



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10th December 2021

Message from the Headteacher

What a busy week for all of our classes! Two Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts at Church, two performances of the Key Stage 1 Nativity and an afternoon stay and play session for families in Reception Class! Huge thanks to visiting grown-ups for complying with our covid risk assessment and measures. It was good to see you all and to have you at school events again; what welcome opportunities for us all to be together again. Well done to the children and staff for their preparation of these events.

Christingle Service



Next week the children will all be making Christingles at school in preparation for our end of term Christingle Service. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning. The orange Represents the world, the red tape represents the love and blood of Christ, the dried fruit represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Last Week of Term

There is still plenty to pack into the last week of term.

The PTFA 'Elfridges' event is on Monday – if you would like your child to buy anything please send in money in a named envelope or purse (see prices overleaf).

Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday for those who have pre-ordered. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day too.

Children in Key Stage 2 are off to the pantomime and those in Key Stage 1 will be enjoying a live-streamed production at school; please see separate letter with details regarding the pantomime trip.

Party Day is on Thursday – school uniform to be worn as usual and children to bring a plate or box of party tea to enjoy.

School finishes on Friday 17th December **at 2pm** for the term and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Reception Class 2022

We welcome parent/carers with children who are due to start Reception Class in 2022 to visit school for a tour. Please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Applications close on 17th January 2022. If you need help to apply please contact our school office.

Parking on Portal House Site

Please be reminded that parent/carers are requested not to park on the Portal House site when dropping off and collecting from school. Please use the village car park where you can.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 2

Class 2 have been working really hard this term learning their Nativity lines and singing all the songs. Each of them has put in so much effort, time, enthusiasm and passion to make the performance brilliant. I'm sure everyone who has watched it will be in agreement with me, that they put on an amazing Nativity performance. Thank you for all your support with costumes and helping your child learn their lines. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Geere





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Star Awards

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Star Awards will be given out in assembly next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.



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**.

Wear A Christmas Jumper

Just for the fun of it we would like the whole school to dress up in a Christmas jumper on **Tuesday, 14th December**. The brighter the better! Please wear usual clothing on the lower half – school trousers/skirts. Don't buy a jumper especially for this event just wear something bright and add a little tinsel!



'Elfridges'

'Elfridges' will be open for business on Monday, 13th December. Each class will be brought to the open-air shop where they can buy a gift, guess the name of the GIANT stuffy and have a go at the 'Lucky Dip' all followed by a hot chocolate treat!

Prices as below:

Wrapped gifts: £1 each

Lucky Dip: £1 a dip

Guess the Name game: 50p per guess



**School will finish
at 2pm
on Friday, 17th December 2021**

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 13th December 2021

**Lunch Menu –
Christmas Week Menu**

Monday, 13th December – PTFA 'Elfridges' Sale – children to bring in money to spend at the sale during the morning
-Deadline to return terms 3 & 4 clubs form and money

Tuesday 14th December - School Christmas Dinner & Wear a Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday, 15th December – KS2 Christmas Pantomime Trip

Thursday, 16th December – Party Day - please send a plate of party food in for **your child only** on a paper/plastic plate or in a plastic lidded box.

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