



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

What a busy week! Two Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts at Church, two performances of the Key Stage 1 Nativity and a trip to the theatre for Classes R, 1 & 2. Well done to the children and staff for their preparation of these events and thank you to so many friends and families of the children who joined us for these important Christmas celebrations.

#### Christingle Service

Next week the children will all be making Christingles at school in preparation for our Christingle Service which we will be holding on the last day of the term. 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 lots happening in the last week of term.

On Monday, it's our **Reception Class Christmas Stay and Play session**. Please drop off your child at the classroom as usual and then come to the school office to sign in. A member of Reception Class staff will collect you from the office to take you to the classroom. Please prepare your child beforehand that you will be leaving them to complete their day at school following this session – on occasion some children find separation from you at this point a bit hard.

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

**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. Classes will spend time in the hall playing traditional party games and the PTFA have funded each of the children a gift to bring home.

School finishes on **Friday 16th December at 2pm** for the term and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

#### Mrs Hindle

I am pleased to say that Mrs Hindle is now on the mend and I anticipate her being back at work next week.

#### Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 are now open, you can apply online at [www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Mrs Hindle has already shown a number of prospective families around and has received very positive feedback from them.

Please note that the deadline for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort  
Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 1

Over the last few weeks, Class 1 have been really motivated to learn the songs for our Nativity performance 'A King is Born'. This week we had the chance to show the whole school and the parents. We enjoyed it so much and we hope you loved it too!

In English, we have been working hard to improve our handwriting and have become much more independent when we are writing simple sentences. We have been working really hard at improving our phonic knowledge and have begun learning the new phonemes (sounds) in Phase 5.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have been using the 'part-whole' model to help us add numbers together and to find a part (subtraction). Furthermore, we have been practicing using a number line to help us with counting back.

We are so proud of how the children have continued working so hard during our learning time with all the Christmas events and activities.

Well done Class 1, your teachers are very impressed!

Mrs Hoile and Miss Moloney

### Wear A Christmas Jumper

Just for the fun of it we would like the whole school to dress up in a Christmas jumper on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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!



### Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

#### Updated guidance

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days (day of positive test is day 0), which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days (day of positive test is day 0), which is when they are most infectious.

### Class Party Day

We would be most grateful if you could send a plate of party food in for **your child only** on a paper/plastic plate or in a plastic lidded box for your child to enjoy on Party Day next Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. School Uniform to be worn as usual.



**School will finish**

**at 2pm**

**on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**





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### Star Awards

w/e 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Class 1 – All of Class 1

Class 2 – All of Class 2

Class 3 – Sophie

Class 4 – Aaron

Class 5 – Arthur, Mae & Matilda

Class 6 – Renon



### Lunch menu: Christmas Week Menu

Week commencing

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

£2.35 per day

[October-2022-Menu.pdf \(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk\)](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

### Reception Class 2023

Applications for Reception Class September 2023 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Applications close on 16th January 2023.

### Lunch Menu – Christmas Week w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Whole School Meals will be serving their Christmas week menu next week (menu already sent separately by parentmail).

**Please note on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December the kitchen will not be serving a jacket potato option.**

### The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM**

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

- 9am Reception Class Stay & Play Session

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Deadline to return Before & After School Childcare booking forms for term 3.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

- School Christmas Dinner & Wear a Christmas Jumper day

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

- School finishes at 2pm

