

And so, the countdown to Christmas begins. Next week it is December and on Sunday we officially mark the start of Advent. The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation when we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth. During Advent, we are encouraged to think about the real reason for Christmas and give thanks to God for Jesus.

We know our Christmas is going to be a little different this year and whilst I am sure many of us were delighted with the news that we can

have a 'small and select' Christmas and join with 2 other households, the prevalence of Covid-19 all around will I'm sure make us feel cautious. However, this is a magical time and such a special celebration for children so we are determined in school to try and make the festive period as fun as possible within the restrictions placed upon us. Over the last week, I have bombarded you with a number of dates which you will find below. The staff are working extremely hard to provide wonderful and fun activities for the children so we can still create some of the 'usual' magic. We understand the cancelling of nativity plays in the normal sense with audiences, is disappointing for parents but this is not a 'normal' year. Like all schools across the country, we are having to follow national restrictions and act in the best interests of the children, staff and families in our community. We ask that you all understand and respect this. We are doing the best we can!



There are a number of important dates coming up over the last 3 weeks of term...

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER – SPONSORED 'SANTA DASH' – Children to wear appropriate clothing for 'dashing' in!

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER – Children to come to school dressed as their Nativity character – prizes for the best costumes!

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER – Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for £1 Donation

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER – Own Clothes in exchange for £1 donation or Food Bank Donation of Cereal or Biscuits.

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays – we are expecting a special visitor this day!

MONDAY 4th JANUARY – STAFF INSET DAY

TUESDAY 5th JANUARY – SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO PUPILS

We remain in a National Lockdown until 2nd December. Please remember:

- Do not send your child to school if a member of your household displays any symptoms.
- Arrange a test for any household member who displays symptoms.
- Maintain social distancing when on the school site or outside the school gates.
- Wear a face covering when on the school site when collecting your child(ren).
- Follow the Government guidance and do not mix with other households (no play dates, sleep overs etc).



Don't forget to check out our TWITTER and Facebook pages where you will find lots of photos of the things the children have been doing in school. Here are just some examples of the work that has been going on this week in school:



Foundation 2 have been enjoying the outdoors and lots of opportunities to work co-operatively together to solve problems. They have also been exploring mark making and letter formation in the outdoor 'Formation Station'.



Year 4 marked the end of the church's year and the start of Advent this Sunday with Collective Worship planned and led by two children. They asked the class to listen to God and say a silent prayer to light the way forward to this exciting time of year.

Year 5 have been looking at war speeches in Guided Reading this week. To show their prediction skills, they wrote a speech as Winston Churchill and performed them brilliantly!



Listen Up! Cheshire and Wirral!

Online event for children, young people & families to share ideas & views about mental health and wellbeing support
Monday 30th November 6-8pm (via Zoom)



- Hello & welcome
- **Mental Health Support Teams in Schools**- you will find out more about the role of the teams in schools and how they hope to help children, young people and families
- **What has been 'Pants'**-share some of the things that are not great about mental health support
- **What has been 'Tops'**-share some of the things that have been really good about mental health support
- Break
- **Put on your 'Thinking Caps'**- An opportunity to share all your ideas about what needs to happen to make mental health support better
- Questions
- Next steps, feedback & Thank you



To book on to this event or for more information please email cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net



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Wirral and Cheshire are running an online event for children and their families to share ideas and views about mental health and wellbeing support on Monday 30th November between 6pm and 8pm via Zoom. The details of this event can be found on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

If your child is in Nursery and will be 4 before 31st August 2021, then please apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2021.
www.wirral.gov.uk
by 15th January 2021 (the final closing date).

Attendance – Well done to F2 this week! Keep it up!

F1 – 96.3%

F2 – 99.6%

Year 1 – 96.6%

Year 2 – 97.8%

Year 3 – 97.6%

Year 4 – 96.4%

Year 5 – 92.7%

Year 6 – 92.3%

General Reminders:

No child should be bringing Mobile Phones into school unless they are in Year 6 and walk home.

Please think of others when using the Church Car Park and DO NOT stop in front of the gates.

Toast Club will continue to be in the Main Hall until January 2021.

We have agreed to continue running After School Club over the next term. This is under constant review by the Governors as we need to ensure it is sustainable over time.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time. Mrs Ralph