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# The St Paul's Post

As we approach half term, it has been interesting to reflect on the challenging, but fun filled term we have had. The attitudes of the children towards all the changes in routines have been highly commendable. All new procedures run smoothly with most of the children taking great care to keep their distance from the different bubbles and staff in school.

The children have had some fantastic learning opportunities in their bubbles including art days, immersion day and outdoor days! These opportunities have given the child chance to immerse themselves in to our exciting new curriculum.

We hope you have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the new staggered start times.

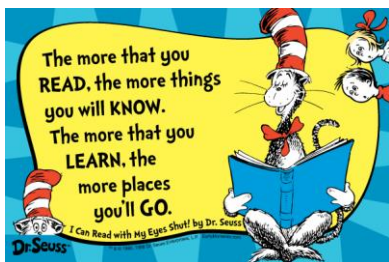
## Harvest Festival

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating harvest festival via Teams. We were joined by Reverend. Captain Paul Whitely of St Paul's Church, who shared a lovely service with our classes. Each class worked really hard to deliver a song or a poem based on Harvest.

We received a huge number of donations – thank you very much! Agape Food Bank were very grateful.



### Reading during the half- term break



A perfect way to spend time together! Read a book!

For fact, fiction and fun, Spalding Library is now open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm or borrow books online from your sofa at <https://www.better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire/spaldinglibrary>

### Visitors into School

#### Masks:

Masks **MUST** be worn by any adult visitor entering the school building. It may also be supportive of others to wear one at drop off and collection times if you find it hard to socially distance.

#### QR Code:

We now have a QR Code at the main entrance that adults should scan when entering the school building. It is easy to do so – open your smartphone's camera – hold it up to take a screenshot of the code and follow the instructions on the screen.

This is to enable the school to play its part in Track and Trace.

The NHS Covid App is also available to download on your phones – it is really simple and easy to do!!

### A Message from Reception

Reception have had a fun week! We have noticed that the season is changing, it is colder, the leaves are falling off the trees and it is windy too! We had a lovely walk around the woodland, collecting lots of interesting leaves, acorns, pine cones and flowers. We have been using our collections and other things to make simple repeating patterns. Our story this week have been Owl Babies and we have enjoyed acting out the story and joining in with repeated phrases.

Some reminders:

Please ensure your child has wellies each day. If possible, please leave them at school

Remember no earrings on P.E. day (Thursday)

Remember to bring your child's book bag each day and read with your child everyday (even if it is only for a few minutes).

We are adding observations about our learning on Tapestry. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know.

We are also putting messages on our Padlet. We sent a link out for this. Any problem, please speak to us.

Your child has had a very busy term with us. We hope you have a lovely rest over half term



### Communication



Please can we remind you that we need 2 current contact numbers for your child should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please can we also remind you to contact staff via email or phone, rather than in person (due to current Covid restrictions). Please contact the office or see the website for contact details if you are unsure.

### **Coronavirus – What to look out for!**

#### **What to do if your Child has Symptoms of Coronavirus If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus**

- A new persistent dry 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 high temperature of 37.8C or above
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

You should keep them off school and get them tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you inform the school of the absence and the outcome of the test. The school staff are on hand to advise and support parents if this happens.

#### **What should you do?**

- Keep your child off school.
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

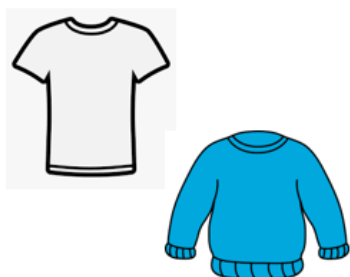
We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms. It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

### **Time to Wrap up: Winter is coming!**

In line with the Covid guidelines in all schools, we are required to have windows and doors open in all classrooms to ensure the circulation of fresh air. Even though we have the heating on in school, the rooms may feel cooler than normal

#### **Things you can do: -**



- Encourage your child to wear a vest or layers underneath their shirts
- Ensure they have their jumpers on or with them everyday
- Ensure they have coats, hats and scarves for breaktimes to prevent them from getting cold and then being unable to warm up quickly indoors.

