means remaining in the house.**

**Do not bring a child who may be self-isolating onto the school grounds at any time.**

**Please wear a face mask or covering if you enter the school building.**

**A reminder that due to precautions against Covid-19, the children will sadly not be able to bring Christmas Cards into school this year.**

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Although we will not be able to hold our traditional Christmas Party Lunch in the school hall on the last day of term this year – which the ears of the staff will appreciate – we intend to go ahead with the event, but with each Bubble celebrating in their own classrooms.

**Children who normally have a school meal will receive the Christmas Lunch as usual.**

**Children who usually have a packed lunch can purchase the Christmas Lunch (or bring their usual packed lunch if they prefer).**

**The school cook will need to order the correct amount of food well in advance, so if your child normally has a packed lunch and you want to order them a Christmas Lunch you will need to order this **by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.****

**The payment of £2.30 should be sent to the school via Bank Transfer directly into the school's business account. If you have not already done so, set the school up as a payee in your internet banking system using the details below.**

**ACCOUNT NAME: HOLY TRINITY STACKSTEADS CE SCHOOL BUSINESS ACCOUNT**

**SORT CODE: 09 – 01 – 51**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER: 73045804**

**In the reference box put **YOUR CHILD'S INITIAL AND SURNAME plus DIN e.g. T. Smith DIN.** If you have more than one child please make a separate payment for each.**

If it is impossible for you to make payment using the bank transfer system, then payment may be made in cash at the school office.

