

Newsletter

12th November 2021

COVID Restrictions

We have received confirmation today that the additional current COVID restrictions that we introduced at the start of this term are to remain in place. This will be reviewed again at a regional level at the end of November.

We have reviewed our plans for the children in the run up to Christmas in light of the latest guidance to ensure that we can continue to offer as many things as possible.

School Photographs: 24th November

The school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 24th of November. They will be taking individual and family photographs for all children in school and pre-school. We are unable to allow younger siblings onsite at the moment.

Experience Advent: 3rd and 6th December

St Peters Church have arranged a special Experience Advent workshop for children in Years 2 to 6. The children will visit the church in their class bubbles.

PTFA Coffee Morning: 4th December

The PTFA are holding coffee morning at St Peter's Church on December 4th from 10:30 – 12:30. The Experience Advent activities will also be on display in the Church for families to see. Donations of cakes are very welcome. Contributions to be brought to school office at drop off/pick up on Friday 3rd or to be taken to Church on the day. If anyone would like to help, please contact Louise Bayfield.

Acorns Class Nativity: 15th, 16th 17th December

The children in Pre-school, Reception and Year One will be performing a Nativity play in school on Wednesday 15th (2pm), Thursday 16th (9:15 am) and Friday 17th (9:15am). This is for parents of children in pre-school, reception and Year One only, tickets will be restricted to two per family and places per performance will be limited. You can only attend one of the performances. Parents will be required to wear masks. In the event of further restrictions being introduced we will video the performance instead. It is unlikely that we will be able to have a whole school Christmas Service this year.

Diary Dates

November

24th – School photographs

December

3rd and 6th Experience Advent

4th PTFA coffee morning

10th- Christmas Jumper Day.

Cash donations to Save the Children and hamper donations for the PTFA

14th Pantomime Trip

16th Christmas Dinner

15th, 16th 17th Acorn's class nativity

17th Christmas Party day and Raffle

17th End of Term

January

4th INSET day

Christmas Jumper Day and Hamper donations: 10th December

Children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers (or something festive – handmade is fine!) cash donations to Save the Children. Please can they also bring a donation for the Christmas hampers (toiletries, chocolates, wine etc)..

Christmas Pantomime Jack and the Bean Stalk: 14th December

We are currently optimistic that this event will go ahead. The theatre has assured us that we will be the only school attending the pantomime and that there is sufficient space across the two floors for us to maintain our class bubble structure. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding the coaches. More details to follow.

Christmas Lunch Day: 16th December

If your child does not normally have a school dinner you will be receiving a text from school with how to order a Christmas lunch. Children may still bring sandwiches if they prefer.

Christmas Party Day: 17th December

Children can come to school in non-school uniform. Each class will have a party during the day. There will be no shared party food this year. The hamper raffle will be held during the day.

Christmas Carol Singing for Penby Lawn

We will be taking our carol singing outside this year and will be visiting Penby Lawn so that residents can hear us from comfort of their own homes, dates to be confirmed.

Celebrating Service

Over the past term the children have frequently impressed me with their enthusiasm to help others. This year we are launching a Celebrating Service Award for children to share how they are living out our school vision of serving others at home, at school, in the community and in the wider world. The award will run from preschool to Year 6 working through the colours of the rainbow.

Younger children have suggested picking up litter, making a card to cheer someone up, helping to tidy up at home, older children are keen to organise their own event or lead on whole school activities. Today your child has taken home a Celebration Service Sheet to record their contributions. It would be lovely to see photographs, posters, powerpoints etc. of what the children are doing to achieve their awards. Over the year we will build up a resource bank of ideas for each level that we can share with others.



This month's value ~ Forgiveness

