

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

We would like to thank everyone who attended the opening of our new outdoor classroom and trim trail. It was lovely to see students, parents, staff members past and present and people from the local community. The event was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended.

I would like to remind all parents to name all items of clothing that your children bring to, or wear to school. There have been several occasions where pupils think that an item belongs to them, and when they're not named it makes it very difficult to return the items to the rightful owner. Now that the weather is turning colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has a coat in school each day. They are expected to go outside even if the weather is cold and wet.

We have lots of activities taking place in the run up to Christmas, please ensure that you read our newsletters and check the website for new information and updates. Please don't forget that on Friday 19th November and Monday 20th November the school will be closed to all pupils as we have an inset and occasional day.

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"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."
—Marie Curie

TRIM TRAIL!

Thank you for your support!

We have all had great fun this week using our new equipment!







SILVER BIRCHES ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 17th November the Silver Birches are having their class assembly, We would like to invite all parents of the children in that class to attend. We would kindly ask that you wear a mask while you are inside the school building. We will be opening the hall doors just before 3pm. The pupils in other classes will not be attending the assembly, but will get a chance to watch the Silver Birches performance at another time.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK!

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on Monday 15th November 2021, the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.

The way that adults and pupils behave towards each other is very important at St Paul's Walden and we believe that our values - be respectful, be responsible and be safe -are fundamental to everything that we do and teach. We also believe that our motto 'Growing and Learning Together' forms a very important part of all that we do everyday. Anti-Bullying Week provides us with another opportunity to revisit these again with the pupils and staff.



CHILDREN IN NEED

As I am sure you're aware, Friday 19th is Children in Need Day. Friday the 19th is an inset day at school so we have decided to hold a non-school uniform day on Thursday 18th November to mark this important event. Your child is welcome to come to school in appropriate clothes of their choice and we are taking £1 donations to support this important charity event.

The children will be asked to donate a further 50p to decorate a gingerbread man that they can enjoy during their playtime.



LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

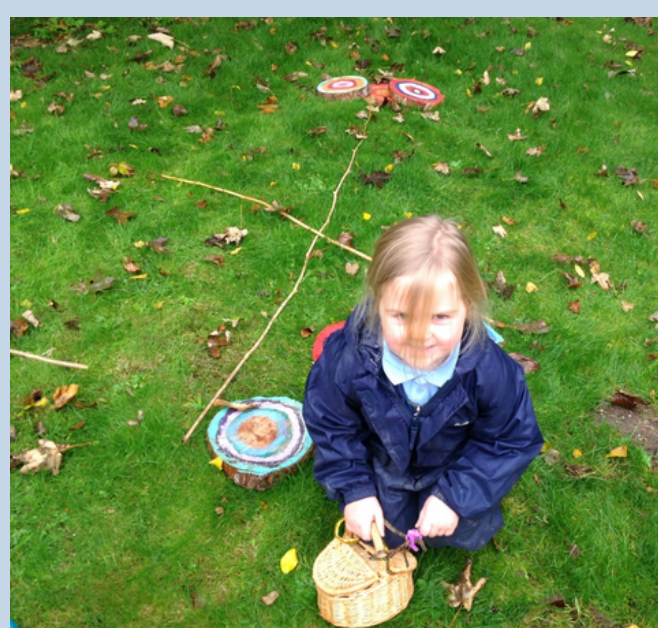
Willows enjoyed their outdoor 'Forest School' session this week. Before they went outside they managed to help themselves into their waterproofs and wellies so that they could roam around the garden freely.

Their task was to create a 'stick man' using the twigs, bamboo sticks and other resources that they could find. They were shown how to bind the sticks together simply by using pipe-cleaners, which although proved more difficult than they initially thought, enabled some of the pupils to show great perseverance as they tried hard to get the pieces of wood to join. This resulted in a variety of stick characters of all different shapes and sizes.

My stick man has arms, and the leaves are his eyes; this is his hair. (To join his arms..) I wrap it around with a pipe-cleaner - Eli

I made a dog by doing these round, soft sticks - Ronnie

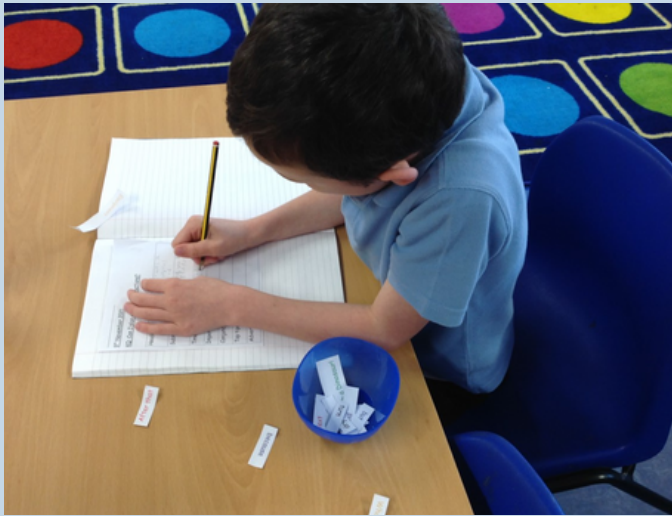
This is the head and this is the mouth I putted on... this is the body and this is the legs ... two legs. He has four arms! We tied them both of them together with cleaners - Reggie





LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

The Rowans have been studying Instruction writing and enjoyed listening to the story, "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth." The Rowans then took it in turns to wash a dirty dinosaur and write instructions explaining what to do.



*We all really
enjoyed
writing our
instructions*



LEARNING IN THE OAKS

In Science the Oaks have been learning about the way the circulatory system works and the job of the heart, the lungs, and the blood. They set up their own version of the system, with some children acting as blood cells, being pumped from the heart to the lungs to collect oxygen, and then back to the heart to be delivered out to the organs. Have a look at the website for a video explanation!



*We hope you
like our
videos.*

GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Rosie, Charlotte, Lily-Mei and Joseph for going above and beyond earning 10 gold tokens. Congratulations on achieving a Golden Ticket!



AMAZING!

Fantastic!



TERM DATES 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

School starts: Thursday 2nd September
Half Term: **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**
Last day of term: Tuesday 21st December **finishing at 2pm**
Occasional Day: **Monday 22nd November**
Inset Days: **Wednesday 1st September & Friday 19th November**

Spring Term 2022

School starts: Thursday 6th January
Half Term: **Monday 14th to Friday 18th February**
Last day of term: Friday 1st April **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: **Wednesday 5th January**

Summer Term 2022

School starts: Wednesday 20th April
Half Term: **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**
Last day of term: Friday 22nd July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Tuesday 19th April & Monday 6th June
Bank Holiday: **Monday 2nd May, Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June**
Occasional Day: **Friday 24th June**

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements, please contact the school office by email:

admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk or telephone on: 01438 871241.

The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.

IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022

14th November	Remembrance Sunday
15th - 19th November	Anti-Bullying Week (One Kind Word)
15th November	Odd Sock Day
15th November	Virtual Phonics and Maths parent Session 6pm
17th November	Silver Birches Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
18th November	NEW Children in Need Non-school uniform day
24th November	Oaks Coffee morning 9:15- 9:45
8th December	Rowans and Oaks trip to Duxford
10th December	Whole school Pantomime (School Hall)
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	KS1 & Reception Play
15th December	KS2 Christmas Sing Along (at the church)
16th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
19th January	Rowans Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
2nd February	Willows Class assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
2nd March	Oaks Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
9th March	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
16th March	Silver Birches Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
21st March	Governors Meeting
27th April	Willows Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
9th - 12th May	KS2 SATs week
15th June	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
27th & 29th June	Parents Evening
6th July	KS2 performance
7th July	Governors Meeting
14th July	Secondary Transfer Day

COVID RULES UPDATE

We would like to make you aware that Hertfordshire County Council are advising school not to hold events. Please see the relevant extract below:

As you will be aware, the Covid-19 case rate throughout Hertfordshire remains high especially in younger and unvaccinated age groups leading to several recent outbreaks within school communities.

If you currently have a large outbreak of Covid-19 within your school, we recommend that you do not host any large scale gatherings or celebrations. Even if you do not have an outbreak currently, we'd ask that you remain cautious should you be planning any events.

Outdoor events present less risk of transmission than indoor events, but you should avoid using indoor school facilities such as the toilets and kitchens when delivering any event.

We are seeking clarification as to what impact this will have on events next half term and we will keep you updated as and when we receive clarification or any further information.

We would like to share the following information with you:

We will still be required to send children home if they have a positive PCR/LFD result or symptoms of Covid-19. They and their households are required to comply with <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

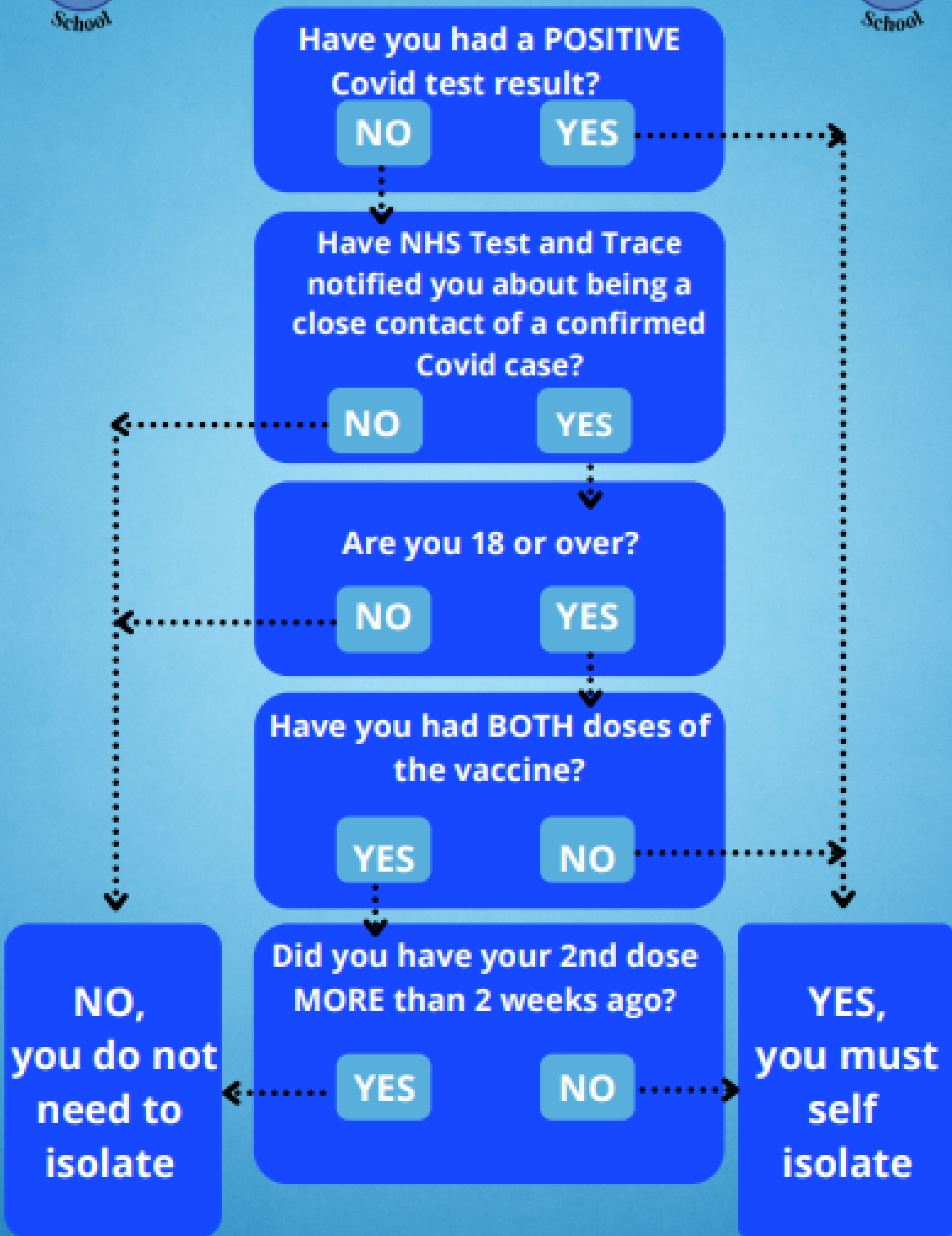
A positive LFD test requires a confirmatory PCR in the usual way and children/young people are expected to isolate pending the result. If negative, they can return to school. If positive they must comply with Stay at Home Guidance as above.

Close contacts and people in support bubbles are required to follow the new guidance. The following link will take you to the when to self isolate guidance above or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>,

Bubbles are no longer required unless re-imposed because of an outbreak.

Information for parents and carers about the new rules can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Do I need to isolate?



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things to do

before you're

five

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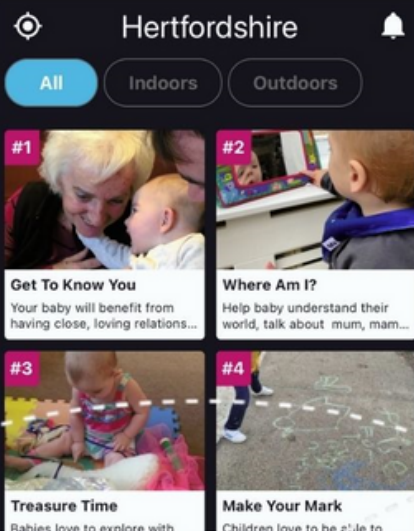
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A watercolor illustration of various plants and flowers. There are dark green leaves, some with lighter green veins, and several blue flowers with white centers. There are also some yellow-green, spiky-looking flowers. The plants are scattered around the text, with some branches extending from the top and bottom edges.

We would like to invite all parents to our

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

1st Thursday of every month.

No appointment needed, feel free to
drop by between 9:15 and 11:15

Staff will be available to answer any
questions and queries that you may
have or just drop in to have a chat.

Virtual

REGISTER NOW AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE!

PHONICS AND MATHS PARENT SESSION

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
STARTING AT 6PM

Why not join us at this exciting event. We believe that it is vital that we all work together supporting your child throughout their time at school. We will share information about Read-Write Inc and Mathematics across the school. There will be tips on supporting your child at home.



AN INVITATION TO OAKS FAMILIES

COME TO
OUR COFFEE
MORNING

9:15 - 9:45AM WEDNESDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER

A chance to
catch up and
keep in touch

Hosted by a
member of staff
for the wellbeing
of our parents

For more information please contact
admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk

DATES FOR ASD/ADHD PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Autumn Term

Date	Time	Title
Tues 28 th Sept	1-2.30pm	<u>Girls and Women – Supporting Children with Additional Needs</u>
Tuesday 12 th October	1-2.30pm	<u>Supporting Siblings of Children with Additional Needs</u>
Tuesday November 9 th	7.30-9pm	<u>Supporting a Child with ASD through Relationships and Sexuality</u>
Tuesday November 30 th	1-2.30 pm	<u>Supporting a Child with ASD / ADHD with Bereavement and Loss</u>

For more information or to book please visit: nessieined.com/events

These forums are online and funded by Hertfordshire County Council and open to residents of Hertfordshire.



Supporting a child with ASD / ADHD with Bereavement and Loss - NESSie IN ED, CIC

30/11/2021 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm -
WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: This forum
is designed for parents/carers of
children displaying traits of ASD
and/or ADHD. This online training

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Just Talk Campaign - Supporting mental health for children and young people with neurodiversity - Parent / carer online forum - NESSie IN ED, CIC

16/11/2021 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm -
OVERVIEW For parents & carers of
children and young people with
traits of or diagnosed neurodiversity
who have mental health problems

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Supporting mental health
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Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Hitchin Christmas Hamper **Appeal** supports local individuals and families at Christmas with a festive food parcel. Last year due to Covid we changed the way we operated and provided 158 Vouchers to families for them to buy food for the festive period instead of a physical hamper.

This was a huge success and the feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive.

So this year we are asking you to help us raise **funds** so we can give our families supermarket vouchers plus our popular gift bags for the children with toys and extra treats for that personal touch.

If you can **donate** to the Christmas Hamper Appeal fund then please go to the JustGiving Page

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CCHT>

or just scan the **QR code** below which will take you to the page automatically.

