



St Christopher Community Primary School

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Dear Families,

We are delighted to have a very successful first half term completed. Together we have all managed to keep our school community safe and our pupils in education – thank you all for your support.

IMPORTANT: COVID

During half term we still need your help. In order for us to continue to keep the school community safe should **your child** or a **member of your household** have **COVID symptoms** or **have a positive test** then we need to know please. We would like you to notify us using the school email address as soon as you can, please email us: webenquiry@st-christopher.coventry.sch.uk Staff including myself, will be monitoring the emails on a daily basis and we may contact you by phone for further details should you email.

You will be aware that Coventry has moved into the National Tier 2 restrictions. To help everyone understand the current restrictions in Coventry along with this email we have attached an 'at a glance guide'.

Staffing

Mrs McGrath and Mrs Talbot who have been working in our school kitchen have decided to say farewell. I would like to thank both members of staff for their hard work in our school. Our existing kitchen staff are going to work with a highly successful and experienced school cook, Mrs Lorna Davies for an interim period.

We have welcomed Mrs Loysin-Stokes back following her maternity leave into Year 3. Our Year 3 maternity cover Miss Myers is not going to leave us; instead she is going to continue to work with us in school and help us as an additional member of staff with our school catch up plan. Miss Anwar will also be joining the team on a temporary basis to help us with catch up and continue to develop our online learning facility Google Classroom.

Parent/Teacher Meets

Our teachers have been extra busy over the last couple of days allocating times on the requested days for all the Parent/Teacher meets online. For those of you completed the google form before it closed on Thursday you should now see an invite sitting within the inbox of your child's gmail account eg: timmytest@stchrisprimary.co.uk If you login to your child's gmail account, (type gmail into any internet browser) click on the 9 dots on the top right of the page (the 'waffle'), and then click on gmail, you should then find the invite in the inbox. On Friday we sent a guide via email to help you with this and to help prepare for the google meet itself. If you have any problem please don't hesitate to email us in school - but please ensure that you read through the documentation carefully beforehand. For those of you who missed the deadline, teachers will send home a brief note.

In January/February we will be sending home a mid-year report and in March we will be organising another online Parent/Teacher meeting. As always at the end of the year we will also provide an end of year report.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Times are hard for everyone at the moment and I know that some families are struggling financially. Even if your child prefers a home packed lunch or has a free lunch provided by school (as all Reception Year 1 and 2 pupils receive meals through different funding) it is incredibly important that if you qualify for any of the following benefits that you still register for Free School meals.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The reason for this is that school will be allocated additional funding that can be spent on additional staff, extra clubs and so much more. Registering for FSM will also ensure that should we move into a full lockdown again that we can issue vouchers to FSM families like we did in the summer, should the Government direct this. **PLEASE** take the time to apply. Should you apply and qualify, your child will still be able to have a home packed lunch should they wish to do so and therefore not have to have free school meals in school. **Apply at:**

www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals

Although we have not been allocated any vouchers for FSM children during half term, should you be struggling as a family to provide food for your child, then please contact us and we will see if we can help in any way.

I hope that you and your family have a lovely half term. Pupils return on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – YEAR 6

PARENTS

**IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD'S
SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED
BY 31ST OCTOBER 2019.**