

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 27th
November 2020



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Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

It has been a strange week at St Peter's with so many of our pupils self isolating. We look forward to welcoming back the vast majority of them next week. Many of our lessons were delivered via Microsoft Teams. May I take this opportunity to thank staff for their professionalism and their positivity – even though some were out of their comfort zone in delivering via an unfamiliar platform. Can I also thank pupils for engaging with their lessons and the quality of work that has been submitted has been of a very high standard. Thank you also to parents for your support. If anyone has experienced issues with IT or the internet, please let your Lead Tutor know via the office email.

Can you believe that it is nearly December already!? This means that this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and as Catholics, we begin preparation for the coming of Christ. We will soon be displaying the advent wreath and crib in the foyer and will be reflecting on how we can be closer to God. As the lockdown ends, we welcome the news that our churches will reopen. Our very special Tuesday masses will soon resume and we look forward to introducing the chapel to our four remaining Year 7 form groups.

Maureen Murphy

Safety

Please remind all pupils that as the nights get darker they should be travelling straight home, keeping to well-lit areas and not talk to strangers.

Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1

Virtual Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)

[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)

[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)

[Olton Friary](#)

[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

A level Drama Review

On 26th November our Year 13 students took their Devising Exam, a monologue between 1.5 and 5 minutes that they created themselves. All nine of them worked extremely hard and came up with truly inventive ideas. They had originally created two pieces as two groups, but Covid-19 got in our way. One piece was examining the prison system and its effectiveness through the practitioner of Artaud using lights and sounds to overwhelm the audience. The other was a verbatim performance examining the impact of NHS funding cuts on Mental Health provisions. They interviewed an A&E nurse, a GP, a teacher, a CAHMS nurse and someone suffering with depression and used their real words to create the piece. Being unable to do group performances, they then created monologues from their whole piece in a matter of weeks, no mean feat! Miss Matthews and I are so proud of them, and the reviews are in!

Absolutely stunning performances from all involved. Clearly so much work culminating in the fantastic monologues we saw this evening. I am blown away. Five stars! *Ms Armstrong*

The performances ranged from the hard hitting to the hilarious - each one delivered with a degree of skill and talent far exceeding expectation. Stark settings allowed us to focus on the actors as they portrayed the often heart-breaking human cost of social injustice. Utterly compelling, eminently watchable and well worth staying around after school for! Thank you Year 13! *Mrs O'Rourke*

Many thanks for allowing me to be a spectator to the talent exhibited in this evening's monologues. What an absolute pleasure it is to see the quite breath-taking way in which the students transform from their usual polite selves giving their candidate number into angst ridden, angry, lost individuals. I was moved as I was drawn into their stories and made to consider the human impact of budgeting economies in our mental health support systems. What a show of talent, well done to all. *Miss Conaty*

Was incredible. Truly blown away at how good they are. So proud of my old year group! *Mr Grice*

WOW!! What an absolute pleasure to sit through those thought-provoking performances, well done all! I am looking forward to the next set of performances, I have already paid for my front row seat! *Miss Jordan*



We need your help

Do you have any old books lying around at home? If so, we would love to have them! We are trying to build up our library stock so, if you have any suitable books for teenage children you no longer require, please send the book into school with your child by **Friday 4th December**.

Please ask your child to give their book/s to their form tutor.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

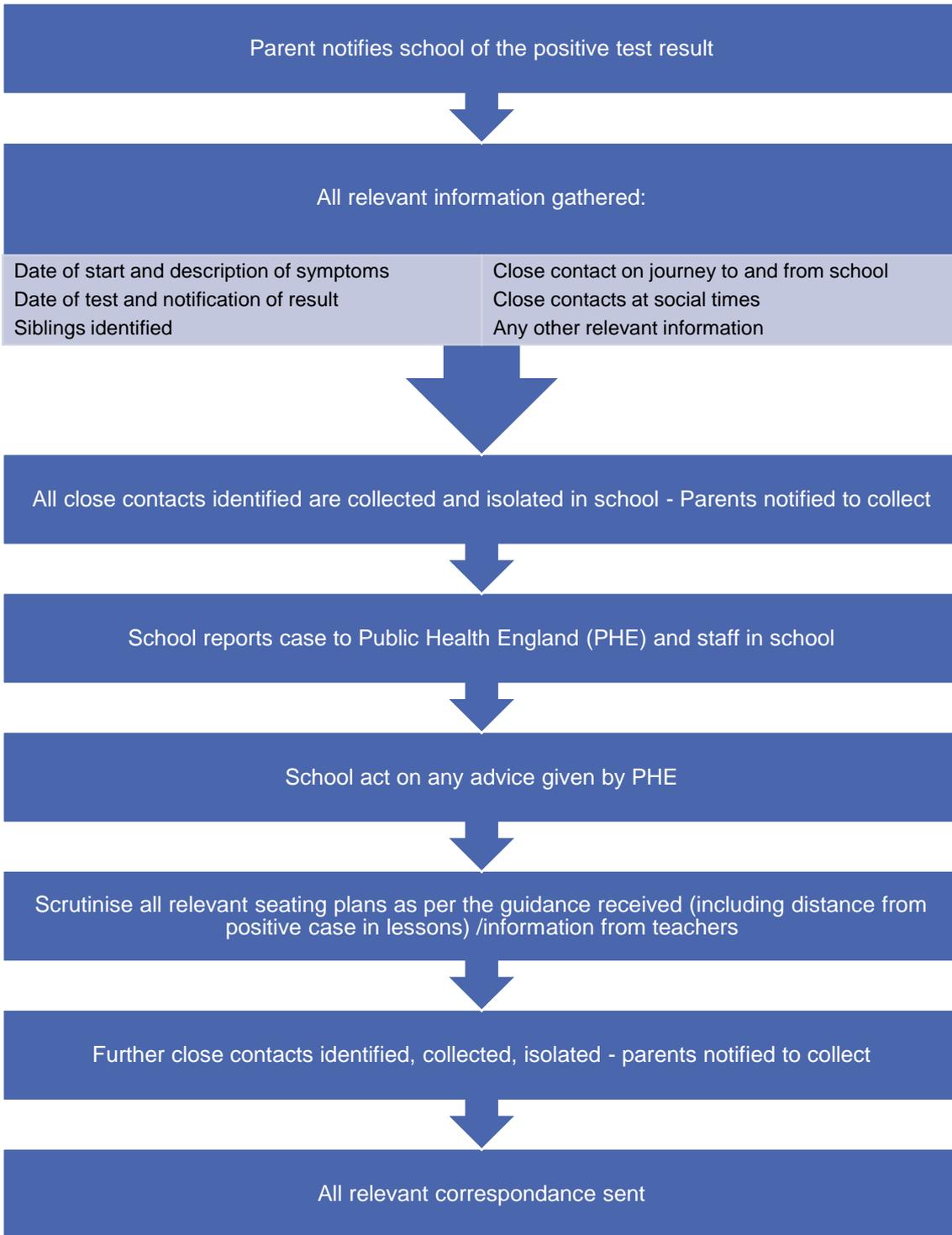
Miss Heslop
KS3 Coordinator in English

Kooth

Did you know that Solihull offers mental health support Free to Access for 11-25 year olds who live or go to school in Solihull or looked after by Solihull Council? Head to <https://www.kooth.com/> for more information.

COVID Positive Cases

A reminder of the process undertaken in school when we receive notice of a positive case.



Schools Media Competition

Please see the below poster regarding a competition being organised by Columban Missionaries.



END RACISM

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (aged 14-18 inclusive) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

'LET'S CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM'

The winning entries will be published in the *Far East* magazine and online on Columban websites in Ireland and Britain and shared on Columban social media.

This is a chance to engage with an issue that addresses equality, justice, inclusion and also draws on faith and personal experience.

PRINT PRIZES | **IMAGE PRIZES**
1ST £300 | **1ST £300**
2ND £150 • 3RD £100 | 2ND £150 • 3RD £100

THE COMPETITION IS BEING LAUNCHED ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020

 **COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES**

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” POPE FRANCIS, June 2020

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2021

For more information on entry guidelines see:
www.columbancompetition.com
or email hello@columbancompetition.com