



# Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



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With love we grow!

**"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others." - Pope Francis**

**Welcome Back** - It is lovely to have the school buzzing again with the sound of all of the children back together. You would hardly have thought they have been away. They have all settled back down to 'life as normal' really quickly. It is also very evident what an amazing job that has been done by the children, parents and staff as they have come back ready more than to pick up their learning. So thank you very much for your support.

**It's a Girl !!!** - We are delighted to share that Mr & Mrs Canavan have become the proud parents of 'Emily' earlier this week. Many, many CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

BABY  
GIRL

**Catering Arrangements** - Please remember to pre book your child's meals in advance. We are sending the 'User Guide' out again with this newsletter to help parents with bookings and topping up credit. Please ensure that when you have selected your meal choice that you 'Checkout' and that your booking shows in the order history.

**Changes to our Communications System** - We are migrating away from 'Teachers to Parents' over the coming months. Emails will now be sent out via School Spider (our website provider). If you have not already done so, please download their App for free on your phone/tablet available from Google Play or the App Store. In order to ensure you receive communications, it is imperative that you download this; the App will also be used for surveys, polls and parents' evening bookings.



**PTFA 50/50 Winners** - The winners for the 50/50 so far this academic year are:

Dan Smidowicz - October  
Evelyn Clayden- November  
Isabella Cross - December  
Maya Middlemas- Jan  
Matilda Speakman - Feb  
Matilda Ainscough - March

**Personal Hygiene** - Please may we remind parents to check their child/ren regularly for head lice and treat accordingly to stop the spread of headlice in school.

**School Uniform Items Loaned** - On occasions, in particular in EYFS & KS1 we need to loan children clothes to wear when they have had a spill, fall or an accident. If we have loaned your child/ren any clothes, please can we request that they are returned back to school once laundered as we do not have an ever ending supply of underwear and clothes to lend out.

**Covid Information** - Please remember, we still need to be vigilant to prevent the spread of Covid-19. If your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 you need to tell school, isolate and get a Covid test. Please can we also remind parents to socially distance when dropping off and collecting children and request that masks are worn by adults when on school grounds. Please see information overleaf about asymptomatic testing for adults in your household.

**Did you know that more people have mobile phones in the world than have access to clean drinking water and toilets?**

Our school community will join thousands of others throughout the nation supporting some of the poorest communities in the world. We will be joining the Water Droplet Trail in support of CAFOD's Walk for Water appeal. CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The staff and children will be sharing ideas next week about how we can raise some money for this very worthy cause.

Thank you!

Further details at [CAFOD.org.uk/schools](http://CAFOD.org.uk/schools)

## **Information from Department for Education**

### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. Please note test kits are not available from schools.
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

### **Travelling to School Safely**

How pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Further information can be found in our [guidance on transport to school and other places of education](#). The Department for Transport has also created [resources](#) that can be downloaded and used by education settings to promote safe travel to school.

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