



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 13

## WORSHIP THEME - KINDNESS

The Christmas Story

This week, we started by looking at the Christmas Story in the Bible and how it is filled with kindness. The Inn Keeper finding a stable for Mary and Joseph, the shepherds coming to visit, the Angel sharing the good news and the wise men travelling from afar and bringing precious gifts. We reflected on how Jesus came to teach us and kindness was always at the heart of his teaching.

I know many of the children have been telling me about their visits from the naughty elves and the antics they have been getting up to. However, at school such naughty antics are not encouraged but we have had a visit from the Kindness Elves. Each class has their own special visitor that they have named and sets them a daily kindness challenge to remind them of the importance of kindness especially at Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY & NATIVITY

Y2 and Reception have been busy rehearsing for their performances next week. I can't wait to see them perform and share their hard work with family and friends. They are doing a dress rehearsal to the school on Monday afternoon so that their friends can watch and they have practised in front of an audience which is always very different.

Just a reminder to please bring your tickets with you as there is limited space for each performance so we can only allow entry with a ticket. Also as we are busy getting the children ready and setting up we only allow entry to the hall 15 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Thank you for your help with this matter.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY

On Thursday the children can wear their Christmas clothes to school, it doesn't have to be a jumper, it could be any Christmas top or dress, just something to put us all in the Christmas spirit as we sit down to eat our Christmas lunch together.

### ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCES

As you will all know online safety is an incredibly important lesson for children to learn so that they can use the internet and stay safe whilst online. It therefore forms an important part of our school curriculum.

Mr Atabay, a Y6 parent, has kindly purchased the school a set of books called Barney and Echo Caught in the Web supported by Police Community Clubs of Great Britain. The story teaches about cyber bullying and internet safety. More information is available [here](#)

These books form part of our online safety teaching in Y6 so are greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

### END OF TERM

Just a reminder that school will finish early on the last day of term. The children will finish school at 2:25 pm and Twilight will finish at 4:30 pm.

### STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs. Pierce (reception TA) will be leaving us at the end this of Term. She has decided that she would like a new challenge having taught reception children for a large number of years and is leaving education. We wish her well in her new job.

Mrs. Evenden is recovering well after her back operation and hopes to be able to return to work on Monday 9th January if her recovery continues to go well. Mrs. Biggerstaff will continue to teach the class until her return.

I have also met with Mrs. Dolding and she is hoping to start a phased return to work in Term 3 being back to her full 3 days a week by the end of Term 3. She will be coming in to meet the class on Thursday 5th January.

### SCARLETT FEVER

As I am sure you have heard in the press there has been an increase in Scarlett Fever cases particularly in primary aged children. A letter has been sent out with the newsletter giving more information about symptoms and what to do if your child has symptoms.

### INSET DAY REMINDER

The new school term for children starts on Wednesday 4th January as we have an INSET day with other local schools on Tuesday 3rd January. There are also two INSET days booked for the end of Term 3 on 9th and 10th February where we are looking at our Curriculum.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We have been asked to share with all our families a special carol service taking place at our local church, St. John the Baptist, on Saturday 17th December at 4:00 pm.

Here are the details:

Come and join us for a wonderful candlelit service of nine lessons and carols, with special items by our choir and well-known carols for all, followed by light refreshments. Entry is free, just come and enjoy the Christmas music and festive spirit in our beautiful parish church!

### WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- Tuesday @ 9:45 am Reception Nativity Performance
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- Thursday Christmas Clothes & Christmas Dinner day
- Thursday Y1 Trip to the Pantomime (expected return to school 5:00 pm)
- Friday @ 2:25 pm School finishes for Christmas Holidays

