



For advice on Covid-19 Isolation and testing, please see page 2

Our school value this half term is: "Perseverance"

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Psalm 18.2

## Notices

### At Aughton Christ Church, We Love Reading

To help us to promote a love of reading with children in school, we are planning several exciting reading initiatives to tie in with world book day.

#### World Book Day—3rd March

Children are invited to attend school on **Thursday 3rd March** dressed as a character from their favourite book to celebrate World Book Day. We will also be running a competition for the children to create a

recycled 'Reading Buddy'. Here are a few examples, but please use your imagination and get creative. Upcycle your rubbish into something beautiful and grow/make yourself a reading buddy. The closing date for our competition will be World Book Day (**Thursday 3rd March**) and further details of this competition will be shared with the children in our special reading assembly next week.



### Sponsored Read & Extreme Reading Challenge

Over half term we will be running a sponsored readathon and an extreme reading competition where we invite all the children and staff to take pictures of themselves reading in the most interesting and unique places. How far can you take your reading? Details of these events will be shared with the children in a special reading assembly on Thursday 10th February and a letter will be sent home and shared on ClassDojo with further information.

### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in the school hall from Thursday 3rd to Tuesday 8th March. Times will be released after half term. Please try and visit our Book Fair at some point during the week with your child and help us promote reading for enjoyment. Every book sold at the book fair helps us earn rewards that our school can then spend on books for our classrooms and library.

### Children's Mental Health Week and Online Safety Day

Mental Health and well being continues to be an essential aspect of school for all children. Following on from our 'connecting with nature walk' last term, we will be holding events and initiatives during children's Mental Health Week starting on **Monday 7th February**. The theme is 'Growing Together'. Online safety is also a crucial aspect of our curriculum and children's wellbeing. **Tuesday 8th February** is Online Safety Day and we will be working with the children about how to stay safe online.

### Y6 Tower Wood Residential

We are still accepting payments for the Year 6 Tower Wood residential holiday in June. Please ensure that your payment card accompanies all payments (cheques preferred, made payable to 'L.C.C'). Thank you.



### Cricket

Cricket club for Years 5 and 6 is on a Friday from 3:30—4:30pm with Mr Kennedy for those children who have returned slips.

### Half term

Please note that school will close on Friday 11th February at the usual time of 3:30pm. School will reopen at 8:45am on Monday 21st February.

### Dates for your diary

*Monday 7th February—Y5 to Ormskirk Tennis Club*

*Monday 7th to Friday 11th February—Children's Mental Health Week*

*Monday 14th to Friday 18th February—Half Term*

*Tuesday 1st March—Y5 & Y6 visit to Bridgewater Hall*

*Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day*

*Thursday 3rd to Tuesday 8th March—Book Fair*

## Update on Covid-19 - Isolation and Testing

As a school we continue to have measures in place for the safety of our whole community. Upon our initial return to school in January we maintained a bubble structure in school to allow us to review cases and our school and community context.

Last Monday we removed our bubble structure and have monitored school carefully this week. School has functioned really well and we have once again come together in the hall for whole school worship. We will continue to keep our measures and school context under daily review to ensure the most appropriate measures for our setting are in place.

Also, in line with Government guidance, **from January 11th, people testing asymptotically do not need to book a PCR test if they have a positive LFD result.** They can just start their isolation from the day of their positive LFD test.

**People who are symptomatic should still book a PCR test.**

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, **if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.**

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.