

Newsletter February 2021



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Lateral flow testing

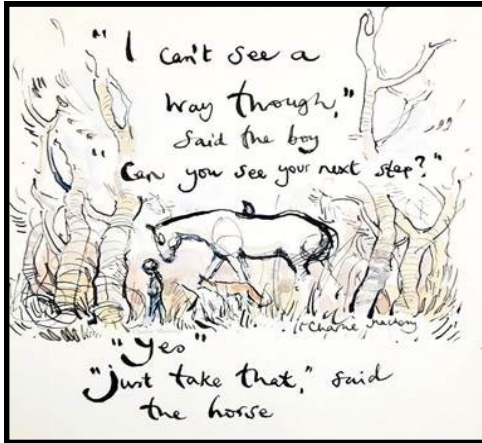
I would like to inform you that we will be introducing lateral flow testing into our school procedures as from this week.

To give you some background, lateral flow tests are used to determine positive asymptomatic cases of coronavirus and are useful in helping to stop the spread in schools and therefore the community. The lateral flow tests are for staff only, who will be testing themselves at home, twice weekly in the mornings.

I am giving you this information today to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep our school community safe and to also ask for your co-operation in this programme, as there may be occasions where we have to close bubbles at the last minute.

If a member of staff tests positive using a lateral flow test, we must isolate the class bubble immediately. If this happens, the member of staff will then be asked to take a PCR test to confirm the positive result. If a positive result is confirmed, the class will need to isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test result is negative, children will be called back to attend school as normal.

All other procedures will remain constant in school. For example, if a member of staff or child presents with symptoms, they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test. In addition, all control measures as per our risk assessment will remain in place.



Happy Half Term

From myself and all of the staff we would like to thank you for your kind words and encouragement this past half term. We would like to wish you a restful and happy half term break and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Treat afternoon.

As a reward for all of their hard work this half term, we have organised for the children to take part in a virtual production of The Wizard of Oz. There will be no cost to parents for this, as our PSA have again been extremely generous in funding this experience. Those at school will watch it in their classrooms, and those children at home will be sent a link to watch via Microsoft Teams.

Return to school. As you will be aware, the Government has announced that there is a possibility that children will begin to return to classrooms from 8th March. As yet, we have not been given any further information of how this will look, however we are hopeful that this will include primary age children. We will inform you once we have further clarity. For those who attend FAST club, and are not in school, you have not been charged, however you will revert to your normal pattern on the reopening of school. If you wish to make any changes please contact Sharon in the office.

Whole school Art Competition

It's time to get creative! On Friday 12th February, the children will be taking part in St Luke's whole school art competition! The children will be perfecting their art skills through the creation of portraits of our members of staff at St Luke's, and the winning portrait for each member of staff will be featured on our school website! Each class will be given a selection of staff members to choose from, so keep your eyes peeled on class dojo for more details very soon and to find out who your child will be drawing!

Zoom Family Service

On Sunday 7th February at 11am there will be a Family Service with Connections at St. Luke's via Zoom. The short service will include songs, games and activities planned especially for children. Our online Crib service was very successful so why not join us on 7th February? We'd love to see you. Joining details are:-

Zoom 743 818 2108

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly father, I am your humble servant,
I come before you today in need of hope.
There are times when I feel helpless,
There are times when I feel weak.
I pray for hope.
I need hope for a better future.
I need hope for a better life.
I need hope for love and kindness.
Some say that the sky is at it's
darkest just before the light.
I pray that this is true, for all seems dark.
I need your light, Lord, in every way.
I pray to be filled with your light from
head to toe. To bask in your glory.
To know that all is right in the world,
as you have planned, and as you want
it to be.
Help me to walk in your light, and live
my life in faith and glory.
In your name I pray,
Amen.