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Newsletter 2

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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

INSET DAY - School will be closed to all pupils for staff training on Friday 25th September.

COVID-19 Restrictions

From Monday 14th September, new laws prohibiting social gatherings of more than six people came into effect in England. The new 'rule of six' simplifies and strengthens the rules on social gatherings, making them easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce. It means that – apart from a set of limited exemptions including education and work – any social gatherings of more than six people indoors or outdoors will be against the law. These rules have been further extended in Birmingham since Tuesday 15th September, which now prevent two households mixing. This means that children will no longer be able to stay at a friend's house or have a party where people outside the household are invited. Please ensure that you are following these restrictions, to help prevent the spread of the virus and to keep our community safe and well.

Change of contact details

Please ensure that the office hold two emergency contact telephone numbers on file for your child which are current and up-to-date. If you have changed your contact details over the Summer holidays (address, telephone number, email address) please inform school via the form on the school website, which can be found at:

<https://www.stberns.co.uk/change-of-details>

Diary Dates

Monday 21st September

Phonic and Reading Powerpoint for Reception parents

Thursday 24th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning – any donations to be sent in with child - no event to take place.

Friday 25th September

Inset Day – School closed

Wednesday 30th September

9.00 am – Year 5 Mass (School)

Thursday 1st October

Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux (3TK own clothes)

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

(for 4th - RND own clothes)

Monday 19th October

International Week

Thursday 22nd October

Feast of St John Paul II (4CB own clothes)

RSE Powerpoint for Y6 parents

Friday 23rd October

Feast of St. Jude (for 28th - 5KH own clothes)

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th

October – Half-Term

Monday 2nd November

Inset Day - School closed

Reporting Pupil Absence

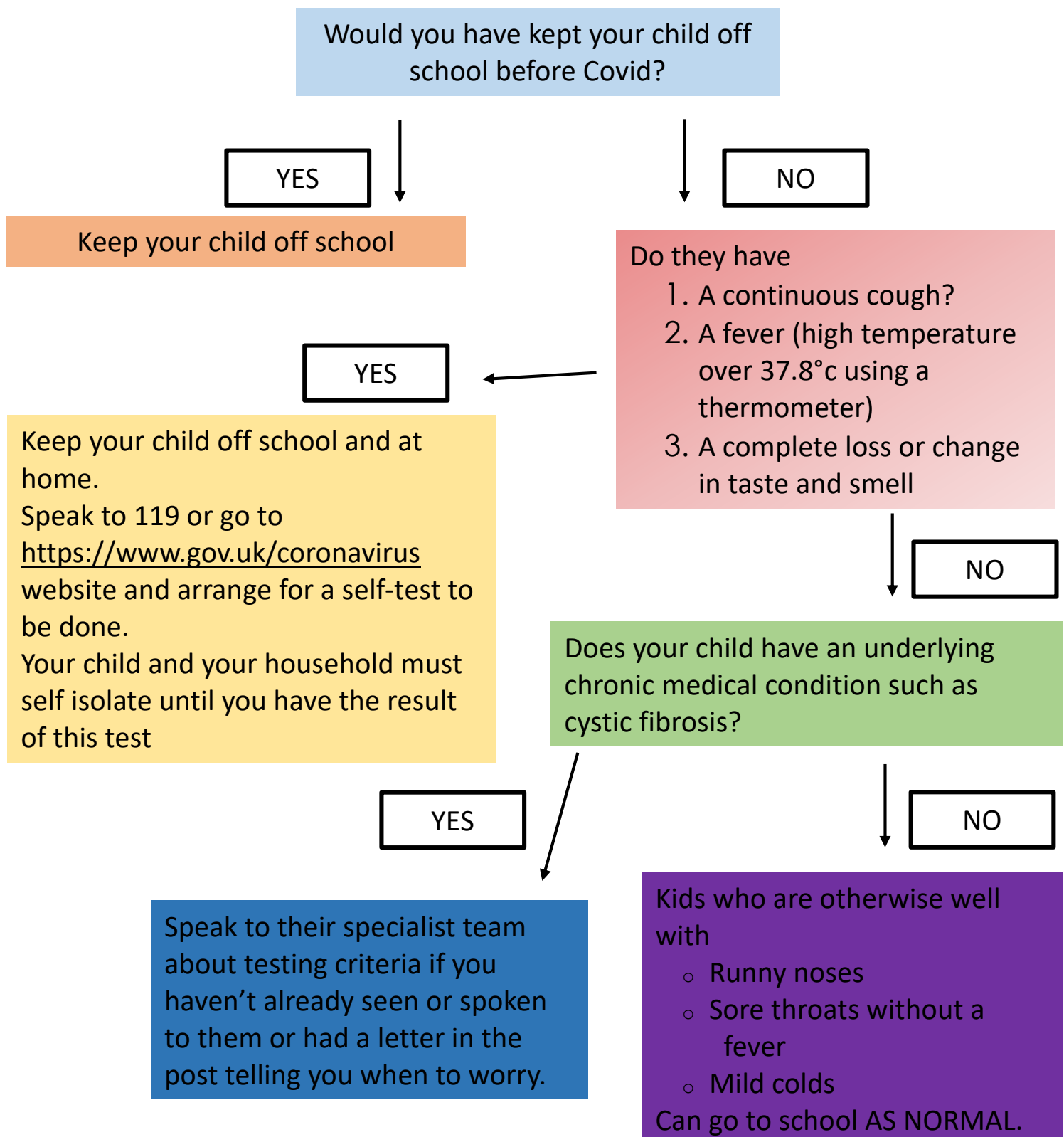
We have now added a form on the school website to enable you to report school absence for your child. This form can now be found using the following link:

<https://www.stberns.co.uk/pupil-absence> . This new method will allow school to have a written record of any absences and hopes to alleviate some of the congestion that occurs on the telephone lines when absences are reported.

Should I send my child to school?

If your child is feeling unwell and you are unsure as to whether to send them to school, please see the following flowchart. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms:

- a high temperature above 37.8c– this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means not being able to smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.





Head Boy and Girl

Congratulations to the newly elected head boy and head girl and their deputies who were democratically elected by their peers in Year 6 after presenting their manifestos. There were many well thought out and comprehensive manifestos presented by various children, so well done to all that took part in the election. The successful children were:

Head boy: Jerin
Deputy: Hashim

Head girl: Erin
Deputy: Ava Grace

Tuck for Children in KS2

Children in KS2 may bring a piece of healthy 'tuck' to eat at break time, either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Children should not be bringing sweets or crisps onto the school site.

Children in Ks1 and EYS will receive a piece of fruit as part of the government 'fruit for schools' scheme.

Secondary Schools Applications

All children in Year 6 are required to complete an application for Secondary School in September 2020 online. Details can be found online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Please ensure that you do your research about potential schools by looking at their websites and use all of the choices available.

Make sure you have read the admission arrangements fully for the schools you are interested in and know how likely it is that your child will be offered a place there. It is important that you include at least one realistic preference for a school that your child would have met the criteria for in previous years. Please note that some local Catholic schools require you to complete additional information regarding baptismal details. The final date for acceptance of preferences and online applications is 31st October 2020.

Uniform

We have a number of children who are misplacing items of uniform at the moment in school. Please ensure that your child's uniform (including PE Kit, coats and shoes) is clearly labelled with their name and class so that it can be returned promptly should it be misplaced.

Also, please note that children should now be attending school in full winter uniform, which consist of a formal shirt/ blouse, tie and jumper/ cardigan. Furthermore, in line with the school prospectus children in KS1 and EYFS should not be wearing any jewellery, including earrings. Fashion hairstyles are also not permitted in school and if girls are wearing bows in their hair they should be discrete and not large fashion statements.

Macmillian Coffee Morning

Unfortunately, due to current COVID - 19 restrictions we are unable to hold a Macmillian Coffee morning this year. However, should you wish to make a donation to this worthy charity you can send this into school with your child, in an envelope marked with their name and MacMillian Coffee Morning donation. Thank you.

Welcome Meetings

As you are aware these meetings were unable to take place due to current restrictions. Copies of the PowerPoint are available on the school website under the parents tab. You may need to scroll down the page to find them.

<https://www.stberns.co.uk/parents>

Nuts

We have a significant number of children in school who have a serious and life-threatening allergy to nuts. No nut based products are used in school and we would please ask parents to ensure that no nut based products are sent in lunchboxes – this includes Nutella sandwich filling. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Library Book Returns

Prior to lockdown many children had taken a school books home from our school library. There are still a number of these book that have not been returned. Please could you have a look in your homes and return any books that you find to school so that the library can be replenished. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Children should have a water bottle in school clearly labelled with their name. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child has a water bottle, which is cleaned on a regular basis.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who have had the best attendance in their key stage.

FS/KS1 - RPF & RND

KS2 - 5KH

Prayer for a smile

Lord, joy is a gift meant for sharing,
To spread warmth and happiness around.
Bless me with a cheerful heart
That looks at the bright side of life.
Bless me with a cheerful disposition,
With a ready smile on my lips,
To bring new life, hope and courage
To the hearts of the weary and overburdened.
A smile costs nothing but creates much,
For it is something of no good to anyone
Till it is given away.
Should I meet someone too tired to smile,
Let me give them one of mine.
For nobody needs a smile so much,
As someone who has none left to give.
Amen.

Reflection

Saint Mother Teresa is often quoted as saying that God asks us to be faithful, not successful. In other words, we are called to offer our best to the Lord, striving to be faithful to His holy Will, and then leave the rest to Him. At times it may appear that our “best” does not produce the desired good fruit that we desire. Perhaps an attempt you make at reconciling with another failed. Or perhaps you put your heart and soul into some work and it never appeared to take off in the way you had hoped. There is great freedom in the realization that all we are called to do is be faithful, not successful. “Success” is measured by God, not by human standards. We are truly “successful” only when we are faithful to the Will of God and diligent in committing ourselves to His divine work. If we are faithful in this way, nothing else matters. Do your best and leave the rest to God!

Class Saints

Each class in school is dedicated to particular saint. To mark the feast day of each saint a class will have the opportunity to come into school in their own clothes. Children in each class will also study their chosen saint and learn facts about their life.

Thursday 1st October is the feast of St Therese of Lisieux – class 3TK will celebrate this feast day

Sunday 4th October is the feast of St Francis – Class RND will celebrate this feast on Monday 5th October.

Thursday 22nd October is the feast of St John Paul II – class 4CB will celebrate this feast day.

Friday 23rd October is the feast of St Jude – Class 5KH will celebrate this feast day.

Car Parks

The school car parks are solely for the use of staff and authorized visitors. Please ensure that you do not obstruct the car parks or driveways. Please also ensure that when entering and exiting school that the designated paths are used and that pupils do not walk across the car parks.

Data and Consent Form

You will soon be receiving a data and consent form. Please read the form carefully and sign each of the statements to say you consent to them. Please ensure that you have read both the front and back of the form and signed it where appropriate. The form can be returned to school with your child to be given to their class teacher.

Worried about a child?

If you have concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person then please contact one of the designated Safeguarding Leads in school: Miss Cowings, Mr Lavin, Mr Carroll or Miss Connaire. Alternatively, you can contact Birmingham Children’s Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888.

Special Certificates

Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done to the following children:

Nursery (Blue)	Alfie	For a wonderful start to Nursery.	Nursery (Red)	Peniel	For fabulous counting and number recognition to 20!
Nursery (Green)	Bobby	For a great start to Nursery.	Nursery (Yellow)	Jaylen	For showing care and consideration for his friends in Nursery.
RND	Tayah	For settling into school really well and always having a lovely smile on her face!	3JR/LC	Ava Louise	For a positive attitude and helpfulness.
	Bailey	For settling into school well and gaining confidence in the classroom.		Kai	For an amazing attitude to all areas of school life.
RSD	Tehya Grace	For always playing so beautifully and sensibly.	4AMD	China	For an exceptional start to year 4.
	Erin	For being so caring and well behaved in school.		Adeena	For a being a role model to her peers.
RPF	Regan	For always using his 'listening ears' and 'looking eyes'.	4CB	Alexander	For a fantastic start to year 4.
	Lewis Lee	For a being kind and helpful!		Izzy-May	For an excellent attitude in all areas of school life.
1EG	Orlaith	For being a kind, thoughtful member of our class.	4CM	Gerline	For her hard work during English this week.
	Callum	For trying hard in his lessons and always being cheerful.		Regan	For having such an excellent attitude to learning. For his hard work during English this week.
1OB	Liyana Sq	For always having lovely manners and being kind.	5EB	Deven	For working hard to be the best he can be - an example to all.
	Jaydan	For being so helpful and polite in class.		Mason	For his great generosity towards others during an election in class.
1SMCG	Sofia	For a fantastic start to Year 1!	5KH	Darcey	For being so kind and supportive to her teachers and peers.
	Connor	For being so helpful and having such lovely manners.		Mika'il	For being so insightful in our R.E. lesson.
2SF	Eleanor	For always being such a superstar!	5LC	Charlie	For being such an enthusiastic pupil with a thirst for knowledge.
	Charlie	For being so kind and helpful.		Ayona	For being really reliable and always offering a positive contribution.
2EL	Anayah	For being polite and respectful towards everyone all the time.	6KL	Ann	For a wonderful start to our school – a lovely polite young lady!
	John-Junior	For being super sensible and a kind friend to his classmates.		Gabriel	For a great start to Y6 and always giving his best.
2RW	Mollie	For being super helpful in lesson	6ZB	Kalese	For having such a fantastic attitude to school and for always brightening up the room!
	Charlie	For trying his best with the challenge of a being in a new year band! Well done Charlie :)		Shay	For being such a fantastic role model and for making an excellent start to Year 6!
3TK	Cara	For always being fantastically well behaved, in the classroom and out on the playground.	6AMJ	Beatrice	For being a polite and kind pupil who always tries her best.
	James	For being a superstar. Always using his wonderful manners and being really helpful in class.		Jefin	For always trying his best and doing the right thing.
3EH	Junior	For his fabulous effort with his English work			
	Alaarna	For being a wonderful role model for her peers			