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Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **Manchester sings 2021**

This week pupils in our school choir, along with Miss O'Reilly, took part in the Manchester Sings event held at Manchester Cathedral. This was a wonderful opportunity for young people across Greater Manchester to come together to celebrate music and the power of song. The songs selected reflected the importance of community and the message of hope during challenging times. The children had a wonderful afternoon and were superb ambassadors for St. Kentigern's.

### **TikTok**

The fraudulent TikTok account has now been removed. Please ensure you continue to monitor your child's online use and have set up parental controls to ensure they stay safe.

### **Year 5 Bikeability**

Well done to those Y5 pupils taking part in their Bikeability training this week. A reminder that this will continue next week for the rest of the pupils, so please ensure they have warm outdoor clothes with a waterproof coat and hood. They also need to bring their bike and helmet unless they have asked us to provide one for them. Should you have any queries, please contact Miss O'Reilly.

### **Reception Phonics Workshop**

Thank you to those families who were able to attend our Reception phonics workshop this week. It was a very informative meeting and both the pupils and staff enjoyed seeing you there. For those unable to attend, all the information shared in the meeting will be uploaded on to Seesaw and the school website, under the Phonics tab.

### **Covid reminders**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and you should arrange a test for your child via [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling 119](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119). If the test result is positive, your child will be required to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from the day that their symptoms started. Please inform us if your child has a positive test result. If your child's test result is negative, they can continue with their normal activities if they are well enough to do so. In line with the national guidance, children aged under 18 years are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your child and other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms

Your child may have been in contact with the positive case. People who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 are advised to get a PCR test, whether or not they have symptoms. If this test is positive, they must isolate for 10 days. PCR tests can be booked via [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling 119](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119). We strongly recommend that you do this to help stop further cases - this can be done after school this evening.

Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

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Please note people should not need to be re-tested via an LFD test or PCR test within 90 days of a previous confirmed positive test, unless new symptoms develop, in which case they should book a PCR.

Please visit the link to Public Health England's guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infections:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

#### **Craft Fair**

A reminder that Fr. Christmas will be visiting St. Kentigern's during the Craft Fair afternoon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30. He will be in residence underneath the gazebo which leads into the prayer garden. We have managed to secure some excellent raffle ticket prizes which include five full family Christmas dinners, Amazon gift cards, a Google home mini, and an Echo Dot amongst others. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be available.

#### **Caritas in Action**

This half term our Caritas in Action focus is family and community. The children have learnt that we are all part of a community and that their community needs them. They have learnt the importance of living in harmony with others, caring for and respecting each other. These are important values that are reflected daily within our school family.

#### **Message from Fr. Michael**

Hello, I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and looking after one another. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the new church year begins, (we now read from the Gospel of St Luke), we prepare a way for the Lord Jesus to enter into our world, into our lives anew. As we light the first candle on the advent wreath, in church and in school, we will look upon that single light this weekend

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burning brightly, and it may seem so small and insignificant against the background of all world events, and even of our own lives. Yet it is that sign of hope that burns brightly, hope in the promises of God's plan for us. Advent challenges us to let our hopes soar and reach beyond domesticity, to the huge and human hope of a new creation. To every one of us, the family of St Kentigern's parish, may this Advent lead us all to prepare the way of the Lord. St Kentigern and St Joseph pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher



Chester enjoying overseeing the children's Bikeability cycle training.