



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher's Week-end Letter 14.11.20

What a week! Over the course of 2020 we have all had to face new challenges and I am so proud at how we all have risen to meet the demands of the world we currently live in. When I spoke to the Department for Education and the local public health team they were very complimentary that we had managed to keep all bubbles open up until this point. Unfortunately, I think we all knew that it would only be a matter of time before we would have to close bubbles and we may have to get used to this while we come through the worst of the second wave of this pandemic.

I have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council yesterday, which they are sending to all local schools and services, about the issues they are facing in the local area; it is very clear from this that we are currently at the worst point we have been throughout this whole Covid period in our locality. The letter reinforces the message that we need to be vigilant and follow the guidelines to help reduce transition. Some of the key points are:

- Staffordshire continues to see high levels of Covid cases, primarily driven by household transmission.
- Hospital admissions are increasing dramatically in the area which is putting significant pressure on healthcare services.
- Figures released by Staffordshire County Council show the county's rates per 100,000 of the population are now almost 60 per cent higher than the average England rate.
- The police force had 483 Covid-19 breaches in the last week.
- Some local businesses have remained open despite lockdown guidelines.
- Police are stepping up their response to ensure a high level of adherence to the guidelines.

With the high levels of transmission and the significant issues in the local area, it is inevitable that local schools will be impacted upon. Those of you with children in local high schools will know how often bubbles have been sent home. When we are informed of a case at Churchfields, we work with Public Health England and our Local Support Team at Staffordshire County Council to put the right response in place. We really appreciate how supportive parents have been and it has really felt like we are working as a community and supporting each other through this; I know, your child's class group being sent home, adds additional layers of disruption to your lives and your work, but your cooperation and support has made a very challenging process so much more easier to manage.

It is vital, especially with the local rates so high, that you ensure you don't mix households unless it is with your support bubble in line with the Government guidelines. It is also crucial that if anyone in your household has symptoms and decides they need a test, that the whole household self isolates until you receive the result of that test. Please do not send your child to school, if a member of your household has symptoms.

Together, we will get through this challenging period but there are going to be a lot of bumps in the road whilst we move forward. I know it is difficult to hear but these short self-isolation periods for bubbles will be with us for the foreseeable future and our aim is to restrict how many the children have to face. I know many of you are finding it difficult to get your other child(ren) to school if one of your children need to isolate however we will support you as

best that we can. We will try our best to deliver paper copies of work to your house as I know many of your children find it easier to complete work this way – thank you to Mrs Miller for helping me with this on Friday.

Inspite of all if this we have had a fantastic week celebrating Children in Need and we raised £253.50 . As always, even when times are difficult, you are all generous and supportive to others. I know many of you may have started to think about Christmas. We are asking that this year you do not send Christmas cards into school. Instead we will look at supporting a local charity food bank – more details next week.

Thank you to everyone for keeping smiling when things are difficult.

Key Dates

- **Friday 18th December** - Break up for Christmas

As always, we ended the final week of the half term with our celebration assembly.

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Ezra Shaw	for being fantastic this week
Reception Mrs Nixon	Maddison Statham	For always trying her best
Reception Miss Jackson	Alayna Sargeant	For a great attitude to learning.
Year 1 Mrs Meek	Kai Reddaway	For working hard
Year 1 Miss Roper	Charlie Pattison	For having a super week
Year 2 Mrs Mawdsley	Charlie Pointon	For a great week of learning
Year 2 Mrs Pattison	Evlyn Viggars	For a great week of learning
Year 3 Miss Archer	Gracie-Mae Bailey Matthews	For always being the best she can be
Year 3 Miss Lawton	Katy Rose Yeomans	For excellent work in English
Year 4 Miss Brown	Amelia Woollams	For always trying her very best.
Year 4 Miss Jackson during lessons	Lacey Freeman	For being more confident and joining in
Year 5 Mrs Shenton	Cara Daley	For always being the best she can be
Year 5 Miss Smith	Logan Wilton	For super writing
Year 6 Mr Cotton learning	Freddie Fell for ‘	For demonstrating excellent independent
Year 6 Mr Skupham	Logan Petrillo	For being a genuine pleasure to teach

Headteacher's Stars of the week



To all of the school councillor reps for raising £253.50 for Children in Need. They are a fantastic team and are a real credit. Well done to all of them.

I am pleased to say that nearly every class is above the school target of 96% with many above 97% which is fantastic. Our attendance is currently 97.3%. The classes with the best attendance for the week is 2M and 6S and the class with the best attendance so far for the year is 2M – well done Mrs Mawdsley's class and 2C Mr Cotton's class

Team of the week is:

Yellow Team Well done!

Team for the Year so far is:

Yellow Team. Well done!



Stay safe everyone and please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any issues.



Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher