



The Messenger



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'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Because we are now experiencing very low infection rates in school, (currently 5) as from Monday 7 February we will no longer be asking anyone to follow the 5-day isolation procedure if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19. This means your child will still be able to come to school. We ask that they test daily for the following 7 days to rule out any further infection. Tests can be booked online. [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The following guidance still applies:

1. Test regularly. If positive, you must isolate for at least 5 days dependent on negative results on day 5 and 6. If one remains positive, you must isolate until you have 2 consecutive negative results 24hrs apart. You may still have to isolate for 10 days.
2. If you have symptoms, get a PCR test. Book online [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

It is clear the aim is to manage the infection and live with it, like any other infection. We must still take care of ourselves and each other. Please, keep safe.

Staffing Update: I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Ruth Clark has been appointed as the new Pre-School Manager, beginning after half term. Although we lose Mrs Clark from school, I am delighted that she will be leading the youngest members of our school community, continuing their learning ready for their journey into the 'big' school. Congratulations Mrs Clark!

Parent Consultations: Thank you for signing up for appointment times on the school website. Information regarding the meetings will be sent next week. These meetings will be held on MS Teams.



As we approach Spring (!) the daffodils on site are beginning to show themselves. To give them every chance of flowering over the coming weeks and brightening the grounds can we keep to the designated pavements when moving at the front of school.

Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates for diary

2022	
Monday 7-13 Feb	Children's Mental Health Awareness week
Tuesday 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 February	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 18 February	School closes for half-term
Monday 28 th February	School opens
Monday 28 February	School Book Fair in Hall 3:00-3:45 for parents to view
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.
Wednesday 9 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 16 March	Sacrament of Reconciliation (children in Y3 who are making their Holy Communion)
Friday 1 April	School closes for Easter
Easter Sunday 17 April	
Tuesday 19 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 9 May	SATS Week (Y6)
Saturday 14 May	Holy Communion Mass
Friday 27 May	School closes
Monday 6 June	School opens

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE from our Y5 Netball team last night who stood in whilst some of the Y6 team were away this week. An outstanding and wonderful effort saw the team finish 2nd amongst Alsager schools. They had such a brilliant attitude and commitment to do their best. Thank you Y5 for simply being Brilliant!

Keeping Our Community Safe

If driving, please be careful and keep to the speed limits when approaching the school from Cedar Avenue at drop off and pick up times. Outside of school there is a 20mph limit. Parents and residents are all too aware that we must keep everyone in our community safe, avoiding any possible accidents. Please be extra vigilant.

ALSO: Please keep to one way system of approaching school from Cedar Avenue and up Well Lane... please do not try to drive 'down' Well Lane against the traffic at busy periods.

PUPIL ABSENCE: If you are reporting your child's absence, please ring the school and use the absence line. This way we can ensure the reason for absence is recorded quickly and avoid a follow up phone call.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

From 7 - 13 February 2022, we will be taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. Children's mental health week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

Place2Be believe every child should have easy access to mental health support whenever they need it. They create safe spaces in schools where students can open up without pressure, arming them with emotional skills to help deal with everything life throws at them.

As a charity, Place2Be rely heavily on the generosity and support of the community to continue their essential work in the future and to reach children before it's too late. That's why we have chosen to support Place2Be and raise much-needed funds this Children's Mental Health Week.

Throughout the week children will have dedicated lessons and activities related to wellbeing. We will end the week by asking children (and staff) to express themselves by having a "**Dress to Express day**". Children could wear their favourite colour or an unique outfit to express how they are feeling. it can be as simple or elaborate as you like!

Y6 on tour @ Stanley Head



Y6 have had a wonderful week at Stanley Head. They've smiled, laughed, got muddy, walked, walked and walked some more, climbed, crawled and faced their fears. And notably, they have all been wonderful ambassadors of our school. I am very proud of you all. A big thank you to Miss Dickenson, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Rice-Birchall for sharing the week too!

'Funny Friday'



Our 'Funny Friday' feature will allow the children to get their jokes published in the next edition of the 'Messenger'. To share your joke just write it down with your name and class, hand it in to your class teacher and they will be collected by Mr Byrne. If you can make him laugh... there's a good chance you may get your name on the next newsletter! Here's one to start us off...

Why do
seagulls fly over
the sea?

Because if
they flew over
the bay, they
would be
bagels!