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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Update

Confirmed Cases

As you know, this week saw our first two cases of confirmed COVID-19, one in an adult and one in a child. Thankfully, due to both of the prompt actions of this member of staff and the child's family, we were able to minimise the impact of this on the wider school.

I know that some of our parents are anxious about sending their child into school given these two cases and the fact that cases are increasing across the district but please remember that we're doing everything we can to keep school as safe an environment as possible.

If any confirmed cases come in over the weekend then please do email me ASAP. I do check my emails frequently (especially at the moment!)

Self-Isolation

Please can I just remind all parents that if you or your child is self-isolating then they should not be leaving the house. The only exception is if you have no other way of getting your child to school; we have received guidance that, in these cases, a child may travel in a car with their family **as long as they stay in the car at all times**.

Impact of COVID on Christmas

As we approach Christmas, one of the things that is most important to me is that everyone gets to spend time with their families and it would be a matter of concern for me if a family or member of staff were required to self-isolate over the Christmas period.

You may have seen on the news that there was an academy trust that had planned to close a week early and that National Government quickly intervened to prevent this from happening. Whilst I don't agree with the planned actions of this trust I do agree with their intentions.

Over the final three weeks of term, we will be changing our arrangements for class cover (referred to in school as PPA). Whereas PPA is normally spread out across the week, we have made the decision that, until the end of term, all teachers will be taking their PPA on a Wednesday afternoon. During this time, the children will be supervised by TAs and non-classroom teachers.

Doing this will relieve pressures around the school brought on by staff absence but, more importantly, slightly lower the number of contacts that your child will have with adults around the school and therefore slightly reduce the possibility of children or adults having to self-isolate over Christmas.



COVID Symptom Study

If you have not already done so, I would invite all parents to sign up to the COVID Symptom Study by downloading the free app and taking less than 1 min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.



COVID Symptom Study

To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is APSCU29. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

A Time to Reflect

In our Collective Worship this week, we've been learning about and reflecting upon the significance of the advent candle. Each candle has a special significance, a traditional theme and these have been discussed with the children this week.



In normal times, we would have attended church this week for our Advent Service but instead, Rev. Estella has kindly produced some short video clips for the children which we'll be publishing on each of the Advent Sundays.

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

In this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we asked the children to take the opportunity to celebrate the hope, peace, love and joy they have seen in school this week and I think that this is an opportunity to could all benefit from.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Alex H (RAM) for showing great resilience in his reading. <i>Miss Maw</i> | ☆ Abdalla A (4ST) for explaining his Maths really well. <i>Mrs Saunders</i> |
| ☆ Mason C (REC) for his super number writing and counting in the maths area! <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ James M (4JH) for being an absolute star, working hard and being helpful with IT. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Noah M (1CS) for always doing his best and for persevering when he's faced with a challenge <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Poppy-Mae L (4JH) for getting involved in class discussion and brilliant designs for her Mayan masks. <i>Miss Briggs</i> |
| ☆ Thomas R (1LA) for his excellent instructional writing on how to plant bulbs in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Ava S (4JH) for an excellent piece of poetry written with emotive language. <i>Mr Tibbles</i> |
| ☆ Louis E (2FP) for working so hard on all of his sounds this term and for doing so brilliantly in his phonics check this week. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Emma M (5JP) for writing an excellent diary entry and including examples of all of the success criteria. Furthermore, for teaching her peers and teachers how to make origami penguins successfully. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Finn J (2GD) for having an excellent attitude towards his learning and for always taking on board any feedback given to improve his work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Millie C-J (5JS) for excellent use of figurative language in her diary entry for 'Clockwork' and for creating a brilliant alternative ending to the story. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Joni C (3HA) for always trying her hardest in everything she does and being a kind and thoughtful member of our class. <i>Miss Allison</i> | ☆ Anjika D (6NA) for always using her initiative and being an excellent role model to others. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Mylo E (4ST) for helping Mrs Saint to add up Buster book club results. <i>Mrs Saint</i> | ☆ Sofia (6MB) for maintaining a positive approach towards all of her learning and for always trying her best. <i>Mr Beard</i> |

Buster Book Club



Well done to **2GD** who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 725 minutes between them (an average of 24 minutes each) and to **5JP** who read a total of 1267 minutes (an average of 42 minutes each).

Times Table Rock Stars



We've also been tracking the number of children engaging in Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars. Well done to **3SA** and **6NA** as they both had the greatest level of engagement this weeks, i.e. how many children have been playing.

Benefice Christmas Card

Well done to Seren (3HA) whose Christmas Card design was selected as this year's Bridge Benefice card.




Upcoming Events

[CALENDAR >](#)

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 30th November			
Tuesday 1st December			
Wednesday 2nd December			
Thursday 3rd December			
Friday 4th December			
Monday 7th December			
Tuesday 8th December			
Wednesday 9th December			
Thursday 10th December			
Friday 11th December		Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)	
Monday 14th December			
Tuesday 15th December	Christingle Services (Year R to 3)		
Wednesday 16th December	Christingle Services (Year 4 to 6)	KS1 Christmas Dinner (KS2 Packed Lunches please)	Christmas Panto Rapunzel: The Lockdown
Thursday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner (KS1 Packed Lunches please)		
Friday 18th December (Last Day of Term)	Christmas Parties in class		