

St Patrick's News

2nd July 2021



Mon 19th July - Y6 Leavers' celebration (4pm - 6pm)
Tue 20th July - sports day - whole school
Tue 20th July - last day of school year



COVID-19

Like many schools across the region, we have been severely affected by the rising number of cases of coronavirus and this week have had no option but to send home several class bubbles. Along with this, we have a number of staff members self-isolating. This makes running the school in the normal way incredibly difficult - please bear with us if you are trying to get through to the office and ensure that your child is in school on time so that office staff do not have to waste valuable time signing children in.

A couple of points to clarify:

LFD tests are **not** for people who show symptoms, they are to pick up **asymptomatic** cases of coronavirus.

If you, or anyone in your household has **symptoms of coronavirus**, you should **book a PCR test**.

If you, or anyone in your household tests **POSITIVE on an LFD**, you should **book a PCR test** to confirm the result so that close contacts can be informed (this prevents unnecessary self-isolation if the test reports a false positive).

If your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for coronavirus they need to self-isolate. They do not need to have a PCR test unless they develop symptoms as a negative PCR test will not mean that they can come back to school - this can only happen when the full self-isolation period ends.

If you are emailing or leaving a message regarding absence linked to Covid-19, please ensure that you provide as much detail as possible:

1. Name of child and class
2. Reason for absence (*one of the following*):
 - ⇒ Child has had a positive test - date of test
 - ⇒ Child is self-isolating - start and finish date, contact who is positive (parent/sibling)
 - ⇒ Child is getting a PCR test - date symptoms started
 - ⇒ Family has received Test and Trace alert - start and finish date

If you need help getting a test to check if you have coronavirus, or have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace and have a question or concern, call 119, or visit the Government or NHS websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

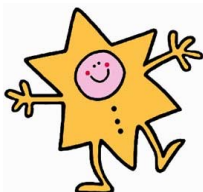
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

School staff are not trained to give advice regarding self-isolation or testing, please follow Government guidance.

Please continue to keep school informed of any absence and complete a leave of absence form if your child is off for any reason other than illness - please don't be tempted to use self-isolation as a reason for absence if your family are not self-isolating.

Thank you for your cooperation - hopefully, things will be back to normal for September.

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS this week:



Max Kelly, Marley Pearson, Sol Cassidy, Ollie Wilkinson, Zack O'Neill, Alfie Price, Arian Azhdari-Nia, Connor Cullen, Emma Czech, Charlie Job, Archie Ross, Isabel Handy, Martha Ward, Josh Bower, Layla Fairhurst, Dylan Lowery, Lucas Buckley, Matthew Tennant, Layla Walton, Scarlett Gallie, Molly Hogarth, Patryk Chmielewski, Molly Innes and David Brzana.

Great work everyone!



This week's awards go to:

**OSCAR DAVISON, JACK SHIELD
and JOSEPH HOBAN**

from Year 6

for coming up with a variety of different
games to play with a tennis ball!



STAYING HEALTHY

Breaktime snacks and packed lunches should be **healthy**. Suggestions for breaktime include; fruit (fresh or dried), veggie sticks, plain popcorn, plain rice cakes, cheese, crackers and yogurt tubes.

No sweets, chocolate bars, biscuits or crisps are allowed at breaktime and will be returned home if seen by staff. Thank you ☺

Congratulations to the children who received awards this week:

BRONZE

Year 6 Sean Allardice, Darcey McDonald, Demi Williams, Patryk Chmielewski, Evie Mills, Grace Hart, Mia Richardson, Molly Hogarth, James Bowley, Callum Hogarth, Kagan Corbett-Hope, Niall Kennedy, Ermita Sauka, Jamie Hollinshead, Daniel Mc Donagh, Maisie Lord, Jae Bewley, Ryley Rafferty and Lewis Elliott.

SILVER

Rec Phoebe Walton, Emmie Charlton, Brooke Armstrong, Ella-Rose Curry, Lola Cant, Harry Mason, Brendan Taylor, Penelope Honey, Harper Collinson, Darcey Stewart, Noah Emery, Pola Majewska, Georgia Robinson, Charlotte Marshall and Mia Nixon.

Year 1 Jack Guy, Sophia Herron, George Nelson and Sofie Rzczkowska.

Year 6 James Naughton, Rhys-Lee Dumighan, Dylan Jarvis, Harry McKay, Anthony Lavery, Charlie Nesham, and Kamsu Ozumba.

GOLD

Year 5 Hanna Dlugoszek, Brooke Knowles, Farah Thompson and Gracie Cunningham.

Year 6 Jack Shield



Well done everyone!

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our breakfast and after school clubs are heavily oversubscribed.

We know that some parents only need a place occasionally - if this is the case, please ensure that you book the place in advance (before 9.30am) by emailing Mrs Coyle - d.coyle100@stp-consett.co.uk. Unless you receive confirmation from Mrs Coyle, please do not assume that your child has a place. In an emergency, you should call the office.

Ad hoc places must be **paid for on the day** by ParentPay.

Regular places must be booked with Mrs Coyle in advance and paid for either:

- A. Weekly (by the Friday of each week)
- B. Monthly (by the 19th of each month)

Mrs Coyle is currently allocating the places for September. When you secure your child's place for next year, you will be asked to confirm whether you will pay weekly or monthly. Please be aware that failure to pay regularly, and on time, will result in the place being reallocated, we cannot allow arrears to build up. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON MONDAY 19th OR TUESDAY 20th JULY

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From September, children will continue to wear PE kit on days that they have PE scheduled. We have added a school tracksuit to our school uniform list. This will be available to order from Stitch Perfect NE - **we will let you know when ordering goes 'live'**. Children who do not have a school tracksuit should wear **plain navy** or **black joggers** with their **school PE t-shirt** and their **school sweatshirt or cardigan**. No other type of PE clothing is permitted.

We have been lenient with regards to uniform this year due to Covid-19 but we will be clamping down on uniform next year. Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day, including for PE, otherwise they will not receive their green light points for that day.

BACK PACKS - only flat A4 sized reading bags and drawstring PE bags are permitted in school. We do not have room for rucksacks, backpacks or large bags. Parents were informed of this last year. Any large bags will be sent home.