

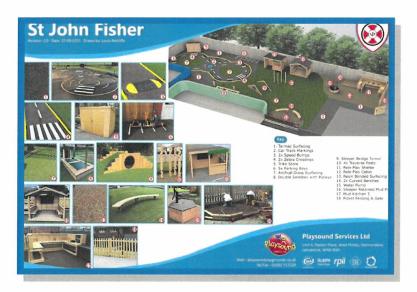
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

"Growing through God, we learn, laugh and love"

Newsletter 14th January 2022



It's good to see the children back again, ready to face a new year. This term we have building projects taking place which we are very excited about and looking forward to the end results, however it will mean some inconvenience as we navigate around the builders. Please be patient and supportive, it will be worth it as we will have a brand new outdoor play area for the reception children and an all weather pitch for everyone.





Year 5 Science.

Sun, Earth and Moon: What is moving and how do we know?



Thursday 20th January - Census Day



The Government calculates part of our school funding based on the number of pupils having a school meal on census day.

Please help us secure as much funding as possible by having a school meal on that day.

Above can be found the menu and you can order on the school grid account. There will also be the chance for somebody to win a £5 Amazon voucher on the day.

Awards—Congratulations to the following children





SUPERSTAR AWARDS FOR:

SMILE AWARDS FOR:

Reception:	Lily Livingstone	Reception:	Blake Catterall
Year 1:	Emilia Ostick	Year 1:	Ivan Cooke
Year 2:	Harley Walker	Year 2:	Sophie Lowe
Year 3:	Anna Birzgalis	Year 3:	Connor Dixon
Year4:	Leo Flanagan	Year4:	Emily Delahunt
Year 5:	Henry Hamilton McChrystal	Year 5:	Jamie Hodgkins
Year 6:	Thomas Murphy	Year 6:	Liam Johnson



Here is the link if you wish to have a look at the Wednesday World.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=48.3



Dates for your Diary

14th January 2022 Closing date for admissions for September 2022

8th February 2022 Safer Internet Day
15th February 2022 Parents evening
16th February 2022 Parents evening

1st March 2022 Choir singing at the Brindley

Lunchtime and after school clubs

Tuesday, lunchtime Chess Club with Mr Redmond

Tuesday, after school Football, years 4,5,and 6 with Mr Lynch

Wednesday, after school

Table Tennis with Mr Kray

Thursday, after school

Choir with Mrs Cunliffe

Friday, lunchtime

French Club with Miss Brown

Coming soon, next half term there will be dance and multi skills clubs for KS1 children.

Please continue reading for the latest update and guidance relating to isolation and testing

Halton Borough Council – media release issued 11 January 2022 Keep telling us your test results and help beat COVID-19

From 11 January in England, people, with no symptoms, who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not need to take a confirmatory PCR test.

However, the rules have not changed for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, who should still self-isolate and take a PCR test

This temporary measure is in place while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

To limit the spread of the virus, Halton residents are still being encouraged to take a lateral flow test twice weekly and before visiting vulnerable people or attending events and gatherings.

Anyone, without symptoms, who receives a positive LFD test result should report their result on GOV.UK and must self-isolate immediately – but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

An *important exception* to this revised approach, applies to people who are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment. To access this financial support people who are eligible, will still be asked to take a confirmatory PCR after they receive a positive lateral flow result.

There may also be people who are advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group who may need early access to treatment.

Commenting on the temporary changes, Halton's Director of Public Health, Dr Ifeoma Onyia said: "Like the rest of England, infection rates in Halton are currently extremely high, driven by the Omicron variant.

"So, if you get a positive result from a lateral flow test, you should be confident that this is correct."

"Anyone with a positive result should self-isolate straight away and importantly upload your result to gov.uk. Doing this will help us in our response to the current local situation.

"We know at the moment there is a really high demand for lateral flow tests right across England which is making it difficult for some people to get hold of kits and do regular tests.

"I understand this is frustrating, but I would urge everyone to persevere and keep trying the various routes available.

"Test kits can still be ordered online at GOV.uk although they may take longer than usual to arrive.

"Local pharmacies are also receiving test kits, but due to high demand these are going very quickly. The pharmacy collect QR code is not a guarantee of an order, so please be patient with pharmacy staff if they have run out.

"As a Council, we are also continuing to do all we can to distribute tests within the community. Throughout December we gave out 60,000 home test kits and our staff will be giving more out at local supermarkets again this weekend. Over the last few weeks, more than 25,000 tests have been sent to local workplaces and we continue our support to vulnerable and higher risk settings.

"My message to everyone in Halton, is to do your best to keep up with regular testing as we go through this particularly challenging period.

"And for anyone that has symptoms, please book a PCR test straight away. We have a number of local sites where you can get tested and I'm pleased to say that there are currently no capacity issues at these sites."

For the latest information on local testing arrangements visit www.halton.gov.uk/covidtesting For the latest guidance visit www.gov.uk