



St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●

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Dear Parents/Carers

Like all pupils and the majority of St Anthony's staff I am writing the weekly newsletter from home, as I isolate as well. A reminder to everyone that self-isolation means we are **not to leave our homes** or have friends around our houses. This is at times very difficult but what we all need to do. I would much prefer to be in school each day but we must follow the advice from Public Health England and do our bit to help reduce the spread of COVID.

As the school has moved to remote learning, it is fantastic to see the learning taking place across the school as I am able to pop into TEAMS lessons. Teachers and Learning Support Assistants have really worked hard to develop their skills to carry on helping pupils to learn. It is also wonderful to hear about the learning pupils continue to do at home, so please keep it up.

The last week of this term is usually filled with seasonal activities and Mr Page gaining 5lbs as he eats too many mince pies, (Matt put the mince pie recipe on Class Dojo this week) and party food in all the classes. I have challenged teachers to design the best virtual class party for next week as I have already bought many prizes to give out, so I look forward to seeing their creative skills.

A potential benefit of the school having to go to remote learning the last two weeks of term is that if all are self-isolating we should all be COVID safe and able to get out during the holidays. The Department of Education has asked schools to continue to support the National Test and Trace programme up until December 24th. So if any pupils or members of staff develop COVID symptoms please let us know, as we will check each day between 10 -11am for any updates. The number to call is **07394 617054**.

School Staff Support Local Foodbank

Prior to the school moving to remote learning on Tuesday, we had started some Christmas activities. The staff had a collection for the local food bank, which Blyton class helpfully dropped off on Monday.



If you know of someone who may require the use of the foodbank please contact the school office on 01843 292015. Distribution of food parcels is from St Paul's Church Cliftonville on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.30 - 12 noon or from St Peters Baptist church on Fridays 10.30-12.00. You will need a voucher to obtain a food parcel; we have a supply of vouchers if needed or click on the link below.

<https://cliftonville.wixsite.com/thanetfoodlink>

Inter house Sports

Craig had completed the primary portion of the termly inter house sports competition before we moved to remote learning. Pupils had to demonstrate their basketball skills to earn points for their houses. Secondary pupils will get their opportunity when we are back in school. The results of the competition will follow in the New Year.



PTFA

Raffle tickets will continue to be sold until the draw takes place on Wednesday 16th December. If you would like to buy some, please send an envelope with the money, your name and number, and either post it to us or bring it to the post box by the main door. We will draw the tickets in the morning live on Teams and we will advise the winners via ClassDojo.

Dates

- Wednesday 16th December
 - Christmas Jumper Day
 - PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw
- Friday 18th December last day of term 2
- Monday 4th January first day of term 3



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