



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 13

WORSHIP THEME - ADVENT

This week I am sure that many of the children have been excited to begin opening the doors on their advent calendars and to begin the countdown to Christmas. Well the countdown to Christmas has also begun in Church with last Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent. To mark this occasion in school we lit the first candle on our new Advent Wreath in worship and thought about how Christians prepare for Christmas throughout December.

Our Advent Wreath has 5 spaces for candles one for each of the four Sundays before Christmas and the last one to be lit on Christmas Day. Each of the candles has a meaning and reminds of us of how we should prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. The first candle on the wreath represents hope and the hope that Jesus brought into the world. The children were asked to reflect on what hopes they had, beyond what they wanted for Christmas. Maybe a sick member of a family to get well, or the homeless to have a hot meal on Christmas Day.

The children will be thinking about this further as they each prepare a Christmas Hope or Wish to go on a Christmas decoration to be hung on the Pump House over the Christmas period.

HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the children and staff who have been incredibly resilient this week in coping with the colder conditions due to our broken boiler. Thank you to those parents who have expressed their appreciation of us working so hard to keep the school open despite the broken boiler. These comments have helped to lift spirits. The children have been great. We hope that it will be fixed very soon—we are just waiting for the part to arrive.

I have also been reflecting a lot on how we can make sure that as a school community we can celebrate Christmas, whilst keeping our school family as safe as possible with rising numbers of COVID-19 cases locally and nationally. I have therefore made the decision to cancel some events, and limit numbers at others. In the last week of term I will also be trying to make sure that there is very little mixing of classes indoors to support with this. The decisions I have made are outlined below. I hope that you understand.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tomorrow the PTA will be holding the Christmas Fair which is very exciting and will hopefully raise lots of money for the school.

However we are very mindful that this needs to be done a safely as possible. In line with current school guidance we MUST ask and insist that everyone that is visiting the Christmas Fair wears a face mask unless they are exempt.



Children under the age of 12 are exempt.

We would also ask that no-one attends the Fair if they have any symptoms relating to COVID-19 or are feeling unwell. If you are able to do a lateral flow test before attending that would also be greatly appreciated.

Please be aware that the heating still isn't fixed so dress warmly, although heaters will be on in each of the classrooms.

YR NATIVITY & Y2 CHRISTMAS PLAY

I have been thinking about how we can still hold these two lovely events, but keep everyone as safe as possible. I have therefore decided not to allow the whole school to watch the dress rehearsal. Y6 will watch reception at a two metre distance so they can see their buddies and Y1 will watch Y2 so they can see what they will be doing next year.

In terms of family members watching we are going to limit each family to two tickets per performance so that we can implement some social distancing. In addition we will be asking everyone attending to wear a face mask and if possible to LFD test before attending. The children will be sent home with two tickets for each performance next week. Tickets will need to be shown at the door.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As is traditional we will be putting our Christmas Post Box out every day next week for children to post their Christmas cards in (cards are not allowed to be distributed by children as this causes disruption to learning and upset). The cards will then be isolated for 48 hours before being given out by the teachers in class. The last day that the Post Box will be available is Wednesday 15th December. Have fun writing your cards to your friends.

KS2 SINGING—VILLAGE GREEN

I have also decided to cancel this event, even though it is outside the all the children from KS2 will be huddled together singing. Instead each class will record themselves singing some Christmas songs and posy to Tapestry. Sorry!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

This event has been cancelled as we do not want to have lots of children mixing this close to Christmas—sorry.

ACHIEVEMENT CUPS

These will be given out in classes on the last day of Term and the video of the children receiving their awards will be shared on Tapestry on the last day of term.

END OF TERM

School finishes one hour earlier on the last day of term and we have an INSET Day on Tuesday 4th January.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair tomorrow.

Wonderful Weekly News

 Star Learners 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miley Killian
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Ellis
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issy Aida
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Lily
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan Daisy-Mai
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander Kian
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noah Carter

 Star Writers 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurora
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sully
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddy
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry W
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bella D
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabitha

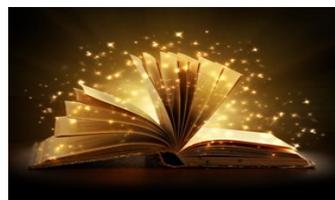
 Maths Wizards 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amalie
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honey
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elliot
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximillian
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rudy
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sammy
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logan

Party Point Champions	
Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha 	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rege
Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice
Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie H 	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archie Cor
Congratulations	

Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connor & Bella B (Y5) for individually creating a model solar systems for their 'Stargazers' topic. The time and effort that this must have taken is evident in the completed models. A very big well done!

Attendance Award

Reception

Congratulations
Everyone

