

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: COMPASSION

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER 2024

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term; there is much to look back on and be thankful for. It was a pleasure to do that this week with our children and guests at the 'Thank You Assembly' on Thursday. From time given by our staff to run trips and sports events; children leading activities for peers; support from parents with readers, visits and helping out; the brilliant PTFA; our supportive Governors and Rev Louise and the church community, we have so many people willing to share their time and talents in service to our school. We are very thankful to them for all that they do.

Thank you very much to the choir who joined the Nativity Service at St Mary's Church last weekend. This week was also our traditional Christmas Lunch and I must say a huge thank you to the kitchen team for cooking such a delicious meal, and to PTFA and parent helpers for setting the hall up so wonderfully and helping to serve over 300 hot dinners. It was a big job but the joy on the children's faces as they ate together with their teachers was a pleasure to see.



This morning everyone from Nursery to Year 6 gathered together to spend some time away from the busyness of our Christmas preparations. Through readings and songs, we remembered the story of the first Christmas.

On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish all our children and families a happy and peaceful Christmas with loved ones and to offer you all this blessing:

*"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.*

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT YEAR!

Monday 6th January - INSET Day - School Closed for children

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Stars and Values awards
were given out in class this week.

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Acorn- Florence
R Chestnut- Alice & Casey
R Conker- Lucy & Izabela
Y1 Willow - Jessie & Edward
Y1 Elder - Jawad & Xavier
Y2 Birch- Sonny & Enzo
Y2 Cherry- Ismail & Louis
Y3 Fir - Luke & Darcie
Y3 Elm – Ethan and Joseph
Y4 Cedar-
Y4-Maple-Sophia & Rafferty
Y5 Beech - George & Mia
Y5 Pine - Noah W & Jess W
Y6 Oak – Emily & Noah
Y6 Sycamore- Alex & Sofia

Values Champion:

Compassion

R Chestnut - Jake
R Conker- Winnie
Y1 Willow - Sophia
Yr 1 Elder - Eleanor
Y2 Birch- Louis
Y2 Cherry - Macie
Y3 Fir - Frank
Y3 Elm – Mason
Y4 Cedar -
Y4-Maple - Eva
Y5 Beech - Joseph
Y5 Pine - Oscar
Y6 Oak – Evie F
Y6 Sycamore - Sophia

Attendance for the term

1st Place

Cherry Class Y2 - 97.3%

2nd Place

Pine Class Y5 - 97%

3rd Place

Sycamore Class Y6 - 96.6%



DO YOU HAVE 30 MINS FREE AT THE END OF THE DAY?
FINDING PARKING STRESSFUL?
BECOME A 'PARK & READER!'

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and listen to individual children read at the end of the day. If you could offer to come and listen to readers **at least once a week between 2.40pm-3.10pm** for a half term (approx 6 weeks) then we have a small number of vacant parking spaces which we could allocate to you on the days that you read.

We have a number of different slots available over the week, please complete [this form](#) if you would like to offer your help. We ask that all our volunteer readers hold a recent DBS check. If you do not have one, please indicate this on the form and we can arrange this for you.

GARDENING HELP NEEDED

Mrs Cresswell is on the lookout for volunteers to help maintain our outdoor learning space and gardens. If you feel you would be able to give a few hours to assist Mrs Cresswell with gardening or bush craft activities during school time please can you email in to elderclass@sendcofe or speak directly to Mrs Cresswell at the classroom after school.



NATIVITY SERVICE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

We had some lovely feedback from last sunday when the choir joined the congregation at St Mary's

"The children were absolutely wonderful and a real credit to the school. Thank you too to Mr Godwin and Mrs Banks who gave up their time to bring the children and to Mrs Long who had prepared the choir. Thank you also to the parents who brought the children along. We were very appreciative - the congregation really enjoyed the choir's performance."

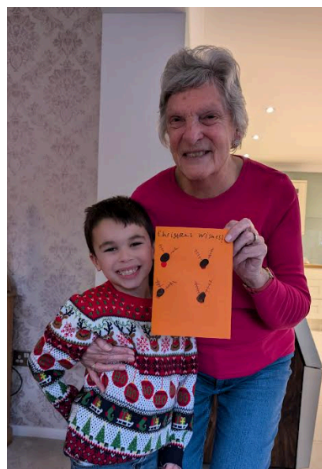
Congratulations and thank you to everyone.



COMMUNITY LINKS

Sophia and Felix (Y6 Ambassadors) had a great time helping out at the Send Help coffee morning earlier this month. They were very sensible with serving drinks and helping the team and were rewarded with some delicious cake after!

Thank you also to the craft club who made Christmas cards which were distributed by Send Help to older residents in our community. Here is Jacob (Y5) with his Grandma who was delighted to receive one of the cards.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents can be given a penalty notice or prosecution for 2 reasons:

- A period of unauthorised leave which is 10 sessions (5 days) or more.

or

- If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 school week rolling period. These 10 sessions may include any unauthorised absence, including leave in term time and do not have to be consecutive. Arriving after the register has closed at 9.15am counts as an unauthorised absence for that session.

Penalty Notices:

- These have increased to £160, per parent, per child. This can be reduced to £80 but only for the first Penalty Notice issued, if paid within 21 days – this reduction does not apply to any subsequent Penalty Notice.
- Any 2nd Penalty Notice, to the same parent for the same child, **issued within three years of the date of the first Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160.**
- A third Penalty Notice will **NOT be issued within a three year rolling period**, to the same parent for the unauthorised absence of the same child, – alternative action or legal measures will be utilised for subsequent offences.

If you would like support with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Harwood, our Pastoral Lead on hslw@sendcofe.co.uk.



Follow The Star
CALM AND BRIGHT

**Christmas Services
at St Mary's, Send**

Sunday 15th December 10.30am
Nativity performance

Sunday 22nd December 10.30am
Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve
3pm Crib Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am
Holy Communion (suitable for all ages)

 like and follow us on Facebook: Send Parish Church

St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Send, GU23 7JL

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



SAVE THE DATE!

SEND PTFA

SCHOOL DISCO

31 JANUARY 2025

KS1 (R-Y2) 5PM - 6PM

KS2 (Y3-6) 6.15PM - 7.30PM

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN
THE NEW YEAR



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2025		
Monday 6th January	INSET Day - School Closed for children	
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school	
Tuesday 14th January	Social Coffee Morning for parents of Y5&6 children 8.45 9.30am	
Wednesday 15th January	Deadline for applications for Reception 2025 places	
Thursday 16th January	Y5&6 Dodgeball Tournament at Spectrum (venue change) @ 1pm	NEW
Tuesday 28th January	Beech Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	NEW
Thursday 30th January	Pine Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	NEW
Thursday 30th January	Y3 & 4 Dodgeball Tournament at Spectrum (venue change) @ 1pm	NEW
Friday 31st January	PFTA Disco EYFS&KS1@5-6pm/ KS2 6.15-7.15pm	NEW
February 2025		
Wednesday 5th February	Y5 & KS2 Choir to Young Voices concert at O2	NEW
Friday 6th February	'Little City' Workshops for EYFS	NEW
Tuesday 25th February	Online Safety Briefing for Parents with Surrey Police's Cyber Protection Officer @9am-10am in the school hall - Everyone welcome	NEW