



St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●●

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What an interesting end to Term 3 on what is already proving to be a very interesting year. I have shovelled more snow this week than the past twenty years and I left Canada to get away from the 'white stuff'. I do hope you have all managed to get outdoors and enjoy the snow, as one pupil told me this week they shouldn't have to be in math lessons as it only snows here every ten years and they should be out throwing snowballs.

The weather has actually replaced COVID this week but it **is** good to see that the national figures and more importantly the local COVID figures have come down significantly, so thank you for doing your bit to support the national lockdown.

We will start next term still under the National Lockdown 3, so we will maintain the same number of pupils coming into school as **we** did in Term3. I understand that the government will make their plans to come out of Lockdown 3 known to us on 22nd February, the first day back of Term 4. Till then we remain in lockdown till at least 8th March, so please continue to following the guidance (Stay home, only go out if necessary and remain two metres apart).

When we return in Term 4 we will continue our LfT testing programme of all staff twice a week and for returning secondary pupils once to ensure that there remain no asymptomatic COVID cases in school. When the school is able to open for all pupils, those secondary pupils who have not been in will be tested twice.

House Competition

Dodgeball over the last two weeks for the house competition has been very interesting. Due to the current circumstances we have had to have tournaments in bubbles which has been a different way of arranging the tournaments, therefore pupils were battling for house point individually not in their houses.

The primary competition was fiercely battled for with Toby F, Finley C, Bobby C and Alfie B taking the win.

KS3 then had their competition in which we saw a team fly away with the wins at the beginning before slowly being caught up by another team. Winners were Ryan D, Taylor B, Deanna H and Cameron M.

Well done to all for taking part and congratulations to the winners.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February we participated in Safer Internet Day, an annual campaign that focuses on online safety to support children to question and challenge what they do online. Using technology safely and positively is a message that we promote in school and deliver throughout the year and is then reinforced when we celebrated Safer Internet Day.

As many of us have turned to remote learning on Teams due to Covid and the impact of the snow this week, the opportunities to demonstrate safe internet usage **have** again been put into practice. On Tuesday, children accessed lessons to highlight the positive use of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. Children explored the main topics of:

- How to keep safe using technology.
- What can we trust online?
- What we can do if we feel unsafe.

There was a fabulous response to the poster competition which will be judged next term. If there are any late entries please send them in at the beginning of next term.

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Please remember to – **Wash hands – Cover face – Make space**

Support for families

[Further government support](#) is available for families who are struggling because of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can [contact their local council](#) to find out what services are available in their area.

COVID Winter Support

A £170 million [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#) announced on 8th November 2020 is being run by local authorities in England.

The funding will be ring-fenced, with at least 80% earmarked to support with food and essential utility costs, and will cover the period up to the end of March 2021. Local authorities will receive the funding in the coming month.

It will allow local authorities to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals over the winter period.