



NEWSLETTER

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It has been a challenging end to the term but the children have continued to adapt well to the changes in school and their behaviour has been excellent.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support during these strange and unpredictable times.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Christmas at St. James'

While we have had to have a slightly different Christmas than the one we had hoped for, we have been able to enjoy some festive cheer in school.

Last week, the children enjoyed the opportunity to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and take part in our mini-Christmas Fair. Thank you for your support with this as the money raised will go towards school funds for further fun activities for the children in the future.

This week, the whole school took part in our Zoom Christingle service. It was lovely to see on the screen the candles lit throughout the school as we reflected together on the Christmas Story. We are also looking forward to sharing the filmed Nativity play, this year entitled The Nativity with parents via a digital method, so they can see the wonderful job the children did with their singing and acting.

We have also enjoyed our Christmas dinner and parties today, and tomorrow we are looking forward to taking the children in Years 3—6 to St. James' Church for our Christmas Service. As we are unable to have parents in the church with us, we are inviting parents to join us online for this service—fingers crossed the technology works for this event as this will be our first attempt at this! The link via Google Meet will be shared through email with parents and we hope to see you online.



Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Hunter and Mrs Moore.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Leonard, Miss Thorneycroft, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Ketley and Mr Allen.

Good bye for now and Welcome back!

For now we have said good bye to Mrs Hunter, who has started her maternity leave, and we wish her all the very best for the safe arrival of her baby.

We also say a sad good bye to Mrs Acey who is leaving us at Christmas to take up a new job. She will be missed but we wish her luck in her new career.

We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Lyons, who will be teaching in Year 2 every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Read Write Inc

The children continue to participate well in their Read Write Inc sessions and we are delighted with the excellent progress they have already made with their reading. Thank you for your support with the home reading and returning these resources to school to ensure all children are able to make continued progress.

Parent Mail

We have recently gone cashless so all breakfast club, dinners, uniform and nursery fees can now be paid electronically. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up for this option. If you would like further information about how to get online to make these payments, please feel free to contact the school office.

Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits that we may be able to organise nearer the time—risk assessment and government guidance permitting.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 17th December	3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4th January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school
Friday 18th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 28th February	Children return to school
Friday 8th April	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 25th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 26th April	Children return to school
Monday 2nd May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 27th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
Friday 22nd July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday