



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!



Newsletter 14

20th December 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU

Website: <https://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/>

Email: contact@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk

Telephone: 0151 263 8460 (Press 1 to report a pupil absence)

Contact Details

In the interest of your child's safety and well being we need:

- * a named adult that can be contacted at all times
- * at least 3 up to date telephone numbers
- * a call if your child is absent from school

If there is no contact a home visit will be carried out. If there is still no contact we may need to call the police for a welfare check.



Family Support Dawn Foxon, our school Family Support Worker, is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues. **Call Dawn Foxon 07712235811 or see Mrs Birch.**



You can apply for free school meals via this link <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>

Message from Mrs Rigby

Happy Christmas to you all! I hope you and your families have a delightful Christmas celebration and stay safe. I would like to send you all a heartfelt thank you for your outstanding support during this term to help keep our school as covid safe as possible. As a school we have had to face, and overcome, a number of challenges to ensure we could fully implement COVID-19 safe practices and we have only been able to do this so successfully with your help. **THANK YOU!** We have sent out a number of letters about what to do if any children have symptoms, or a positive COVID-19 test over the next 48 hours - please stay alert and follow this guidance. From Monday (21st December) our contact email address **will not be monitored by staff.** This contact point will resume when we return to school. School re-opens for all on **Tuesday 5th January 2021!**



Children in Action

Class messages are now available to view

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjpKCqdP32i9OOXwROoCVSg>

Our whole school 12 Days of Christmas clip will be available to view on Christmas Eve!



HM Government

AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT: gov.uk/domestic-abuse

999
FOR URGENT HELP

999 + 55
IF YOU CAN'T SPEAK



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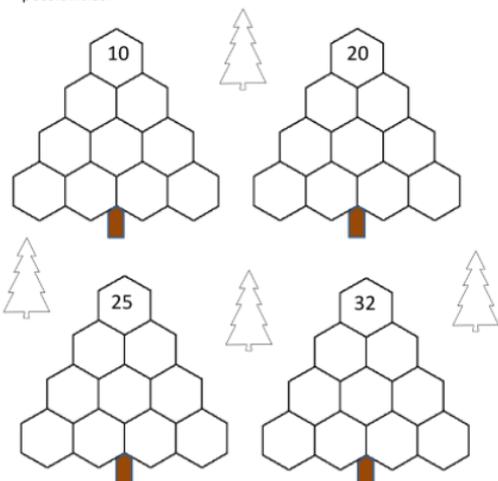


We have had so much fun this Christmas!



CHRISTMAS TREE ADDING CHALLENGE 5

- Each number is the total of the two numbers below it.
- Find a solution for each of the trees below! There are many possibilities!



Hot Chocolate Winners



The Parish of St Michael and Sacred Heart Newsletters <https://st-michaels-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/our-parish/>

The Wednesday Word <https://st-michaels-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/re-1/>



Christmas Appeal!— We would like to say a special thank you to the L6 Centre,



An Hour For Others and Kensington Fields Community Centre for the food, vouchers and toys they kindly donated to our families.



An extract from a letter sent to Santa from the Chief of Police.

Dear Santa



I thought that the Coronavirus restrictions might get in the way of you doing your most important job this Christmas—delivering presents to all the children and putting a smile on their faces. So in order for that to happen, without you getting into trouble with the law, I've decided to make a very important decision. On Christmas Eve, but not before, you, your seven reindeer and whichever elves you need in your bubble to help you, will be temporality exempt from the Coronavirus laws and restrictions. This means that:

- * You can land on someone's roof and go down the chimney without worrying about needing to be in their bubble or mixing with another household.
- * You can travel outside of Merseyside to other parts of the country...as long as you visit our households first.
- * And I will allow you a glass of sherry and a few mince pies, but please remember to wash your hands afterwards. Face masks are trickier. I know for gentleman who have a beard, masks can be annoying and itchy, but for safety reasons I would like you and your elves to keep them on. The flight paths in the sky should be quieter than normal and so should the roads. So give us a wave when you fly over our Police Stations. And please keep your sleigh to the speed limit. I don't want our helicopter to give you a ticket. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Christmas Birthdays

Kyle Deery Success Okoro
Holly Midsaeter Jeril James
Deborah Ayodele Wiktorja Zdyb
Deborah Eke Miss Sillitoe

New Year Birthdays

Alex Jones Charlie Jones
Maisie Collett Charlotte Brown
Nathan Morris Marek Milo
Mahafujur Ali Eilaf Abacar
Peggy Crickson

Diary Dates

School Re-opens—Tuesday 5th January 2021

Inset Day—Friday 15th January (school closed)



Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year





Letter from Alyson Rigby, headteacher

After school breaks up for Christmas we all still have an important job to ensure that any contacts of a confirmed case are identified and given details of isolation. This will help to keep the virus under control and protect family members and friends over the Christmas period.

The school will continue to monitor our email address – contact@stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk until Sunday 20th December. We ask parents to inform school up until Sunday 20th December if their child:

- develops Covid-19 symptoms (new persistent cough/high temperature/loss of taste or smell)
- has taken a test and is waiting for results
- has tested positive

Please do not delay in informing school

This will allow school to work with families to contact trace where necessary leading up to Christmas.

If your child develops symptoms or takes a test in which they are positive after Sunday 20th December, they do not need to inform school and you should follow NHS Track and Trace procedures (www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/).



Letter from Matt Ashton Director of Public Health and Steve Reddy Director of Children's Services

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support in the fight against Coronavirus.

Although the number of infections in Liverpool has reduced, the rate of reduction has levelled out and infections in working age and older people are still too high. There are key actions we urge you take to stay safe and keep infections low around socialising over Christmas and returning to school.

Holiday socialising

Just because we can mix outside of our household over 5 days over Christmas – doesn't mean we should. We urge you consider just how much mixing you will need to do and how you can continue to reduce the risks. Some people, such as the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, continue to be at much greater risk. Over Christmas we ask that you please:

- Stick to your bubbles
- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, stay in isolation.
- Avoid large gatherings
- Avoid unnecessary contact
- Open a window for ventilation
- Continue to wash your hands thoroughly and more often
- Continue with good respiratory hygiene: use a tissue and catch it, bin it kill it. Remember there are other infections doing the rounds over the winter period including influenza (flu).

Please ensure you have your flu vaccination if you are in a vulnerable group.

The government's advice re Christmas can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidancefor-the-Christmas-period>. Please follow the local rules on where you can go and who you can meet, including on New Year's Eve when your Christmas bubble will no longer apply.



Liverpool
City Council

Let's get tested for our families, our mates, our city.

BOOK A FREE TEST NOW

NHS COVID-19 app | gov.uk/testliverpool | call 119

With many of us staying indoors it's important we're getting enough Vitamin D to help keep our bones and muscles healthy. Vitamin D is found in foods including eggs, red meat and oily fish but mainly comes from the sun. PHE advise that people not getting enough Vitamin D take a supplement of 10 micrograms (400IU) per day from October to March. For more information go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vitamins-and-minerals/vitamin-d/>



Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds



Use a tissue to turn off the tap. Dry hands thoroughly.

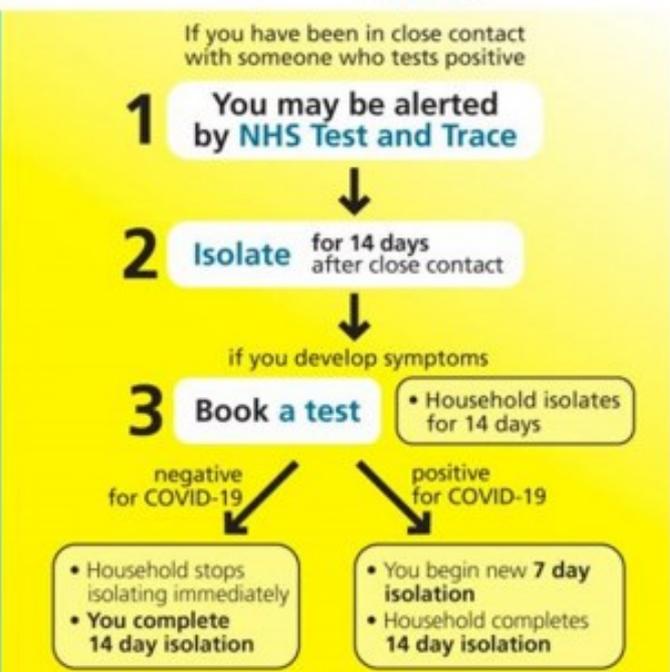
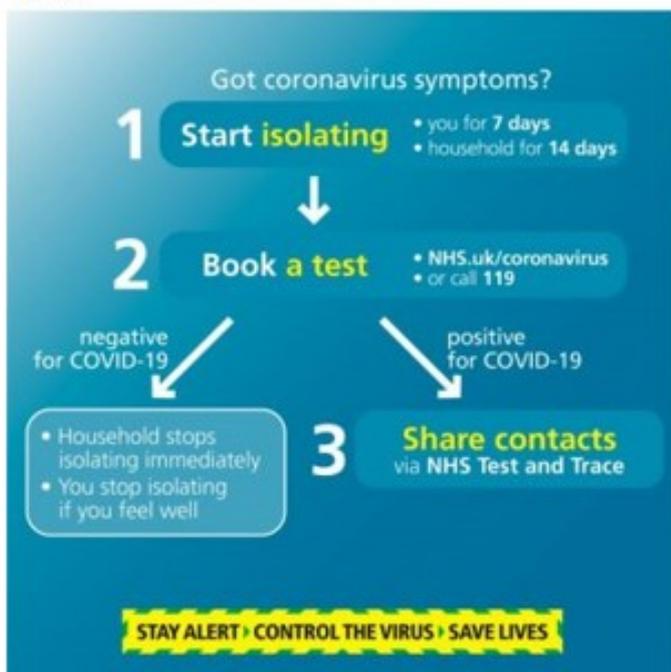


Self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened from 14 to 10 days across the UK from Monday 14th December. The change will also apply to people instructed to quarantine after returning from high-risk countries. It means anyone who has been self-isolating for 10 days or more will be able to end their quarantine on Monday. The announcement comes as data shows Covid cases falling in most of England and Northern Ireland.



NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community.

The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy. If your postcode district becomes high risk, the app will let you know – and give you advice on what action to take.



STAY ALERT - CONTROL THE VIRUS - SAVE LIVES



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Term Dates 2020-2021



Autumn Term 2020

Term: Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December 2020

Half term: Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October 2020

Terms ends: Friday 18th December 2020



Spring Term 2021

Term: Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021

Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021

Term ends: Friday 26th March 2021



Summer Term 2021

Term: Monday 12th April to Tuesday 20th July 2021

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Tuesday 20th July 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

Staff Development /Training Days—School Closed for Pupils

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 25th September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 15th January 2021

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