

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

## Newsletter 12

Good Afternoon

It's so lovely to see the school decorated for Christmas, thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard to make the school look so festive, so many people have commented about how lovely the Entrance Hall looks, over the last few days. The recycled theme really sparked everyone's creative talents, who'd have thought so much beauty could come from a load of very cheap rubbish!

So, life gets really busy from here on in. There is something happening every day, and it could all go wrong at any minute, but keep the latest newsletter close, it will help you know what you need to do when and hopefully we should get through!

Next week sees the first of the KS1 and Early Years Christmas productions. The afternoon shows will start at 1.30pm and the evening shows will start at 6.30pm. Children should not arrive back at school in the evening before 6pm, as staff will not be here until then. Refreshments will be available before each performance. This year our leaving collection will be for the Developmental Language Disorder Charity RADLD. A charity very close to the school's heart, please be generous as you leave.

The Christmas Fair will be held next Friday in the school hall, as usual each class will have their own stall, with a variety of Christmas goodies for sale. Come and spend your money straight after school that day.

Remember there will be a tag day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their own clothes to school if they bring a small gift to add to a Christmas Hamper. The Raffle will be drawn on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is the KS2 Carol Concert at 7pm in St Leonard's Church. Children will need to meet their teachers in the church between 6.45 and 7pm. Everyone is welcome, this is a really magical evening, an event not to be missed.

Christmas can be a tough time for families and young people so as the build up to Christmas gets under way, a reminder that the support service **Kooth.com is available right throughout the Christmas and the New Year holidays for all 10 - 25 yr olds across Kent.**

- online support tools and features (such as the daily journal, mini-activities, magazine, discussion boards, etc) are available at any time, 365 days a year. (including Christmas Day)
- live chat (text based online counselling) 12pm -10pm during the week and at the weekend from 6pm to 10pm (**slight variation over Christmas/New Year is in bold - see below**)

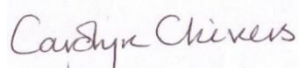
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Service Opening Hours</b>
Wednesday 21st December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
Thursday 22nd December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
Friday 23rd December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
<b>Saturday 24th December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
<b>Sunday 25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
<b>Monday 26th December</b>	<b>Boxing Day</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th December</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
Wednesday 28th December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
Thursday 29th December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
Friday 30th December	Usual hours	12 - 10pm
<b>Saturday 31st December</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
<b>Sunday 1st January</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
<b>Monday 2nd January</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>4 - 8pm</b>
Tuesday 3rd January	Usual hours	12 - 10pm

### **Kooth Webinar for parents/carers for 2022**

There is a **parents/carers webinar on Tues 6 Dec from 6pm - 7pm**. This webinar is an information event for parents/carers to come along and learn all about Kooth, as well as having a live tour of the site. Parents/carers can sign up for the session via Eventbrite

If between now and the Christmas holidays you require any support for young people with accessing Kooth, please do get in touch. It is important that young people in Kent know they can access emotional health and wellbeing support right throughout the holidays.

Hang on in there  
Have a great weekend



Carolyn Chivers  
Headteacher

Anchored by God, we strive to teach children to be confident, connected, and creative through outstanding teaching and care. We show our love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, not just by talking about them but living them each day of our lives.

**2022-23 Dates for Your Diary**  
**Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates**

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Starfish Christmas Play -1.30pm Puffins – Christmas Play -6.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Advent Church day
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pufferfish Christmas Play -1.30pm Jellyfish – Christmas Play - 6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Jellyfish Christmas Play -1.30pm Starfish – Christmas Play - 6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Puffins Christmas Play -1.30pm Pufferfish – Christmas Play - 6.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Fair in the Hall- 3.15pm Tag Day for Christmas Hampers
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Party
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas Party
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Leonard’s Church – 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Christmas Party
14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
15 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Christmas Party
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Leonard’s Church
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa’s Singing Workshop at St Leonard’s Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff non-contact day
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term 3 - First day for children
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Puffins Class Worship – 10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Pufferfish Class Worship – 10.30am
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Jellyfish Class Worship – 10.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Starfish Class Worship – 10.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of term 4
27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evenings
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Dragonfish Class Worship 10.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Church Day
8 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Sea Dragons Class Worship 10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Dragonet Class Worship – 10.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Seahorses Class Worship – 10.30am
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors in School for the Day
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service at St Leonard’s Church– 10am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term 4
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of term 5
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Seashells Class Worship – 10.30am
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> May to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs Tests for Y2 children
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Sea Otters Class Worship – 10.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Tests for Y6 children
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Church Day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
5 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication Checks for Y4
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Check for Y1 and some Y2 children
12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y6 Bikeability Training
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Church Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Puffins Class Worship – 10.30am
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Jellyfish Class Worship– 10.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Pufferfish Class Worship 10.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Starfish Class Worship – 10.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff non-contact days