

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Lateral Flow testing

We had very good attendance to our onsite lateral flow testing which took place on site this week. Test kits have been distributed today so that your son can continue to test on a Sunday and on a Wednesday. We would also encourage you to report your son's test results via the Test Register and <u>www.gov.uk</u>. If your son should run out of tests then he should speak to his Form tutor in the first instance.

PCR tests

From Tuesday 11th January onwards, anyone with a positive lateral flow test does not need a confirmatory PCR test, but will be required to self-isolate immediately. Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 was reduced to 7 days. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Dates for your diary – Half Term 3

Thursday 20 th January:	Yr. 13 Parent Teacher Meeting (Virtual)
Friday 21 st January:	Nasal Flu Vaccinations Catch-Up
Tuesday 1 st February:	Yr. 9 Immunisations
Thursday 3 rd February:	Yr. 11 Parent Teacher Meeting
Friday 4 th February:	Platinum Jubilee Day

Collective Worship

The themes for Collective Worship for this half term are as follows:

W/b: Monday 10th Jan: Commit yourself to the purifying fire of God's love and let that love cleanse you (Virtual)
W/b: Monday 17th Jan: Listen and embrace God's will (Virtual)
W/b: Monday 24th Jan: Honour Christ as the Prophet of all Truth and receive Him with joy (Virtual)

A decision will be made in the W/b 24th January on whether Collective Worship will be in person or virtual for the two remaining weeks depending on the number of positive Covid-19 cases.

W/b: Monday 31st Jan: Accept and believe in the Good News W/b: Monday 7th February: Put out into Deep Water and lower your nets

Fundraising

I wrote to you towards the end of 2021 outlining the extraordinary costs the school is having to incur due to Covid-19, as well as other unexpected costs such as the boilers, IT server and sports playing fields. Just before Christmas, we launched our biggest ever fundraising campaign to raise £100,000. We have already reached nearly £27,000 and need your help to reach our goal. Please see the link below: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheJohnFisherSchool

Christmas is a very expensive time for many so we understand not everyone can donate. Please give what you can to help us maintain the opportunities we provide for every student.

Emails received this week

'Well done to you all! You are doing a fantastic job for keeping our kids safe and mentally healthy. We are so thankful!' - Parent of Yr. 9 student

'Just a quick note to say it was good to see you all again on Tuesday and to help out at the school with the testing. Should you need my help again, please get in touch.' - Mark Woolfenden (Volunteer from the L.A)

Epiphany

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. We recall the Magi who came to honour Christ and to bring him gifts of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh, which represent His Kingship, Priesthood & sacrifice upon the Cross. We continue to pray for the gifts of health, peace and hope.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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