# 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 12th 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 18th 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-schoolmeals/kent

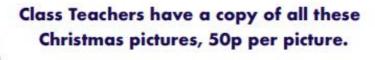
Please do speak to the Office if you would like support with this or more information

#### **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)



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











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

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

#### 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?

# **COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART**

