

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

08.10.20

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of week 5 of the autumn term, thank you to those families who continue to support us in keeping our whole community safe by adhering to the exclusion zones, bringing the children on time and leaving the premises swiftly once their child is in school or collected. Inevitably, there are times when we have high numbers of adults within our grounds and so we ask again that parents and carers wear face coverings when on school grounds, as this adds a further layer of protection to members of our community, including grandparents, parents, carers and staff who are in 'higher risk' categories. If you need to visit the office, please wear a face covering, as again, this adds a layer of protection for yourself and our staff. Given the nature of the virus and the fact that Leeds is in a local lockdown situation, outside of school, we ask all families to follow the government rule of six, to further protect our community. If anyone in your family does test positive, please inform us and follow all isolation guidelines to the letter.

The NHS continue to list the following symptoms as main indicators of Covid. If you or your children show any of these signs, please do not come into school and follow medical advice with regard to testing and isolation.

- **a high temperature** –you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it could be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Please see our website for further information from Leeds City Council on recognising signs and symptoms of covid.

It was wonderful to welcome our Year 4 children back to school last week, following their self-isolation. Thank you to those families who engaged with us, taking part in our home learning programme and communicating with us during the week.

Please will all parents/carers read our letter on Home Learning and respond to our survey? Thank you.

Consultation Nights

Our first consultation evenings of the year will take place during the first week back after the half term break. KS2 (Year 3-6) will be on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd and Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (years 1 and 2) will take place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November for the majority of families. These will begin around 3.30pm and finish by 6.30pm. If you are unable to commit to either of the dates offered for your child, please let us know and we will do our best to find another time to speak. This year, the meeting will consist of a phone call of just under 10 minutes between yourself and the teacher. This is the same time as we have always allotted for face to face meetings. During the meeting, we will focus on Transition – how your child has settled into their new class, their strengths, targets and any particular issues which have arisen. If you have any questions, we will also address these. It is important teachers stick to timings as



Whinmoor St Paul's CofE Primary School, Whinmoor Crescent, Whinmoor, Leeds, LS14 1EG
Tel: 0113 2657250 Email: office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk
Website: whinmoorstpauls.co.uk
Headteacher: M McBride BEd (Hons) NPQH



they have to speak to many parents/carers. We ask for your patience if teachers are a little late in ringing you. If you find that there are issues to discuss which cannot be covered in the allotted time, the teacher will make another appointment to speak with you as soon as they are able to. A tear-off strip is attached to this newsletter. Please fill in your preferred phone number, time and send back to school by Tuesday 13th October, so that we can begin to allocate appointments.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see so many children taking pride in their school uniforms and looking smart. In line with our Covid-19 risk assessments, we are keeping windows open throughout the day to allow for good ventilation. As the weather gets colder, we suggest that children wear layers of clothing (long sleeved shirts, vest, tights under skirts etc.). Please ensure that all clothing is named to avoid them getting lost. Thank you.

Message from Mrs. Vaughan:

#HelloYellow Day - Raising Money to support YoungMinds

In line with our Recovery Curriculum and to show our support for World Mental Health Day, we are having a #Hello Yellow Day on Friday 16th October 2020. The aim is to help spread the word, that together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future by wearing something yellow for the donation of £1 (with all donations going to YoungMinds). We ask the donation is paid via 'SchoolMoney,' if possible. Whether it is a scarf, hat or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes and wear them with pride for World Mental Health Day.

Twitter

If you do not do so already, please follow us on Twitter or check our website to see some wonderful, uplifting pictures of our children learning across all areas of the curriculum. From mastering maths to reciting stories and poetry, enjoying new learning, completing amazing art work and taking part in scientific experiments and enjoying outdoor PE sessions, we are so proud of them all. It really is wonderful to take a few minutes out of your busy day and look at how calm, joyful and strong our school remains, in the midst of such a difficult time.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Miss McBride.

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Child..... Year Group.....

Please circle the day you wish to speak with the teacher

EYFS, Years 1 and 2 ONLY: Wednesday 4th November Thursday 5th November

Years 3, 4, 5, 6 ONLY Monday 2nd November Tuesday 3rd November

I would like an appointment between.....

Phone number:

Signed.....

