



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 16

## WORSHIP THEME - Epiphany

This week in worship we focussed on the Christian Festival of Epiphany which is celebrated on the 6th January each year. We started by reflecting on some of the special presents we had been given and why they were special to us. We discovered that some of our most special presents are not presents that are big and cost a lot of money, but ones that are handmade and personal to us.

Epiphany marks the arrival of the wealthy wise men to see the baby Jesus who were in contrast to the poor shepherds. God was trying to show us that we all have special gifts to offer and everyone is loved by God so therefore we should try and use our gifts to help others and love each other as God loves us.

### WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and were able to enjoy some quality family time together in which no-one was unwell. I hope that those of you who have not yet been able to return to school because of the need to isolate are feeling better and we look forward to welcoming you back next week.

### STAYING SAFE

As always we are very keen to keep all of our children and families as safe and well as possible and in these current time this requires all of us to work together.

From next week there are further changes to Government guidance which means that anyone who has a positive LFD result should not have a PCR as this counts as a positive result. Following a positive LFD test result you can reduce the isolation period to 7 days if you take a LFD test on day 6 and get a negative result and repeat this 24 hours later on day 7 and get another negative result. If you then have no temperature you can end self-isolation.

Anyone who is a close contact of a positive case should lateral flow test every day for 7 days and does not need to self-isolate unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms in which case a PCR test should be booked.

With increased vaccination in teenagers and adults we are now seeing more cases in primary schools, so please do look out for any signs and symptoms of COVID and do not send your child into school if they have symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough or change in taste or smell).

Every class now has a carbon dioxide monitor which teachers are using to ensure that rooms remain well ventilated. In addition to this we have decided not to have

whole school worship in person, but instead will be going back to having worship videos online. We feel that this will help limit the spread within school.

Staff are also testing at least twice a week to ensure that they are COVID free before coming into school which is supporting our school community in staying safe.

In addition to this please make sure that you are wearing a face mask when coming onto the school premises and when talking to any member of staff. Also please keep to the separate drop off times for different year groups in the morning to limit mixing at the school gate.

- KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 and siblings) must arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:45 am.
- KS1 (YR, Y1, Y2) must arrive at the later time of 8:50 am.

Hopefully by working together we can keep as safe as possible.

### PARENTS' EVENING

You should have received an invite to book a parents' evening appointment with your child's class teacher for next Wednesday or Thursday evening. The purpose of these meetings is for the teachers to discuss your child's progress since September; their results in the end of Term 2 assessments and attitude to learning. Each appointment slot lasts nine minutes (allowing for one minute between appointments) Unfortunately your appointment will automatically end and teachers cannot override this to extend appointments. The teachers will be sending home a short report card on Wednesday (not reception) that outlines your child's attitude to learning, scores in the latest tests and how you can support at home.

### WOW STARTERS

It has been lovely seeing the children immerse themselves in their new topics. Reception children had an afterschool play in the dark so they could look at the stars to launch their Starry Night topic and there was great excitement in Y1 when there was an alien landing in their classroom to launch their Moon Zoom topic! Y2 have had a great time today making mucky mixtures as well. Some classes have used this week to do their D&T projects and Y4 have had fun making bread and Y3 have been learning some embroidery skills. What a fun first week back!

I hope you all have a great weekend!

