

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

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**Learn, Discover, Achieve**

## Friday Flyer - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this weekend finds you well and that you are not feeling too confined by the current lockdown. For us at school, little has changed which is positive! The children continue to be fantastic and their learning is progressing well. Thank you, once again, for your support of all the measures that are in place and for continuing to contribute to ensuring our community is safe and the school remains open.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents/carers for engaging with class teachers so well during Parent Consultation Week; I'm aware that Zoom is not everyone's favourite form of media to use so thank you for being willing to work with us in this way. Also, for being flexible if problems occurred (as Yew Class parents/carers experienced!) I hope that the consultations were positive and have helped you to feel connected with what is happening in school.

### Information for parents

Following enquiries from some parents, may I clarify three points:

- Children may bring *small, wipeable* rucksacks into school if they need to have spare clothes with them. Please do not send your child in with bags made of soft, absorbent materials – they need to be made of material that can be wiped.
- Any toys from home are still *not* permitted.
- Classes coming out from school – teachers work very hard to ensure that the children are released from school on time. Sometimes, however, small incidents occur just at the time classes are meant to be released (e.g. a water bottle going missing, a jumper being lost, etc.) Due to parents being unable to come into school for items, it is important that we ensure that all the children have their belongings with them when they leave the school. *This can lead to a slight delay in children being released at their exact time.* Each class has a five-minute window; we endeavour to ensure the classes are released within this time before the next class is released. We have synchronised the clocks in school to guarantee each teacher is working to the same time. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this.



## St James' Promotional Film

We are delighted to be able to share our new promotional film with parents; please follow this link: <https://www.st-james-coldwaltham.w-sussex.sch.uk/> to watch it on our website. Please share the recording with any parents of children who will be starting school in September or with children who would like to join further up the school. The video really does show how wonderful our children are so a big thank you to them for being such superstars!

## News from The Classes - Ash Class



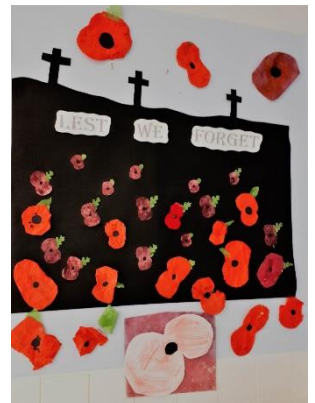
I am very envious of our Ash Class children who have a gorgeous new role-play area to play and learn in. On Monday morning, I popped into the classroom and saw this delightful 'Grandma's Cottage' had appeared ready for the children to use! Thank you to Mrs Holt for setting this area up; I'm sure that the children are loving using it to explore their creativity and engage in imaginative play!



## Remembrance



Thank you to all parents and children who have contributed to the Poppy Appeal in School though buying a poppy, slap band or other item. The collection pot is so full it can barely be lifted. We are so proud of the generosity that everyone has shown. Each class has marked Remembrance in their classroom and the whole



school joined an on-line service and 2 minutes silence led by Father Peter on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Elm Class Forest Schools

Elm Class have been continuing to enjoy their Forest School time on Thursday afternoons. Outdoor learning provides a wealth of opportunities for children to explore the environment, explore and investigate their environment and just have lots of muddy fun! Mrs Douse has been joining in the sessions since her start at the school and is loving the experience!





### **Support for families during the COVID pandemic**

We received the following message from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education in West Sussex, during the past week reminding us of support that is available to families during the current pandemic:

'All children and families who need support during lockdown and the upcoming winter can contact the Council's Community Hub, which is there to provide help during the COVID pandemic.

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies.

Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub) or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.'

Please do take advantage of this service if you feel that it would be of help to you.

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

In the previous Friday Flyer, we included details of how to order your child a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We would also like to announce that this date will be a "Wear Something Festive" day! A Christmas jumper, Christmas headbands or earrings, Christmas hats, tinsel in your hair...please wear something that will lift our spirits as we draw nearer to this special time of year! All clothes can be non-uniform but please ensure that the children are dressed sensibly for being in school.



### **\*STOP PRESS\* Christmas Card Orders**

If you did not return a Christmas card order form and wanted to, you have one last chance to do this on Monday morning before a courier arrives to collect the orders on Tuesday. If anyone would like to take advantage of this and needs the payment details for FOSJ again, please email the School Office.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Martin  
Head of School

**Important Dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch – please see above 'Wear Something Festive!' Day
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

NOV/DEC 2020

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

FROM CHARTWELLS,  
WEST SUSSEX



*What's on?*



TO BE A PART OF

**NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK**

9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

School meals have never been so good!

11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ROAST DINNER DAY. WHAT BETTER TIME TO JOIN THE NATION IN ENJOYING A ROAST DINNER AT SCHOOL?

- @THESUPERYUMMYKITCHEN
- THE SUPER YUMMY KITCHEN
- @THESYKITCHEN
- THE SUPER YUMMY KITCHEN

## CHRISTMAS DINNERS

ASK YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE IF THEY'RE TAKING PART IN THIS YEARS CHRISTMAS DINNERS. VISIT [WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK](http://WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK) TO VIEW THE MENU, IT'S A TREAT!



PLACE ORDERS BY **29/11/20**, AND MAKE SURE SPECIAL DIET REQUESTS ARE PROCESSED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DAY!

THE SUPER YUMMY KITCHEN WILL BE CELEBRATING NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK ON TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. THIS INCLUDES A **KNIFE AND FORK TRAINING ACTIVITY**, TO HELP THOSE HANDS ENJOY MEALS AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.



CHECK IT OUT FOR ACTIVITIES, NEWS AND FUN FOODIE FACTS!