

10th December 2021

Good Afternoon

It feels like nothing is changing at school now that we have all moved to Plan B – so our plan is just to continue as normal now until the end term. Staff, parents and visitors are all continuing to wear face masks in communal areas of the school. We are asking parents not to come into or wait in the school reception unless necessary. Provided we do not exceed 5 cases of Covid-19 in a class over a period of 10 days we can all continue working as normal. If we get more than 5 cases we have to ring UKHSA (the new name for public Health England) and they will advise us what to do – advice other schools have received has included more ventilation, PCR tests for classes, bubbling the class so they do not come into contact with others but they do not seem to be suggesting schools close at the moment. Our Outbreak Management Contingency Plan is prepared and ready to utilise if necessary.

There have been four confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school this week with no more than two cases in any one class. We continue to take all recommended precautions to stop the spread of the disease and to keep the school open. Please, if your child has any of the recognised symptoms – a high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss of the sense of taste and smell - get a PCR test. If it is negative they can return to school as soon as they are well enough. Confirmed cases still need to isolate for the full ten days. Brothers and sisters can still come to school as usual. Please do all you can to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible when delivering and collecting children from school. If a PCR positive test confirms evidence of the Omicron variant, close contacts will be contacted and will need to isolate for 10 days.

but watch this space, just in case.....

It's been a busy old week – we have done eight Nativity Plays, which have made us laugh and cry - they are such a great start to the Christmas season. Y6 have attended an Advent Day at St Leonard's, they learned to play hand bells, decorated Christmas cakes and learned about the Advent wreath. Y5 have been making dioramas and rehearsing their performances for next week. The children in SRP had a great time at Wildwood on Thursday. Y3/4 have been writing newspaper reports, Y1/2 made Gingerbread biscuits yesterday and YR have been doing lots of work around Christmas stories.

Next week's KS2 Carol Concert will take place as planned in St Leonard's Church. Every class in KS2, that is Years three, four, five and six will be performing on the evening, we will begin at 6.30pm – so please get children to the church a bit before, so they can change into costumes if they have them or tune up their instruments ready to perform or just find their class. Children will sit on the floor at the front of the church and you are welcome to use the seats available. We will follow the Church Covid-19 guidelines so you will need to wear a face mask, unless you are exempt; we suggest you take a LFT test before you come into the church and wear warm clothing because the doors are likely to be left open.

Y5 will perform excerpts from A Christmas Carol on Wednesday in the hall at 9.30am. Parents, friends and family are welcome but please follow our Covid-19 guidance - masks, LFT tests and coats as we will open all the windows.

School Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday. The menu looks lovely and we've about 400 crackers filling the shelves in the PE store. As usual the staff will all be there to serve children their dinners and share the festivities.

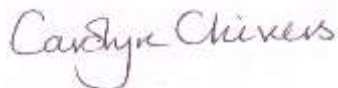
Christmas parties will also take place next week. Look out for details from class teachers about dates, clothes, activities etc.

There is a huge amount of un-named lost property including 7 very expensive winter coats, 8 polo shirts, 8 PE tops, 11 cardigans and 18 sweatshirts. It is available to collect in the lost property box in the KS1 corridor, by the fish tank. Anything not claimed by the end of the week will be thrown away as we simply cannot keep everything. Please check it out and take whatever you think is yours.

Vouchers for £30 to cover the school holiday lunches for those in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals will be emailed to you on Wednesday. Look out for them in your junk mail they sometimes get lost. If there are any issues chat with Sam or Sue in the office.

Term will finish on Friday 17th December, as usual the whole school will attend St Leonard's Church for our End of Term Christmas Service at 10.00am. Term 3 begins at 8.40am on Tuesday 4th December 2022.

Have a great weekend and keep safe



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| Dates for your Diary | |
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| 13 th December 6.30pm | KS2 Carol Service - St Leonard's Church |
| 15 th December 9.30am | Y5 performance of A Christmas Carol |
| 15 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 17 th December | End of term 2 |
| 4 th January | First day of term 3 |
| 11 th January | Mrs Head's Class Worship |
| 18 th January | Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' Class Worship change |
| 11 th February | Last day of term 3 |
| 21 st February | First day of term 4 |
| Week beginning 28 th March | Y6 Residential |
| 1 st April | Last day of term 4 |
| 19 th April | First day of term 5 |
| 2 nd May | Bank Holiday - no school |
| May | Y2 taking KS1 SATs (National Testing) |
| Week beginning 9 th May | Y6 taking KS2 SATS (National Testing) |
| 27 th May | End of Term 5 |
| 6 th June | Start of term 6 |
| Week beginning 6 th June | Phonics check Y1 and Y2 (National Testing) |
| From 6 th June | Multiplication Check Y4 (National Testing) |
| 19 th July | Last day of school year - Change of date. Additional day holiday given to schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee |