



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 3rd December 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Christmas Events

The children and staff have continued to prepare Nativity and Carol Concerts this week and we are looking forward to welcoming you to join us for these important events next week.

Whilst we do have some confirmed cases of Covid within the school community, which I wrote to you about earlier in the week, it is still our intention to go ahead with live audiences.

I ask that our visiting audiences adhere to the Covid control measures we will have in place. As you know we are limiting audience sizes – tickets will be coming home today. Please only attend if you have a ticket and please remember to bring your ticket on the day. I ask that all attendees wear face coverings (unless exempt) and sanitise hands on arrival. Crucially, please maintain a distance from staff and the children. The school hall and the Church will be well ventilated so please wrap up warm! Key Stage 2 children will keep their coats on for the Carol Concert if it is cold in the Church. Key Stage 1 children would be advised to have layers under their costumes please – I would suggest no bare legs, arms or feet.

At the end of the Nativity please leave the hall promptly as requested and wait outside for your child to be dismissed from the classroom door. At the Church, contrary to previous years and the information in the recent letter about the Christmas events, please leave the Church when requested. We will take all children back to school and dismiss them from class as usual. This will help us to maintain a distance between parent/carers and the children and staff.

I wonder how some of the children will be feeling about performing in front of an audience. Some of our children will not have done this before and for the others it has been a long time. Please bear with them if stage fright takes over – it is quite overwhelming for the little ones standing in from of so many grown-ups!

Thank you for your attention to this information and for your support with these important matters; I look forward to seeing you next week.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 3

For their English work this week Class 3 have been very busy thinking about instruction texts and looking at what you should write to make an entirely comprehensive set of instructions. They followed a set of instructions to make an origami cat and wrote some instructions of their own that explain how to make a sandwich. In maths the children learned how to carefully draw 2D shapes using a ruler and found lots of lines of symmetry. They handled some 3D shapes and recorded the number of sides, edges and vertices each shape had. They even made some 3D shapes of their own.

The children have learned about some Hindu gods and have thought about why both Christians and Hindus pray and how it makes them feel. We found Giza on Google Earth and looked at the pyramids there then the children used books to research facts about Ancient Egypt. In French this week the children learned the names of our clothes.

This week has been a lot of hard work but a lot of fun too!

Mrs Faber





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Star Awards

w/e 26th November & 3rd December 2021

Class 1 – Mason & Emily
Class 2 – Reggie & Millie
Class 3 – Kieran & Scarlet-Mae
Class 4 – Dylan & Ellie
Class 5 – Hannah & George
Class 6 – All of Year 6 & Sophia



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December.

Rosa	Year 2
Jake	Year 6
Jake	Year 5
Georgina	Year 1
Jake	Year 6
Edward	Year 6
Jack	Year 2
Aaron	Year 3
Aradhaya	Year 1
Daniel	Year R
Isabelle	Year 1
Christopher	Year 1
Finley	Year 4
Mae	Year 4



Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate. They should get a PCR Covid test. If a child (under the age of 18 years 6 months) comes into contact with someone who has tested positive at home, school or elsewhere they need to arrange a PCR test, but should continue to attend school while awaiting the result (provided they are well and have no symptoms of COVID). This is a significant change to previously.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

Keeping School Informed

If your child tests positive for Covid you must inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If your child tests positive 'out of hours' we do not need to know until the morning of the first day of absence – as with all sickness absence.

Reception Class 2022

Applications opened for Reception Class September 2022 on **Friday, 5th November**. If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places.

Applications close on **17th January 2022**.

The Week Ahead!

New Lunch Menu: Week 3

Week commencing 6th December 2021

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday, 6th December – KS2 Carol Service – 2:00pm (by ticket only)

Tuesday 7th December - KS2 Carol Service – 2:00pm (by ticket only)

Wednesday, 8th December – KS1 Christmas Play – 2:00pm in the school hall (by ticket only)

Thursday, 9th December - KS1 Christmas Play – 2:00pm in the school hall (by ticket only)

Friday, 10th December – Reception Class Stay & Play – 2:00pm in the school hall

