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Don't forget you can find lots of important information on our website:

<http://st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk/>

Our 'Calendar' is updated on a regular basis with important school dates.

Year 2 Superstar

Thank you so much to Thomas P in Year 2 who has raised £160 for school funds. Following on from a book he read in school last year, Thomas was inspired to collect as much litter (and plastic) from beaches as he could over the summer holidays. He raised money for the amount that he collected. We are so proud of him and wish to thank him for his thoughtfulness and kindness towards school and the environment. Thomas has asked for his funds to be put towards the cost of a pantomime so that all children in school get to benefit from his generosity. Thanks Thomas!



Covid-19 Reminder

This week we have had a few questions around covid symptoms and testing for children. If your child shows any of the main symptoms of covid then the advice is to self-isolate (the poorly child) and take your child for a PCR test. The main symptoms are (taken from NHS website):

- **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

Please do not send your child into school if they show these symptoms. We will continue to send home children who display these symptoms and will advise you to take your child for a PCR test at a test centre. Please note, that we cannot accept negative results from a lateral flow test (these are the rapid tests you can do at home). We can only allow children back into school if they have a negative PCR test when they have shown symptoms. If you have a child who shows symptoms, any brothers or sisters are still allowed to attend school as people under the age of 18 years and 6 months no longer have to self-isolate if they are a possible or identified close contact.

Unfortunately, we are now in the season for general coughs and colds and we know that young children will pick these up. If your child starts with a cough in school, we will monitor it before we make the decision to send them home for a test. We want the children in school just as much as you do, but we are sure you will all understand that we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. We very much value your continued support with the national situation.

Harvest

Our Year 3 pupils will be leading our Harvest service on Friday 15th October. We are working towards inviting parents in for this event, but please be mindful that we do have to risk assess for events. The service will start at 2:30pm. We will also be collecting for the local food bank for our Harvest festival. We will send more information out nearer the time.

Parents' Evening

Please make sure you have booked a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher for Parents' Evening. If you have not received a letter regarding this please contact the office. Teachers will be contacting parents next week 3:30-6:00pm, dates are as follows:

Monday 27th - Miss Hilson, Miss Thomas and Miss Sheehan
Tuesday 28th - Mrs Parkinson, Miss Hayward, Miss Worsley and Miss Bleackley
Wednesday 29th - Mrs Pandor, Miss Aspinwall and Miss Craven
Thursday 30th - Mrs Finch and Mrs Pilling

Please remember that when we ring you it may flash up as 'no caller ID' on your phone.

Worship

It has been amazing to be able to have school assemblies again, we have really missed them! Our KS2 children have been practising the routines for assembly and worship in readiness for setting a good example to the infant children - who are hopefully joining us in the hall next week! KS2 really have been brilliant - wonderful singing, respectful behaviour and great questions and answers. We are so proud of them, well done KS2!

Calendar of Events

Attached to Friday News is our parent calendar of events for the year. Please be mindful that events are subject to change, especially if we are faced with unforeseen circumstances. We are hoping to return to inviting parents into school for some of the events, but we may have to risk assess and put certain restrictions in place to allow this to happen. This is because we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will inform you if events are face to face or virtual.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 30th November, more details will follow nearer the time.

Star of the Week

Class 1: Isla W	Class 7: Hadassah A
Class 2: Renae L	Class 8: Max B
Class 3: Leila W	Class 9: Emily B
Class 4: Tomas G	Class 10: Gladys J
Class 5: Ruby River P	Class 11: Sophie J
Class 6: Areesha M	



Our Christian value this half term is:
Respect

Golden Scroll

These children were in the 'Gold Zone' this week in school:

Alfie M Thomas P

Bible quote of the week:

Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

