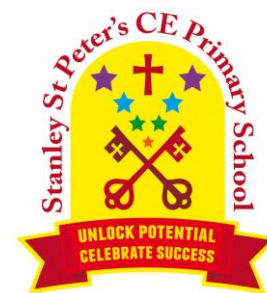


Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

### **French Week**

This week has been a huge success and the children have really enjoyed all of the activities that their teachers planned for them. Certificates and prizes were distributed to the winning children in each class for their French themed outfits and for the Bake Off. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Hick (our MFL lead) and Mrs Atkin (our geography and DT lead) for facilitating such an excellent opportunity for our children. I would also like to say a big thank you to our wonderful parents for ensuring that the children got the opportunity to continue their learning at home and cook and bake their hearts out!

Our Year 6 children raised £26.50 selling French pastries on Wednesday morning – a big thank you to everyone who supported them. They have decided that they are going to spend these funds on a 'Sweetie Table' for their Prom!

### **DJ Found**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Harpin who has offered to DJ at our Year 6 Prom. Not only that, but he is doing this free of charge! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

### **Attendance**

We have received a number of requests for term-time holidays. As per our Attendance Policy, these will not be authorised and you may receive a penalty notice. I really do empathise with our families who wish to take a holiday, (let's face it we could all do with a break) but as a school, we are held accountable for how we tackle poor attendance. Not to mention the fact that it will mean a child missing key parts of the curriculum that the teacher most probably will not be able to cover again. We are already working hard to ensure that the children have a firm educational foundation in preparation for the next academic year after enduring two sustained periods of lockdown and therefore, **every single day of attendance counts.**

Please see the following received from the DfE (Department of Education):

'School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices...

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.'

### **Ordering lateral flow test kits**

If you would like to order some COVID home testing kits, please contact the office on 01924 663641.

### **Risk Assessment Update**

I have reviewed our COVID risk assessment and, whilst I appreciate that restrictions are lifting nationwide because the case rates continue to be extremely low, the case rate in Wakefield is double what it is nationally and therefore, we will be keeping all the measures that we currently have in place so there are no changes to our risk assessment at this time.

Parents are still requested to wear face coverings and socially distance whilst on site.

Passé un bon weekend!

We look forward to seeing you next week which is Walk to School Week!

Kind regards,

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