

# COLDWALTHAM, ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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**Learn, Discover, Achieve**

## Friday Flyer - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's half-term! Congratulations to all children, parents and staff for navigating the way through the first seven weeks of the year! I have been fantastically impressed with the manner in which the children have coped with and adapted to the 'new normal'; they have all been stars! Parents/Carers, you have been so supportive and gracious in your response to our requests and I would like to thank you sincerely for your faith and trust in the school.



### News from Elm Class

As parents from Elm Class are aware of, we will start the second part of the term with a new teacher in the Year 2/3 class. Mrs Watt has now entered the third trimester of her pregnancy and, on the advice of medical practitioners and occupational health, she will be working from home until her maternity leave starts later in November.

I am sure that everyone joins with me to wish Mrs Watt well and I would like to say how much her warm and friendly presence will be missed in school. We look forward to hearing the happy news of the birth of her first child!

Due to this, we are pleased to announce that the school have appointed Mrs Natalie Douse, an experienced Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 teacher, as Mrs Watt's cover. Mrs Douse was due to start at the commencement of Mrs Watt's maternity leave but, very kindly, has agreed to begin her time earlier to ensure the continuity of education for the children in Elm Class.

She spent a morning with Mrs Watt in school this week and had the opportunity to meet children and staff. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the St. James' family and know that she will be a positive and enthusiastic addition to the team.

### Do you know any children due to start school in 2021?

Applications are now open for children who are due to start school in September 2021. If you know any families who might like to consider St James' for their child, please encourage them to get in touch. The school is welcoming visits and would be delighted to show prospective parents around our lovely building and grounds. The closing dates for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



## Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generosity during Harvest Week at St James'. We have lots of donations that will be passed to Horsham Matters during half term. The children worked hard on their harvest work and we hope you have had a chance to visit the class page on the website to see what they got up to.



## Uniform Parent Consultation

We are planning on having a consultation regarding uniform later in the school year. Whilst waiting for this, if you have any comments or suggestions about uniform, please email the office; any responses at this stage will be used to shape the future consultation.

## St James' Promotional Film

We are very proud to say that the children who took part in the promotional video represented the school excellently. Many of them gave performances worthy of a Bafta! The film crew were highly impressed by their behaviour and their positive attitude towards school life.



## Christmas Cards

Christmas cards designed by the children have been sent home this week. Please see Thursday's email to parents which has full details of how to order. The last date for orders is the first day back after half term - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

The Friends of St James' (FoSJ) would be grateful for one parent volunteer from each class to help process the orders. Please let the office know if you can help.

## Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Chartwells will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (please see the menu at the end of this document). This is a lovely change for the children to eat a festive celebratory lunch in their bubble.



- If your child usually has a hot lunch then the Christmas Lunch will be provided.
- If your child is in Key Stage 1 and normally has a packed lunch, please let the office know if they would like a hot lunch on this day.
- If your child is in Key Stage 2 and would like a hot lunch on this day, please order with Chartwells by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## Remembrance

Following the return to school after half-term, the children will be taking part in learning related to Remembrance. I do feel that it is important that the children have an awareness of this and that the school marks the occasion. We are hoping to have a live stream link to a Remembrance Service led by Father Peter and attended (virtually) by St James' and other local schools.

We will be supporting the British Legion with Poppy Appeal and have had poppies and other items delivered to the school that will be available. Items will be shared between

classes rather than them being brought round the classes as in other years. If you would like your child to be able to contribute, please place their contribution in a named envelope. The British Legion recommend between 20p and £2, dependent on the item the children choose.



### Around the School

As the term has continued, the children have been learning and playing together, building the sense of community that we missed so much during lockdown. The Reception children in Ash Class have settled in very well and they are already showing good signs of independence and readiness to learn. Outdoor learning is encouraged across the school and the children are taking the opportunity to explore and satisfy their curiosity as much as they can before the weather makes it more tricky to do this!



Please do keep an eye out for any further communications from the school about arrangements within school; we are continuing to review and adjust our risk assessment according to any guidance we are given by the DfE and Local Authority. Who knows what the half-term will bring?!

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the school at this time and I hope that you have a relaxed and safe half-term.

Yours sincerely,

*L. Martin*

Mrs L Martin  
Head of School

### Important Dates for your diary:

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for Reception to Year 6. Please return the consent form if you have already done so.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch – please see above
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term – children return to School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Term Ends
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Term Starts
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term



Wednesday 16th December

£2.35

# Festive Menu

*Choose a main meal...*

Roast Turkey  
with Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage & Gravy  
or  
Quorn Fillet  
with Stuffing Ball & Gravy

*on the side...*

Roast Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots

*for dessert...*

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread  
or  
Fruit Salad

*for a drink...*

Fruit Squash  
Milk  
Water



*To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please  
order at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk)  
no later than Sunday 6th December  
2020*



[www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)



## Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

If so they are eligible to start  
school in September 2021.

### Apply online!

It's simple, convenient  
and timesaving. If your  
application is received after  
the deadline of Friday 15  
January 2021 your chance  
of securing a place at one of  
your preference schools could  
be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday  
5 October 2020. If you would like  
further advice or information contact:

**03330 142 903**

Free internet access to apply  
online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
- Children and Family Centres



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**Deadline: Friday 15 January 2021**

