



## CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER 05/03/2021

### Nottinghamshire County Council Consultation on school holiday and term dates

The Council is proposing two options and wants to know what YOU think!

**Option A:** follows the current model, which includes 2 weeks for the October half term break, a fixed spring break (generally the first two weeks in April) and generally 5 weeks break for the summer holiday

**Option B:** proposes 2 weeks for the October half term break, a varied spring break and slight changes to the start and end dates for the academic year.

The link to the online survey is:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/consultation-on-school-term-time-dates>



# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We are SO excited to welcome ALL our wonderful children back next week - we have missed you!

We are particularly looking forward to celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY** on Monday with you.

The staff are planning some lovely activities about some of our favourite books... can you guess what mine is?!



*Mrs Richardson*

### Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for all the wonderful books we can enjoy;  
For the adventures they take us on and the lessons they teach us.  
Thank you for the stories which make us laugh;  
Thank you for the stories which make us think.  
Thank you for the Bible  
And the stories that tell us about your love.

Amen



### **A FEW REMINDERS...**

**BREAKFAST CLUB** starts again next week. Please contact the School Office if you need to book a place.

**MONEY** needs to come into school on a **MONDAY** in a sealed, named envelope. *If you still owe school any money (e.g. for school dinners) please pay as soon as possible.*

**CONTACT DETAILS:** We **MUST** have two active contact phone numbers in case of an emergency. **Please inform us IMMEDIATELY if you change your number.** It is EXTREMELY important that we can contact you quickly and that you answer phone-calls from school.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS ABOUT COVID-19

### NATIONAL LOCK-DOWN

While we are all pleased that school have now fully re-opened, we are asking parents and carers to remember that we are currently **still under a NATIONAL LOCKDOWN** to try and reduce the transmission of coronavirus and to save lives.

We understand that it is tempting to start to bend the rules and 'go back to normal', but the guidance from the Government is very clear.

**Please remember that play-dates / parties / sleepovers are NOT allowed at the moment, even with children from the same 'bubble' at school.**

We are following very strict rules in school to keep you safe and we expect all our families to follow lockdown rules outside of school as well.

Here are some reminders of the key rules that we all have to follow:

- **You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a support bubble with (if you are legally permitted to form one). This is against the law.**
- Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is under 14. This is mainly to enable parents to work, and must not be used to enable social contact between adults.
- **You cannot leave home for recreational or leisure purposes (such as for a picnic or a social meeting).**
- You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason.
- You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- **Stay 2 metres apart** from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

### **If you break the rules**

The police can take action against you if you meet in larger groups. This includes breaking up illegal gatherings and issuing fines.

### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace have announced that all adults in households with school and college age children *without symptoms* can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

**Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.**

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

**Tests are fast, easy and completely free.**

There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

**Please note that schools will not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose.**

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines).

Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.