



**Pauntley Church of England Primary School**

# **NEWSLETTER**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021



***Our termly Value: Forgiveness***

*‘Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.’*

*Colossians 3:13*

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been filled with excited chatter amongst staff about the prospect of children returning to school on Monday. Hopefully, with all the measures I outlined in last week's news and the further details below we can ensure that the next four weeks are as safe as can be; that children can once again enjoy being back at school; staff can enjoy being teachers and parents/carers can enjoy being just that (along with having a well-earned rest).

This week we have focussed on World Book Day – you will find attached a free book voucher for your child/children and with any luck might be able to visit a shop soon to use them!

We are introducing a new 10 book challenge which begins next week. Every class will hear 10 brand new stories that cover a range of themes and vote on their favourite. We will let you know the winner later in the term!

## **COVID Protocol**

Last week we shared the pick-up and drop off arrangements; details about Breakfast club and after school club and curriculum.

Here are a few more details that should be familiar but just to remind you:

- Children should wear school uniform to school
- Children should bring no personal items from home other than those necessary for the school day
- School dinners will resume with Week 3 Menu from Monday

## **Testing for Households with Primary Aged Children**

The following guidance was issued by the Government this week:

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them as schools reopen:

- secondary school pupils
- [primary and secondary school staff](#)
- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils
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Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

### **Comic Relief - Friday 19th March**

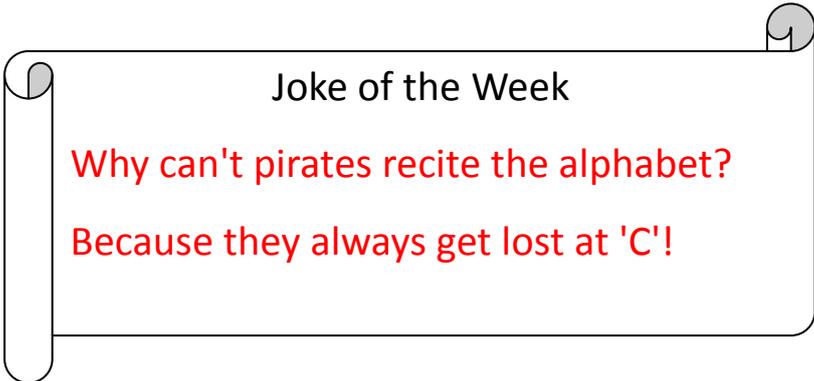
This year we are marking the event with a non-uniform day and mad hair theme! This is a chance for spiking, gelling, moussing and colouring – go wild! My only concern is I'm at a slight disadvantage!

We are asking all children to bring in £1 but any donations no matter how big or small are welcome - we recognise this year people may not have the ability to give us much as usual so anything from a penny to a pound will help us do our bit. Each class will have a collection tin that will be used to collect the money; it will then be quarantined and counted on Monday.

Also - this year, we want the children to really explore the theme of Superheroes that is linked to Comic relief. In each class the children will be identifying who their lockdown superhero is and reflect on the lessons we have learned over this period!

If it appears that we have managed to raise over £100 as a school I will don my superhero kit at home time, fill my wellies with Jelly and become 'Jelly Welly Man!' martialling the gate at the end of Friday afternoon! A sight none of us want to see - surely!

**Mr T Larner**  
**Headteacher**



### **Joke of the Week**

**Why can't pirates recite the alphabet?**

**Because they always get lost at 'C'!**