

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

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Learn, Discover, Achieve

Friday Flyer - 27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another two weeks have passed since the last Friday Flyer; time is flying and it's quite startling to think that December is coming next week! The term continues to be a busy and happy one with so much happening and, despite all the challenges being faced in the world around us, the children continue to be a delight and make every day fun and varied!

Celebrating with our children

In the current times, we are missing have our whole school celebrations together; however, this doesn't mean that we don't celebrate success! The children at St James' collect stickers on their own sticker charts for doing good work, demonstrating a great attitude to learning and being an excellent example of behaviour. Each time 10 stickers are earned the children receive a certificate to mark their achievement and once the children have 50 stickers a medal is awarded. This week, certificates have been awarded to Reuben, Henry S and Margot. Medals and certificates for 50 stickers have been awarded to Evie and Oliver. Congratulations to all of them!



Elm Class Forest Schools

We are so privileged to have our beautiful grounds to learn in; the smiles on the children's faces say it all! We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to encourage the children to learn through the natural environment and to have the chance to get some vigorous physical exercise!



New Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Hall and her family on the arrival of baby Linus Arthur Edward Parker on Friday 20th November weighing 5lb 8oz. We were thrilled to hear about his safe delivery to the world and are looking forward to meeting him in person...socially distanced, of course!



Pupil Voice

I had the privilege of leading some Pupil Voice with children from all three classes in the past two weeks. For those of you who are unaware, Pupil Voice is when we talk to the children about their experiences at school covering a wide range of areas including safeguarding, the school environment, the curriculum, relationships with their peers and teachers, play and lunchtimes. It is a vital that we do this with the children as it helps us to consider what it going well but, also, what we can change and improve.



The time I spent with the children was incredibly uplifting and joyful! They were honest and open, sharing their experiences with me happily. The children reported that they feel safe in school and know who to go to if they have concerns or worries. All of them love being able to be with their friends and, in these limited times of social interaction, be able to play and laugh together. I was impressed with their understanding of their learning and, even with the very young children, there is a sense of purpose and determination about wanting to learn more across all areas.

Perhaps my favourite quote from the discussions was 'We're a big family here!' which made my heart melt! In the face of all the challenges from Covid-19, it was clear from the Pupil Voice that the children do feel settled and happy in school, keen and enthusiastic to learn, which is fantastic. Thank you for your support in helping us as a school to be able to facilitate the children's experience, and I look forward to continuing to build on this strong first term!

School Governors – proposed virtual visits to school

We are very grateful to our Governing Board for their continued hard work during the past months. Prior to COVID-19, our School Governors would regularly visit the school and we enjoyed their participation in school life. Each class has an assigned governor who support the class and usually spend some time talking to the children to gain an insight into daily school life. As this is not physically possible at present, we are considering how to facilitate governors visits, possibly using Zoom. This would involve

groups of children talking to governors via Zoom; two members of staff would be present during the Zoom meetings. Conversations would not be recorded. If you have any questions regarding this, please let the Office know and we can discuss this with you.

Christmas Performances

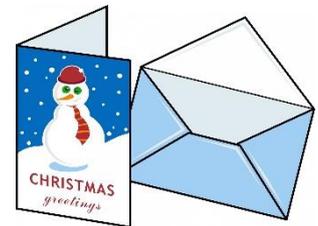
It's a great shame that we will not be able to invite parents into school this year to watch the Reception and Year 1 Nativity play and music performances by Elm and Yew Classes. Instead, we will film Christmas performances by all the classes and will share these with parents of each class by email. Please look out for the letter from your class teacher with further details.



Christmas Cards and Gifts

We will be offering our usual Christmas card sorting and delivery service this year. If your child wishes to send Christmas Cards to their friends, please ensure they are brought to school by Friday 11th December 2020. The cards will be quarantined and then delivered within school the following week.

Several parents have asked whether they can bring gifts to school for the teaching staff. It is very kind and generous of parents to think of our fantastic team and they do not ever expect to receive gifts; the pleasure of knowing and teaching your children is reward enough. However, if parents do wish to send a small Christmas gift, please ensure they are brought into school to allow ample time for them to quarantine before being taken home.



Chartwells Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

Chartwells will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December (please see the menu at the end of the flyer). 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 as soon as possible 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 6th December.**



If your child has any allergies or special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian) that Chartwells are not aware of, please let the Office know as soon as possible.

Horsham Museum - Local Heritage Trails

Horsham Museum have sent us details of twenty new heritage trails that have been created to help explore the history and geography in our locality. At this time when we are limited in what we can do socially, these walks provide a welcome way to get some exercise and be able to spend time together. Further information can be found by following this link. <https://horshammuseum.org/learn/heritage-trails>

Contacting the School Nursing Team – Healthy Child Programme

The School Nursing team have asked us to advise parents of their contact details. Parents are able to contact them direct on 0300 303 1137, choosing Option 2. School nursing can support children and families with advice on a variety of issues including:

- Nutrition
- Behaviour and sleep management
- Parenting issues
- Maternal mental health
- Emotional health
- Child protection issues

Please do take advantage of this service if you need any support with any of the above issues. Sometimes, it is just the opportunity to talk these matters through with someone that is needed. Please do reach out and use these highly experienced people to support you.

Have a very happy weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Martin
Head of School

Important Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 9 th December	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 16 th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch and "Wear Something Festive" Day. Hot lunch needs to be ordered from Chartwells by Sunday 6 th December – see above.
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term – children return to School
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Term Ends
Monday 19 th April 2021	Term Starts
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th 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
no later than Sunday 6th December
2020*

