

# Newsletter

Issue No.07

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## THE SYMPTOMS

CONTINUOUS

COUGH

TEMPERATURE OR

FEVER

LOSS/CHANGE IN

TASTE

LOSS/CHANGE IN

SMELL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

### [This is a public health message from Somerset County Council](#)

In England, there are currently three tiers of public health restrictions:

- Medium alert – the “Rule of Six” and 10pm curfew for hospitality
- High alert – no household mixing indoors (plus Medium alert rules)
- Very High alert – the strictest restrictions (plus Medium and High alert rules)

The general public health advice is for everyone to:

1. Follow the “Hands Face Space” message.
2. Have no close contact with anyone in/from a High or Very High alert area.
3. Look out for the development of coronavirus symptoms for people living in their household.
4. If there are symptoms, ensure fast and proper isolation and get a test as soon as possible.

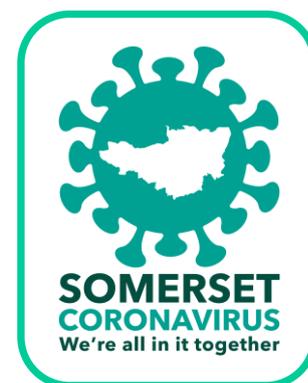
***At the present time, people who live/work in Medium alert areas (e.g. Somerset) should not be travelling to High or Very High alert areas. Likewise, people who live/work in high risk areas elsewhere should not be travelling to Somerset. This applies equally to day trips and overnight stays.***

Refusing to self-isolate when told to is now illegal in England, with fines of up to £10,000.

### [Staff changes after the Autumn Half-Term Holiday](#)

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, some school staff will be working with different classes. We are making these changes straight after the half-term holiday in order to reduce the risk of contamination between separate class bubbles. In summary ...

- Mrs Sampson is moving from Emerald Class to Topaz, where she will teach on Thursdays. (Mrs Mead will continue to be Topaz class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week.)
- Mrs Cousins is moving from Ruby Class to Emerald, where she will teach on Thursdays and Fridays. (Mrs Daffurn will continue to be Emerald class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.)
- On Wednesdays, instead of teaching in Emerald Class, Mr Murray-Jones will teach in Ruby Class. (Mrs Pincombe will continue to be Ruby class teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.)
- Miss Porter, our Nursery midday supervisor will be working with Emerald Class.
- Mrs Paulsson, our Emerald Class midday supervisor will be working with Nursery.
- Mrs Hiscox, our Ruby Class learning support assistant will be working with Diamond Class.
- Mrs Buttery, our Diamond Class learning support assistant will be working with Ruby Class.



# Our six core Christian values:



Kindness



Courage



Respect



Responsibility



Perseverance



Forgiveness

## Virtual parents' evenings

We are able to offer parents' evening appointments over the phone after the October Half-Term Holiday. Please see below the dates each class teacher will be contacting parents on the following dates:

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| <b>Diamond and Pearl</b> | <b>3–5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>    |
| <b>Amber and Ruby</b>    | <b>3–5pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> |
| <b>Emerald and Topaz</b> | <b>3–5pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> |
| <b>Nursery</b>           | <b>2.30–3pm spread over the three parents' evening weeks</b>   |

Our teachers hope to speak with all parents and carers. The aim of each appointment is to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and their attitude to learning. Each call should last 5–10 minutes.

Please be aware that the school phone number may appear on your telephone as withheld. If teachers are unable to get through to you when they call, they will leave an answerphone message.

## BBC Tiny Happy People

Now available on Instagram, Facebook and at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>  
Lots of fun activities for developing language for children from birth to 4-years-old.



## Parable of the week: The Sower and the Seeds

This term, in our class bubble Collective Worship times, we will be learning about some of the special stories (parables) told by Jesus. You may like to read and talk about these stories at home with your child(ren).

This week we are thinking about The Parable of The Sower and the Seeds. The story is about different kinds of soil. But Jesus told his disciples that this story is *really* about the different ways people hear and respond to God's message. Jesus said ...

A farmer went out to plant seeds in his field. As he was throwing the seeds on the ground, some fell on the hard path nearby and the birds came and gobbled them all up.

Some seeds then fell on ground covered with stones and rocks. There was not much dirt around the rocks so the seeds started to sprout and grow the next day. But when seeds aren't planted in the dirt they don't grow roots which help them stay strong and healthy. So, in the afternoon, when the sun was very hot, the little plants that started to grow among the rocks withered away and died because they had no root in the ground.



As the farmer continued to throw seeds onto the ground, some of the seeds fell among the weeds and thorns. But the thorns grew faster and taller than the seeds, so the seeds couldn't get enough sunlight and were choked out by the thorns.

Finally, some seeds fell on the good soil and those seeds grew into strong, healthy plants which produced lots and lots of new seeds of their own. (*Matthew 13:1–8*)

## Thank you!

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to protect our pupils, their families, our school and nursery staff, and the wider community.

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