

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who, this term, has joined us for Fantastic Friday assemblies and over the last couple of weeks the Nursery and Reception Craft workshops, the Early Years nativity play and the whole school Christingle Service. Thank you too to everyone who has made donations to the Redditch Night Stop appeal – we really appreciate your generosity and know that others will value your kindness too.

It really has been wonderful being able to reconnect with our St. George's family having you back in school and I know many of you have enjoyed being able to join in with the festive activities too.

**REMINDER - Tomorrow is Party Day!**

All the children are invited to wear their party clothes to school tomorrow for Party Day. We will provide party food for the children so, other than their normal lunchbox, please do not worry about sending anything in. We've got our fingers crossed the Father Christmas will be able to visit us at some point!

**Strep A**

Unfortunately, yesterday afternoon, we received news that two of our children have been confirmed as having Strep A. They are both being treated with antibiotics and I am sure you will join me in wishing them both a speedy recovery. We have reported this to our local Health Protection Team (HPT), and they have issued us with some guidance about what we need to prevent the spread of the infection:

- Ensure the individuals diagnosed with Strep A stay at home until at least 24 hours after starting anti-biotics
- Ensure children and staff follow the rules for good hand hygiene. Over the last few weeks, the children have had lessons in school to remind them about the importance of good handwashing techniques.
- Encourage children to follow good respiratory hygiene practices, using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routine. Again, over the last few weeks these messages have been covered in lessons.
- Ensuring our school building continues to be cleaned throughout the school day. One of our cleaners works from 11.30am until 12.30pm and cleans all the toilets, sinks and frequently touched surfaces (such as switches and door handles) every day.
- Ensure parents are kept well informed about the symptoms and actions they need to take to prevent their child from getting Scarlet Fever, Strep A and other childhood illnesses such as Chickenpox, impetigo etc. **PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER, for further information.**

**If you find yourself in a situation where your child is unwell and you are not sure what to do, please contact 111 for medical advice.**

**£35 Vouchers for the Christmas Holidays for children entitled to benefits related Free School meals**

The vouchers for the Christmas holidays were sent out on Tuesday. If you have not yet received yours or are having trouble accessing them, please pop into the school office and someone will be able to help you.

**Ordering dinners**

Please remember to order your child's hot dinner by 11pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. From the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 we will no longer be able to place orders for school dinners at the Office.

**St. George's is a very special community because of you and your children and the relationships you have with our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you for your support for your children and for our school.**



**Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy start to 2023. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.**

With my very best wishes,

*M.L. Bradbury*

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Headteacher