

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Welcome back to term 2

Despite the weather, I trust you were able to make the most of the holiday.

You'll be aware that today has been a staff development day and we used some time to consider the implications of the deteriorating situation we find ourselves in. I am mindful that whenever a holiday occurs, families and staff will use the opportunity to travel and with Maidstone and surrounding areas having some of the lowest infection rates in the country, we will have inevitably, increased the risk as we travel back home and start mixing back at school and work. We would therefore like to make the following requests/changes:

From tomorrow, please could all adults entering the school site wear a face covering. If the event that you need to see/talk to a teacher, they will also be wearing a face visor.

Please can families adhere to the staggered start/finish times and ensure that pupils are collected **promptly** at the allocated time. Please can I ask that adults are socially distancing and that as soon as you have dropped your child off, you leave the school site.

To ensure good ventilation, windows will continue to be open throughout the day, regardless of the temperature and so it is essential that children come to school wearing additional layers under their school uniform. Children need to go outside at break and lunchtimes so that additional ven-

tilation can take place in the classrooms. All children therefore need a warm, waterproof coat please in school every day. They also need to be prepared to have all PE lessons outside.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Pam Lerwell

Over the holidays, we learnt of the very sad news of the sudden death of Pam Lerwell. The children of the school will have so many fond memories of Pam who for many years, came to school twice a week with Margaret Ashworth to hear our youngest readers. Pam will be sorely missed by the Collier Street community including the school. She would always attend our end of term services as well as other school events. So many pupils gained so much from their weekly reading slot with her. It was such a shame that the last time Pam was able to be in school was the middle of March due to the pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Christmas

We are now resigned to the fact that Christmas celebrations in school will be looking very different this year. Our plans are as follows:

Nativities— Bearing in mind many factors, we have decided that this year, the Christmas story will be told through dance. You may recall that back in 2018, the Easter story was wonderfully depicted in a similar way. The nativity will be filmed and shared with Key-Stage 1 parents towards the end of the term.

Christmas Jumper Day -This will take place on Friday 11th Dec. Mini-

mum Donation of £2 please.

Christmas Parties— These will continue and will take place on Wed 16th Dec for KS1 and Thurs 17th for KS2. This year it would be unwise for the food to be laid out in a buffet style so we will be asking that each child brings in a party snack box.

Other diary dates:

Monday 9th—The whole school will be discussing/working on the Parable of the Sower. This is the biblical story which the school has adopted to reinforce our aims. As it states at the top of this newsletter, as a community we are:

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The Collier Street Parish Magazine school article this month has more details. This will be uploaded to our website soon.

Tues 17th Flu vaccinations for all pupils (separate letter issued)

Thurs 16th PESE (11+) results issued to parents (This date has very recently been shared and could have to change)

Fri 11th Dec Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 16th Dec KS1 Parties

Thurs 17th KS2 Parties

Fri 18th Dec End of term 2

*Monday 21st Dec - Friday 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays*

Mon 4th January 2021 Children return to school

Wishing you all a good week.