



22nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Lockdown Week 10 Update

Last week each child who had consent was given their second and third Lateral Flow Test. The work that has gone on behind the scenes to make this happen has been truly phenomenal. All of the staff involved have worked so hard in order to make the process as smooth as possible. I want to thank you as parents for all of the support during the testing period in particular. We now move to home testing and I ask that you ensure that you have read and understood the letter from Mrs Doherty sent on 18th March. If you have any questions around the testing at home, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Doherty, j.doherty@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

Unfortunately, last week we had two school aged children, not from St James', enter the school car park and attempt to gain entry to the bike shed. The bike shed sits outside of the locked gates and fences which keep our staff and children safe. I am pleased to say they did not gain entry, nor did they manage to take any bikes. Nevertheless, if your child does ride a bike to school, please can you ensure that you speak to your child about the importance of them being locked up, even when inside the bike shed, preferably with a "D-lock".

The confirmation programme, which has taken place within parishes rather than at school for the last few years, has been launched at St Ann's. As we get any more details from other parishes, I will of course inform parents. For any of our school families who are in the parish of St Ann's, Cheadle Hulme with children in Year 9 who would like to join this year's Confirmation Programme, please let St Ann's know by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com.

As we approach the end of our Spring term, I would like to remind parents that we finish school on Friday 26th March at 3pm for Easter and re-open for the Summer term on Monday 12th April to all children. Please look out for the Spring term newsletter that will be sent to all parents tomorrow. It contains the usual updates from our Heads of Year, Attendance Officer, Lay Chaplain and myself.

There are many different images and symbols used in scripture to describe Jesus; Light, Water, Bread, the Vine and being like a Shepherd. Yesterday in the Gospel, he talked about himself in terms of a seed being sown in the ground. Jesus offers himself to each of us as the seed that falls to the ground and dies only to be resurrected. We are almost coming to the end of our Lenten Journey ready to celebrate the joy of Easter. Have a fantastic week and a happy, Holy and restful Easter when it comes. Hopefully with the easing of restrictions we will be able to see more of our families outside from Monday 29th March.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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