



Headteacher: Mrs. E. Harrold
Saturday 16th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

After spending all day today considering advice and carefully monitoring the predicted forecast of BBC Weather for Watford on Monday and Tuesday we have made the following decisions:

- St Anthony's will remain open until **1pm** on Monday and Tuesday for Reception to Year 6 classes. This is due to the rise in temperature predicted for 2pm to 4pm. Our classrooms by the afternoon will be at unacceptable levels of heat for children and staff. We are also concerned about parents/carers collecting at 3.30pm in very high temperatures. Children may wear non-uniform loose, lightweight clothing on both these days.
- Our Nursery class will be **closed** on Monday and Tuesday due to the age of these very young children. Nursery parents have already been informed.
- **Breakfast Club** will remain open on Monday and Tuesday but unfortunately **After School Club** will be shut. After School Club children will need to be collected at 1pm.
- Parents who wish for their children to remain at home on Monday and Tuesday will **not** receive an unauthorised absence. However, if parents make the decision to keep a child at home they **must inform the office by email via admin@stanthonys.herts.sch.uk**. This is very important. We respect any parent's decision to keep their child at home during these rare circumstances. We are also aware that some parents have no choice but to go to work which is why we are doing everything we can to keep school open for as long as is safe to do so. If you do decide to keep your child at home on Monday and Tuesday and you would like them to have an activity, the following optional home learning can be considered:
Reception – Go on a shape walk around the house or a phonics hunt e.g. how many things can they find beginning with..... There is also Bugs Club and Education City online to access.
Years 1 and 2 – Research and write an illustrated fact file about the author of your favourite book or find a suitable poem and try to learn it.
Years 3 and 4 -Research a nation taking part in the Women's Euros.
Years 5 and 6 – Research St Andrew's Golf Course or the history of the Tour de France.
- Sadly, the **Year 6 Leavers' mass** will need to be cancelled on Monday due to the extreme heat in the hall for children, parents and staff. We will instead extend the Leavers' assembly on **Wednesday 20th July** to include readings/personal memories/ offering of gifts that would have been part of the mass. The assembly will begin at 9.15am but will have a later finish.
- The **New to Year 3 meeting** will be postponed until early September but we will send out a PowerPoint of information to current Year 2 parents by the end of this term.
- Unfortunately, the **Year 3 Drum performances** on Tuesday 19th July will also be cancelled.

It is very upsetting for us to cancel such special events and it is not a decision we have taken lightly. However, the health and safety of our school community has to take priority. If there is any more information received from the Department for Education **tomorrow** to change any of these decisions we will let you know immediately. Please keep checking our website in case of further information tomorrow.

On **Wednesday 20th July** we will open as normal. We expect all children to attend this final day. We will finish at 2.30pm as usual at the end of a term.

Take care and God bless,

Elaine Harrold Dr David Callaghan
Headteacher Chair of Governors

