



Newsletter November 2020

COVID Cases

Whilst we have had no child in school test positive for Covid where there is a confirmed case within a family the child will be self-isolating for 14 days at home as per our risk assessment guidance

Persons who have come into close contact with a confirmed case will be sent home and advised to self isolate for 14 days.

I fully appreciate the anxiety this virus causes to families when they hear there are children off school, but I want to reassure you I am following all the advice given, taking guidance from PHE and the Central team supporting schools.

Christingle

Today your child will bring home a Christingle candle to make and a card explaining the work of this charity. I have spoken to all classes this week about the work of the charity and the importance of trying to make a contribution this year as fund raising has been impacted by the pandemic. I suggested to the children they could perhaps do some jobs over the weekend to earn some coins to go in the candle.

Please return the candles before Monday 7th December. In school, Rev Ruth will present remotely, a Christingle service and the children will make a Christingle to bring home week beginning Dec 7th.

Contact with the School Office

Can I please ask parents to refrain from approaching Mrs Bridge at the end of the day with school queries. At the end of the day Mrs Bridge is a parent and needs to be with her children. Immediate concerns can be emailed to the office or the school mobile, however I may not pick up the messages if I am involved in meetings after school. I thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

Future School Trips

Due to COVID having so many restrictions any future trips we had planned have been postponed until further notice. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will start to organise them.

Christmas Events

Later this term I will share links to the Nativity and our end of term service. Although you are unable to join us in school I hope you and your family can enjoy the events at home

ONLINE PERMISSION SLIP FORM FOR HOME LEARNING WILL BE SENT SOON – PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THIS EMAIL

Nativity – Diocese Event

St Mary's was fortunate to be chosen by the Diocese to participate in the SW Nativity to be streamed on 5th & 6 December. Martha in Y6 had the task of reading the first part of the Nativity story which she did brilliantly from home. In school Maeve, Harry, Charlie and Cressida acted out the parts of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary and Joseph, following by the journey to the stable where they were met by the inn keeper.

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/news/st-marys-school-prepares-for-the-nativity>

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner has been booked for Tuesday 15th December; as soon as the menu has been received it will be added to parentpay.

Attendance

Attendance to date this academic year:

Willow – 98.71%

Beech – 98.48%

Maple – 99.16%

Oak – 97.67%

Overall attendance – 98.45%

WPCC Virtual Coffee Morning (Theme: Anxiety) – 2nd December

The WPCC held their first virtual coffee morning since the summer holidays, last week. It was really well attended and they were delighted that so many people could join them.

Their next virtual coffee morning will be on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 11.30am, the theme of which is anxiety.

The coffee morning can be accessed from your computer, tablet or smartphone through the WPCC website
[www. http://wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk](http://wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk)

You can also dial in using your phone.

United Kingdom: +44 330 221 0088

Access Code: 992-923-837

You don't need to register, just join in on the day

You can remain anonymous if you want to and you won't have to be on screen if you don't wish to share your webcam.

If you don't want to talk, you should even be able to join in by typing rather than speaking, or just listen to others.

We really hope you will take the opportunity to join this session.