



## Message from the Headteacher

### Online Permissions and Updating Contact Details/Personal Information Forms

We sent home a link in November, via school spider, in regards to completing a google form in relation to permissions and consents for such thing as, photographs and videos and first aid. In September we also sent you a link to a google form for updating contact details/personal information. This form also includes information about updating us about allergies and medical matters. If you have not completed either of these forms yet, then we need you to complete them as a matter of urgency.

These forms can be accessed via the virtual office at <https://www.st-paulsstalybridge.co.uk/page/virtual-office/53089>

### Christmas Dinner and Online Panto

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December it will be Christmas Dinner day in School. If you wish for your child to have a dinner on this day you need to have pre-ordered it through your child's Schools Grid account (you may also know this as live kitchen). The PTA have also funded an online panto that the children will be watching in class in the afternoon. The children can come in non-uniform on 11<sup>th</sup> December. If they would like to wear something festive, such as a Christmas jumper they are very welcome to wear one. **The PTA have also provided a bag of popcorn and a carton of drink for each child to have during the panto. If your child has any allergies, please ensure you have completed the google forms mentioned at the top of the newsletter.**

### Christmas Parties

The children will be having a Christmas Party in their own classroom.

- For Classes 5,6 & 7 it will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- For Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 & 10 it will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The parties will be different from what they are used to, due to restrictions in relation to Covid, however we want to be able to give the children this opportunity. The party day for your child is a non-uniform day.

**The children will also be having a packet of crisps and a chocolate biscuit from school in the afternoon. If your child has any allergies, please ensure you have completed the google forms mentioned at the top of the newsletter.**

### Angels

You may have noticed knitted angels appear at the front of school tied to the fence. On the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> December the children will be greeted by angels just like these in their classrooms. During lockdown these have been knitted by members of the church as a gift for each child at this time of advent. They have had time in school to quarantine before being given to the children. The children will bring home their angel. Emma our vicar is inviting you to take the ribbon off from the angel and use this as a prayer ribbon and tie them onto the two trees outside the main door at church after/before school over the next few weeks. These trees are St Paul's Church outdoor prayer trees for the community. Please follow social distancing guidance if you go to do this. **Also only attach the ribbon and not the attached card which will have your child's name on.**

## Covid-19 Reminder

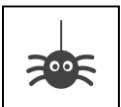
We are living in a time when we need to ask people to 'book a test' and stay at home if one of the main Covid symptoms is present. These symptoms are:

- 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

**If someone in your household is displaying symptoms, then all members of the household (and anyone in your support bubble) needs to stay at home and you need to book a test. Please inform us of the results when you have them.**

## Christmas Cards

We are not having our usual Christmas postbox this year for Christmas cards in school or the traditional sharing of Christmas cards. Instead if your child would like to share a Christmas card with their class they are very welcome to bring one card in, just for their class. They will then have a chance to open it and share it with their class and put it up in their classroom.



## School Spider App

Thank you to all who have downloaded the school spider app. If you have still not done this, we would encourage you to do this. This is a key means of us communicating to you about what is happening at school.

## Parking- Some Reminders if coming by car

- Please do not drive down or park on Richmond St at the start or end of the school day or park on the yellow zig zag lines near school. This area is filled with pedestrians and it is not safe to have vehicles there at these times.
- Please make use of the church car park to park your car and then walk down to school. When leaving the church in your vehicle and turning onto Huddersfield Rd please be very careful of pedestrians.
- If you are coming by taxi, please remind the drivers of this as well.

## Save the Date

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Dinner in school** (if you want your child to have a dinner this must be pre-ordered through their schools grid account)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Children to watch an **online panto** in their classrooms (paid for by the PTA)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December- **non uniform day** (children do not have to wear school uniform today. They are also welcome to wear something festive like a Christmas Jumper if they would like to)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Party in their classrooms for Classes 5,6 & 7** (also non uniform day for these classes)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas party in their classrooms for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 & 10** (also non uniform day for these classes)

School closes for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm

School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The Holiday calendar is available on the school's website:

<http://www.st-paulsstalybridge.co.uk/>

*Our Christian Value Focus  
after Christmas is...  
RESPECT*

'Love is patient, love is kind'

1 Corinthians 13:4

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