

# The Christ Church NEWS DESK

## Issue 2.6 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

It has been another busy week at Christ Church – the children have been working hard but are looking forward to some festive celebrations next week.

Unfortunately, we have had several rumours spread across our community that there are children who have tested positive for COVID-19. This is simply not true and please could I ask our community not to spread rumours as it is causing great anxiety to my staff, myself and other parents and is completely unnecessary. If there were a positive case in school, please be assured, I would contact you immediately to close the year group and follow any action as directed by Public Health England. Since September, we have taken swift action every single day in order to keep everyone safe.

Please could I remind all parents that **if anyone in your household develops symptoms, you MUST self-isolate immediately and test the person who has symptoms.** Please do not send your other children into school. Please contact me if you are ever unsure.

Next week will be Christmas Dinners and Christmas Parties (dates on the right). Please remember, if your surname is A-J, please could you provide something sweet and K-Z something savoury. Thank you!

Finally, it is with great sadness that I must inform you that Mrs Offen has decided to retire at Christmas. She has been at Christ Church for seventeen years and I know many of you will agree she will be sorely missed and has been a fantastic TA in her time with us. We will miss her but wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Flack

**‘Even the smallest person can  
change the course of the  
future.’  
J.R.R. Tolkien**

**Dates for your Diary**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner  
Year 3-6 Christmas Parties

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 3-6 Christmas Dinner  
Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Parties

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**End of Term 2**  
**Early finish – please see times**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Start of Term 3**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**School Photos – Individual, Siblings &  
Class**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**End of Term 3**

### A Prayer

Almighty God,  
As your kingdom dawns  
Turn us from the darkness of sin  
To the light of holiness  
That we may be ready  
To meet you  
In our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ  
Amen

### Collection Times – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Reception: 1pm  
Year 1: 1:05pm  
Year 2: 1:15pm  
Year 3: 1:25pm  
Year 4: 1:10pm  
Year 5: 1:20pm  
Year 6: 1:30pm  
Starfish: 1:30pm

Same gates as usual. Thank you.

### Thinking Question of the Week

*What does a celebration mean?*

Why not look and post on our new [P4C Page?](#)

### Christingle

We are proud to be leading a Christingle Service for the community. Listen to our Local Radio Station, 'Academy 105.9 FM' this coming Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9am-10am. Thirteen of our school worship leaders will take part with prayers and readings!

You can tune in on the FM frequency or by using the link  
<https://www.academyfmfolkestone.com>

### Free School Meals

Although children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding to spend on the children if you sign up for Free School Meals and are eligible.

Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16, 190.

You can apply here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/kent>

Please do speak to the Office if you would like support with this or more information

### PE Days

Turtles – Monday/Seahorses - Tuesday  
Year 1 – Monday  
Year 2 – Tuesday  
3LL – Thursday/3CA – Friday  
Year 4 – Thursday  
Year 5 – Wednesday  
Year 6 - Friday

The children can wear their PE kit all day.

## **PTFA CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION (50p)**



**Class Teachers have a copy of all these Christmas pictures, 50p per picture.**

There will be a prize for the best picture from each class, and a runner up prize so please get creative and good luck!



**Or create your own festive picture! 🖐️**



**Enter as many times as you like.**

**Please send back for judging by Thursday 10th December.**



# Starting at Primary school...

## Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2016 and 31 Aug 2017?

Apply for a place online at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

before **15 January 2021**

**Step 1:** Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.

**Step 2:** Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.

**Step 3:** Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)  
and/or medical evidence and return to the school.

**Step 4:** We offer you a place on National Offer Day.

**Step 5:** You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address  
from the application period to the school.

**Step 6:** If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the  
waiting list and appeal.

## ..... Important dates to remember

### November

**5 November 2020**

- Applications open. Apply online  
at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

### January

**15 January 2021**

- Closing date for all applications

### April

**16 April 2021**

- National Offer Day - offers sent  
by email after 4pm

### May

**5 May 2021**

- Date by which places must be  
accepted or refused
- Date by which parents should  
submit a waiting list form for  
schools they named but were not  
offered

### June

**9 June 2021**

- Reallocation of any vacant spaces

### Need help?

Email the team at [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

# COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

