

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Wednesday Email.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Thank you for supporting the fundraising Christmas Raffle organised by the PA. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets until midnight tonight by using the link sent via your child's class WhatsApp. The raffle ticket drawer will take place TOMORROW, Thursday 17 December 2020. The winners will be notified by a member of the PA and arrangements made to give the winner's their prize safely.
- **FREE SCHOOL MEAL (FSM) VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Following the government announcement of the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme, on Monday of this week our families that are entitled to Free School Meals for their children have been emailed a unique reference number to be able to redeem an electronic voucher. Please note that some vouchers (Asda & Morrisons) can take up to three days to be sent to the family's email address.

Hertfordshire County Council have created an enquiry form which families can use if they have any questions about the voucher scheme or accessing their vouchers once term has ended: <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/mealvouchers/>

For further support parents may email: EducationTeam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Families can make a new FSM application and find more information:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Families who applied for free school meals after 14 December will receive their vouchers directly from Family Food Trust.

- **YEAR 6 PGL SCHOOL JOURNEY TO PGL 2021:** Please see the attached letter from Mrs Smith giving details of the proposed Year 6 School Journey in the summer of 2021.
- **APEX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPORT, DANCE, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES CLUB:** Please see the attached flyer for details.
- **APEX SPRING TERM 2021 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** The APEX Football Clubs will continue next term week commencing Tuesday 12 January 2021 for Year 3, Wednesday 13 January 2021 for Year 4 and Thursday 14 January 2021 for Year 5. Book online: www.apex360.co.uk/bookings
- **VACCINATION UK:** If your child has not had the flu vaccine immunisation it is not too late to have it. You will still be able to book an appointment for your child by contacting the Hertfordshire School Immunisation Team on 01462 341173. Please see the attached letter.

- **END OF TERM FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2020:** A reminder of each Year group pick up time:

1.30pm – Year 6

1.35pm – Year 5

1.40pm – Year 4

1.45pm – Year 3

MESSAGE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following important information with you following a significant increase in coronavirus infections amongst 12-16 year olds:

Dear parent/carer

Thank you for everything you and your family are doing to play your part in the fight against coronavirus. Our schools and other education settings have worked extremely hard this term to help keep everyone safe. However, as we move into the Christmas holidays, it is of utmost importance that we continue to stay safe.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of coronavirus infections in 12-16 year olds and would therefore urge you to have a conversation with your child to make sure they understand, and are following, the Government regulations to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. The actions you and your family can take to play your part are:

- Wash your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and warm water or use an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available
- Stay at least 2 metres (or 1 metre with other measures, such as a face-covering) away from those not in your immediate household
- Wear a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance
- Self-isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms
- Do not socialise indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household and only meet in groups of up to 6 people outdoors

Some areas of Hertfordshire will be moving into Tier 3 restrictions as of 00:01am on Wednesday 16 December (Broxbourne, Three Rivers, Watford and Hertsmere). Residents in these areas will need to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, Tier 3 restrictions:

www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert

Please remember that while your child is in school, they are in a 'bubble', which is carefully managed by the school. However outside of school hours, they should continue to follow the most up to date Government guidelines, and we encourage you to explain this to your child.

If you choose to socialise in a bubble of up to three separate households during 23-27 December, which is the period the Government proposes to relax guidelines, please enjoy this time but please also remember to do so safely by continuing to follow good hand hygiene and socially distance where possible. Coronavirus is known to linger in enclosed spaces, so keeping windows open can also reduce risk.

We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Hertfordshire County Council

Kind regards

St Cuthbert Mayne School Office