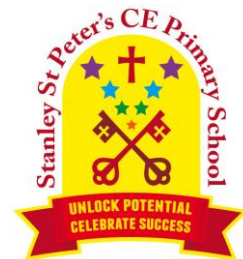


Friday, 9th October, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers



Last week, we celebrated National Poetry Day in school (which is one of Miss Schofield's favourite days of the whole year!). The children all wrote a 'Rainbow' poem and this year's theme was 'Vision'. I cannot wait to see some of the work produced by the children up on display, and I promise I will put a photograph of their incredible efforts on our Facebook page as soon as the display is complete. I would like to thank Miss Schofield for organising the day so well and in particular, for her creative Collective Worship on the subject of poetry, which I know all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Just to let you know, the competition to decide our two new school values has now closed and the winning entries will be announced shortly. Good luck to all those who entered!

Our governors have been incredibly busy in school, particularly over the last couple of weeks, and I would like to thank them, as well as the Diocese and our School Improvement Advisor, for the support and challenge they have offered so far this year to ensure that our school is on the right track and continues on its journey of improvement – which of course it is! (Please be assured that our COVID risk assessment was followed to the letter by all visitors.)

Usually, we would have invited parents into school for a number of information evenings by this point in the term, but for obvious reasons, we have been unable to do it this year. Therefore, the relevant year groups (shown below) have placed information presentations on their class pages for your perusal. If you still have any questions after watching the presentations, please get in touch with the class teachers via email (addresses can be found on the class pages):

EYFS – Phonics presentation

Y1 – Phonics presentation – available on the Y1 class page from 22/10/20

Y2 – Phonics and SATs presentation

Y6 – SATs presentation

All parents that have secured a place for our 'Worry Workshop' which will be delivered by Kathryn Thomas from Future in Minds on Monday 12th October at 5pm have been notified. If you applied for a place and have not heard anything about this, please contact the school office first thing on Monday morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you **MUST** do your utmost to socially distance from others at all times (we have a small minority of parents that are gathering in groups on the playground) and that if you can, you should wear a face covering. As you will be aware, the number of COVID cases in our locality is increasing and so it is more important than ever that we all do our part to keep everyone safe.

If your child (or any member of your household) has one or more of the following main COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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 may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household should self-isolate and you should book a test for the affected person only. Details of how to book a test are on our website.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of all of our amazing children! The resilience they have shown and the way that they have risen to every challenge they have faced has astounded me. Whilst on my rounds to observe classes, I witnessed a child in EYFS who had struggled so incredibly hard to complete a maths task and when he had done it, he shouted at the top of his lungs, "I've done it!" with an enormous smile on his face. It was so lovely to see that even our youngest children are unlocking their potential and celebrating their success!

I wish you all a great weekend and I can't wait to see the children back in school, ready to learn and smart in their uniforms on Monday.

Best Wishes,

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