



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter. We had the news yesterday that Telford and Wrekin have been placed in tier 2 of national restrictions. I understand that we are in this tier, because although infections are high in Telford and Wrekin they are rapidly falling. We all clearly want them to continue falling!

There are lots of messages in the newsletter this week, which include:

- Remote Learning
- Food and Uniform Cupboard
- Free School Meals
- Christmas Dinner and Party
- Christmas cards
- Covid Testing
- Christmas trees

So, there is lots of information for you this week.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

Remote Learning Work:

Where children are isolating due to coronavirus testing or isolation, we provide remote learning for them. From the second day of isolation, there will be work available via Teams (which we sent out last week). Work may be added in blocks or day by day.

We have previously asked parents to let us know if they need laptops for remote learning and we have about 40 issued on loan at the moment. If you do still need a laptop, please email the school office. We also have a very small number of wifi sticks and data sim cards on order and can provide these where a child is self-isolating and you don't have access to the internet. If your child goes into isolation, you can request one of these from us and if we have one available, we will loan it out.

We have given 602 children and parents a survey to complete about remote learning, following their recent bubble closure.

Food Cupboard and Uniform Cupboard:

By next Friday there will be an outdoor storage cupboard near the school front door, where you can donate food and people can take food from. There won't be a fridge available, but we can have packets, tins, fruit and vegetables in there. The intention is it is self-filling and used by the school community. It isn't connected to any other organisation. If you would like to donate, please do so. If you need to take from it, please do so freely.

During the school day, the front gates are locked and you will need to ring the buzzer for access. Before and after school, the gate is open and there is free access.

We do now have direct access to support from Telford Crisis Support for food and baby parcels. If you need access to this please email or telephone the school office.

There will also be a uniform cupboard, which includes coats and we ask it operates on the same principle.

Free School Meals:

You might have heard the press announcements of new funding for Free School Meals over the holidays. This only applies to those who are registered for Free school Meals based on income/ benefits, not to Universal Infant Free School Meals that all children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 receive. The Local Authority issue these vouchers direct to you.

If you think you might be eligible for FSM you can go to www.telford.gov.uk/FSM to check and then apply. I am told if you do this before 7th December, you should get them over the Christmas holidays but anything registered after then won't be processed in time.

If your child is entitled to FSM and they are self-isolating, we will provide them with a school meal, food delivery or voucher. Please let the office know your child is entitled to FSM when you report their absence so we can arrange this.

Christmas Dinner:

A reminder that we need to know if your child would like a Christmas dinner. Here is the information from last week's newsletter. "We are also going to have Christmas parties on this day in our bubbles. These will be in the morning or afternoon, depending on other class arrangements that day. Children do not need to wear school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, it will still be taking place and children will still be spending time outside, therefore they need to wear something suitable."

Save the Children Christmas Day

On Friday 11th December we will be supporting Save the Children. Traditionally they take part in a Christmas Jumper day, however we are conscious not to incur additional expense on parents. So this year, we are encouraging the children to wear something Christmassy to add to their usual non-uniform choices. This could be some tinsel, a pre-existing Christmas top or something glittery. Please reuse where possible. If you do not have any of these items it is fine to just come in non-uniform, but the clothing needs to be warm and practical! We will be setting up a Just Giving page via. Save the Children, so that we can collect any voluntary donations through a safe and cashless system. Details of this will be shared nearer the event. The day will give children the chance to take part in some festive activities, learn about the charity we are supporting and hopefully raise money in the process.

Testing:

Earlier this week I wrote to you update you on testing. Telford and Wrekin have published this helpful poster since then.

GETTING A COVID-19 TEST

in Telford and Wrekin



You **MUST** get a test if:

You have at least **one** of the three main symptoms.



High temperature



New persistent cough



Loss of taste or smell

ISOLATE as soon as symptoms show, while waiting for test results and if you test positive.

You **CAN** get a test for these precautionary symptoms:



Headaches



Aches and pains



Feeling very tired for no good reason



Sore throat



Runny nose



Sneezing



Tummy ache in children

You **DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE** if you have **only one or more of these precautionary symptoms**, or while waiting for test results for these precautionary symptoms.

You only need to isolate if you test positive or have at least one of the three main symptoms.

Book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus

For **precautionary symptoms testing** select:

'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'.

Coronavirus
Prevent the spread in Telford and Wrekin



Therefore, to remind everyone...

If your child is getting a test for one of the main symptoms of coronavirus, they and the rest of the household self-isolate. We will send out the letters informing of a child in the bubble testing in this situation.

If your child is getting a precautionary test they do not need to self-isolate and they can come to school if they are well enough. If we don't think your child is well enough to be in school we will send them home. We will not send a letter to the bubble for precautionary testing.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, the usual arrangements apply – they cannot return to school for a full 48 hours.

Self-Isolation:

Just a reminder that those who are self-isolating due to covid bubble closures or contact tracing must not come onto the school site. This includes older or younger siblings.

Christmas Cards:

We need a procedure this year for Christmas cards due to coronavirus. All schools have had guidance this week from Health Protection Hub. This is what we are doing.

If your child wants to send Christmas cards, these need to be brought in to school on 7th December. Not on any other day.

Cards need to be separated into 1 pile of cards for children in the class and 1 pile of cards for those in other classes.

These will be put into quarantine boxes, sorted and given to children to bring home the following week and they are to be opened at home.

Please do not lick envelopes.

Christmas Trees:

Many of you will have noticed the Christmas trees, which are where everyone can see them. All children are creating a bauble to hang on the trees. We will have some spares available, so from 7th December you are welcome to collect a bauble to create your own and leave a £1 donation. You can then add them to the trees yourself. We will leave these and a collection box by the trees.

If anyone is interested in buying one or both trees from us and collecting it after school on 18th December, please send an email to the school office. We are happy to lend you the pots and securing straps – as long as we get them back again!



MAF Advent Adventure

Last year we took part in the MAF Advent Adventure project throughout December and we are pleased that we are able to take part again this year. On Monday each child will be sent home with an advent

calendar linked to this project. Enclosed with this is a letter giving further information about the project. Each day in school the children will have the opportunity to explore the work of MAF in more detail.

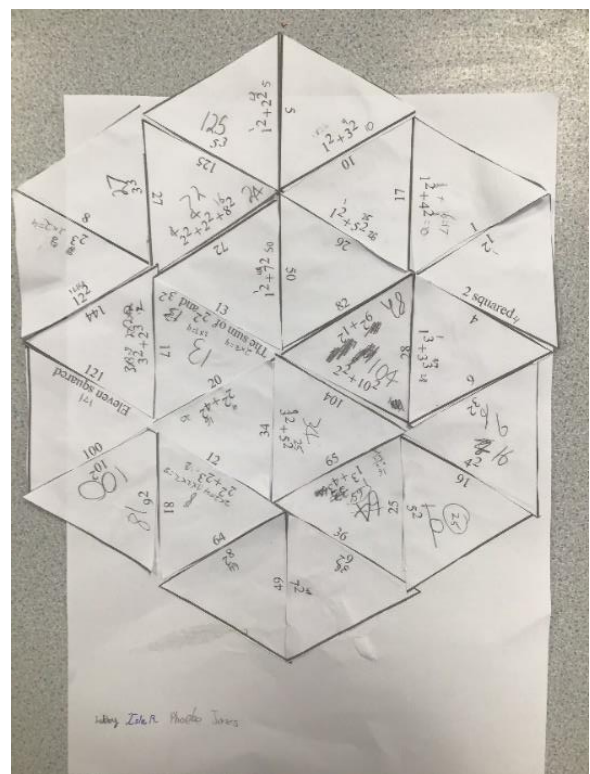
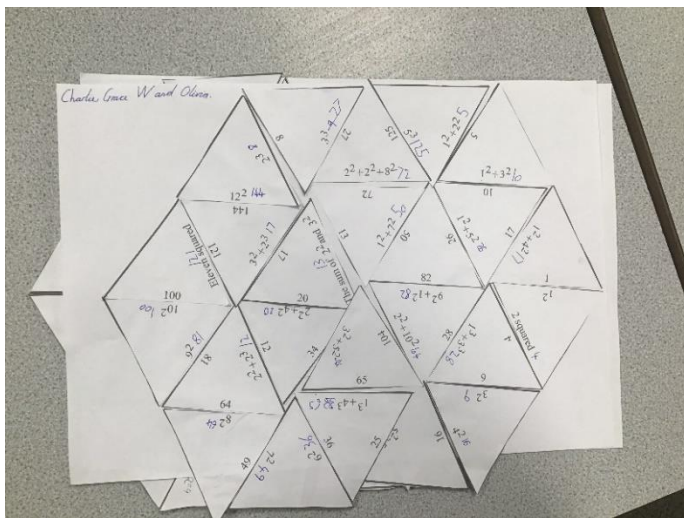
We hope the children enjoy this Advent Adventure as much this year as they did last year.

UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

Year 5 have been working really hard on their problem solving skills this week solving a jigsaw puzzle filled with cubed and squared numbers. Their team work and co-operation were fantastic and they showed excellent determination and perseverance. Here are some of our solved ones below – but everyone should feel very proud of themselves for their super attitudes!

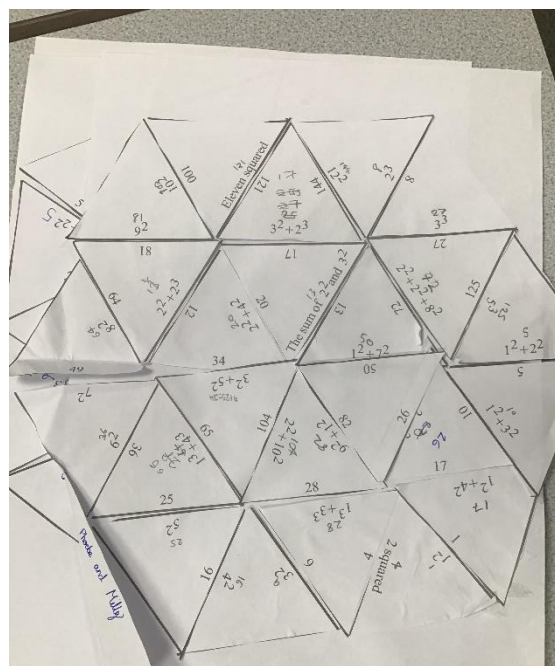
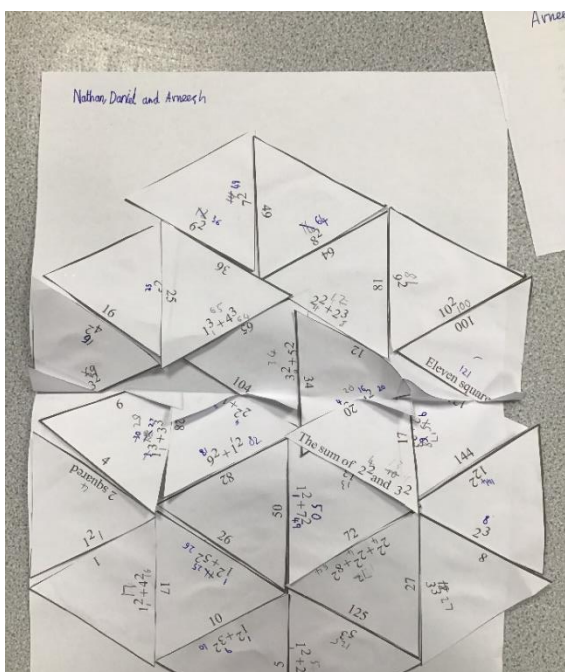
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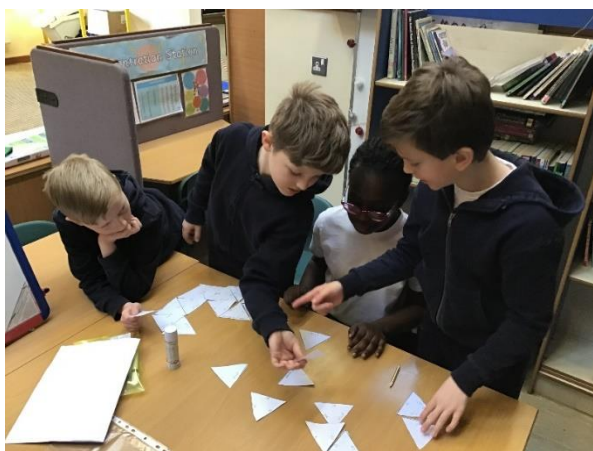
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Nathan, Daniel and Avneesh

Phoebe B and Milly





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	Save The Children Christmas Day – more details to follow
Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January	Spring term starts