



St Margaret's Anfield

Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter — Friday 15th January 2021

Message from Mrs Hughes...

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year. I do hope that 2021 is a more positive year than 2020!



IMPORTANT LETTER FROM MATT ASHTON AND STEVE REDDY - LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL

There is a copy of an important letter from the council about children in school during lockdown, you can find it here on our website:-

<http://stmargaretsanfield.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Letter-to-Parents-SRMA-10.1.21.pdf>

HOME LEARNING

We find ourselves in another national lockdown that this time affects schools once again.

We are operating differently to how we did during the first lockdown as we are no longer a hub, instead, we are still SMA - just open to fewer pupils. I can't thank you enough for your support so far this term; from helping your children with their home learning, to keeping in touch with us via the class email to uploading some wonderful work on the seesaw app. Please do keep in touch with us if you are experiencing any kind of difficulty with home learning, we are able to support you in a variety of ways, so please don't suffer or worry in silence, we are here to help!

The year group bubble home learning is being managed by both year group teachers, so your queries will be responded to as quickly as we possibly can. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email and mobile phone numbers. If we notice that your child is not engaging with their home learning, we will contact you initially via the class the email, then by phone and letter. Thank you for your patience.

TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS

We have received confirmation that the Phonics, KS1 and KS2 tests have been suspended for 2021. We will continue to teacher assess throughout this year and so it is of vital importance that your child/ren engage with their home learning tasks. As mentioned above, please contact your class teacher via the class email if you are experiencing any difficulties.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING LOCKDOWN

We are providing weekly vouchers to those families who are eligible for benefit related free school meals via a provider called WONDE. Initial feedback is very positive as the voucher is sent directly to your phone. Please let us know if you change your phone number as soon as possible to ensure vouchers are sent to the correct device. Thank you.

THE GOOD STUFF

I am delighted to announce the introduction of a weekly video called 'The Good Stuff'. Starting today, we'll be releasing the video which is a super opportunity to showcase our pupils' work as well as celebrating any good news during this bleak time. A typical episode might include staff messages, showcasing pupil work, both school based and home based, a fact or riddle of the week, good news in the world and a lockdown skill challenge. My thanks to Mr Lanyon who will be 'The Good Stuff' producer and to all the other SMA staff who will support him in the background, in bringing some much-needed fun to the end of our week!

SUSTRANS OUTSIDE RESOURCES

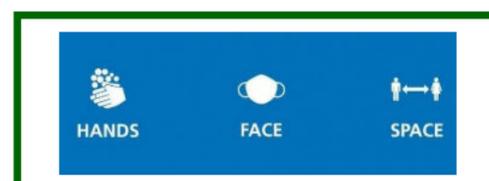
Sustrans Outside In provides fun ideas and inspiration for parents to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into their home. Parents can access resources by registering for our free parent newsletter. Over four weeks, they'll receive weekly videos, themed activities, games and challenges designed by our experienced school officers. Find the link to their website here: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/outsidein>

2021 RECEPTION PLACES—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Reception Applications close **TODAY**. You can find more information on the Liverpool City Council website <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

In addition to the council application, you need to ensure you have completed an application form from the school office. **If your child is already in SMA nursery it does not guarantee their place in reception for September 2021. You do still need to follow the council process of applying online for your chosen school.**

If you find that you have missed the deadline please contact the Liverpool City Council late admissions through the link on their website.





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COVID—IMPORTANT REMINDER

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, friends and the SMA community.

We are still continuing to monitor our covid reporting email:
covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk

We ask parents and carers to inform school if their child is currently attending school during lockdown and:

- 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 the school email. This will allow us to work with families to contact trace where necessary.

If your child develops symptoms or takes a test in which they are positive **but have not been attending school during lockdown** you do not have to inform us at this present time.

Should you need to alert the school of a pupil positive case please email the school's Covid team immediately after you receive your positive result. Please provide the following details:

- Pupil Name
- Pupil Date of Birth
- Pupil Class
- Full Address including postcode
- Date of test result

The email address is covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk

IMPORTANT REMINDER—CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure you contact the school office to update any change of your contact details, address, telephone number, email address or other contacts in your child's list.

EASYFUNDRAISING APP—REMINDER

As a lot of shops in the high street are closed through lockdown, if you are shopping online, please download the Easyfundraising app! Once signed in you can click on the app and search for the websites you are looking to buy from and it takes you to their page. You do your shopping as usual and the school gets the cashback once you have completed your purchase. If we are all raising money through the app it soon adds up. Thank you!

PE DAYS REMINDER

For children who are attending school in lockdown they should come to school on their PE days (see below) wearing their **SMA PE kit and school jumper or cardigan over**. To keep warm, children are permitted to wear **plain, dark coloured joggers or leggings** if they do not want to wear their school PE shorts during the colder months. This is not an opportunity for children to wear clothes more suitable for an 'own clothes day'. Please understand that you may be called and asked to bring more appropriate PE clothing for your child in to school.

Reception - Friday only

1H - Monday and Wednesday

1W - Tuesday and Wednesday

2M - Monday and Thursday

2E - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

Please continue to look after one another and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Hughes
Headteacher

