

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Term 2 ends Friday 18th
December 2020

Term 3 starts Monday
4th January 2021

Spring Term 3

In the spring term we will be looking to redevelop some outdoor areas especially the garden. If you have any spare time and would like to help dig the beds over and make the area useable for the children please let me know.

We will also be starting a new initiative: **THE PARENT COUNCIL**. We will be seeking parent representatives for each class. The aim of the Parent Council is to provide a framework for school to listen to parents. Typically, a group of parents meet termly, to discuss issues, concerns and successes affecting parents at school with the leadership team. The Parent Council will have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that parental perspective is represented and taken into account. More information will follow in January.

WEBSITE & Facebook

We are continuing to update the school website and Facebook with photos, learning and policies. Please take a look.

There is also information for parents looking for school places in September 2021. Applications need to be submitted to the local authority in January.

December Newsletter—the season of giving.

Dear parents and carers,

At St Barnabas we are continually striving for all of our pupils to want to make a positive contribution to their local and global community. We want each one of them to value being part of their local community and take pride in belonging to St Barnabas. This is explicit in our curriculum and values.

So, what better place to start than Christmas! This year has been difficult and challenging in many different ways. Members of our local community may have suffered emotionally, financially and feel isolated; anything we can do to create a smile is worthwhile.

We will be gathering a St Barnabas food bank. In the entrance under the tree will be boxes for anyone who would like to make a donation. We are especially thinking of Christmas “goodies” such as mince pies, Christmas puddings, cakes, selection boxes, tree chocolates. Food parcels will be donated during the last week of term to the foodbank, families and local residents personally by our charity committee and house captains.

If you would like to **nominate a family or local resident** you think would benefit from receiving a Christmas care package, please email the office with a name and address or send me a dojo message. We would love to hear from you.

Miss Sheppard

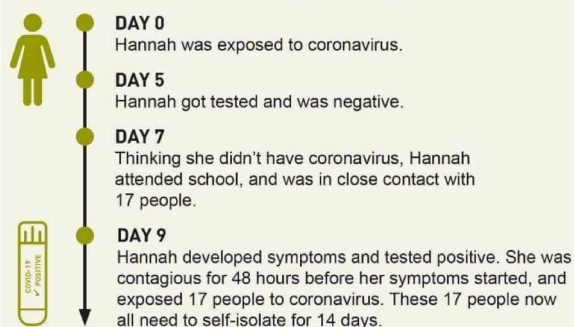
COVID 19

All of our up to date COVID information is on the school website. Please continue to be vigilant even after lockdown and keep us all safe.

- Maintain social distancing, keep to staggered start and finish times and wear a mask if you can.
- Do not linger on site or allow children to play on the equipment.
- Use email and dojo for communication with staff.

Coronavirus Incubation timeline

It can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms after exposure - this is known as the incubation period.



This is why it's so important to self-isolate for the allocated time and to only book a test if you develop symptoms.