

St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter
Monday 4th December
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Key Dates

Monday 4th December
December **Family Service**
from 10:00am led by
Sycamore Class

Friday 8th December
H.S.A. **Christmas Fayre**
3:30pm in school hall

Tuesday 12th December
Oak Class Nativity
Production to Parents at
9:30am & 4:00pm in the
School Hall

Thursday 14th December
KS1 (Beech & Maple
Classes) **Nativity** to
Parents 9:30am and
4:00pm.

Friday 15th December
Wear a Christmas Jumper
to support NSPCC
£1 donation
School Christmas Dinner
Day!

Monday 18th December
KS2 Christingle Service
6pm in St George's
Church

Tuesday 19th December
Last day of term 2

Wednesday 3rd January
First day of term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

ADVENT BEGINS WITH LIGHT!

Last Friday we announced the start of the Advent season with Mrs Baylis and Elloit Martin (one of our School Captains) lit the first candle on the schools Advent Ring at our Friday Worship. In addition the lights on our Christmas tree were also turned on! Suddenly the school feels and looks very different. If this wasn't enough this was all celebrated by the generous donation of a Nativity Scene by one of our very close neighbours and very good friend to the school Mrs. Margaret Barrow. Margaret has a long connection with St. George's since the new school was opened on this site in the late 1960s. Even today the connection continues today she has a great grand-daughter in Year 1. Margaret came along to our worship last week and kindly delivered the beautiful scene which is going to each class so they all get a chance to enjoy it.

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher



Staff Arrangements from January 2018

As the calendar year comes to end the school the will be some new faces joining us in January and sadly some long standing and highly valued members of staff moving on.

After three years service as our SENCO **Mrs Jo Ellis** is taking a break from teaching to concentrate on her family for a while. Perhaps the role of SENCO within a school is highly valued and demanding and we are very grateful for the time she has spent with us and we wish her all the very best in the future. Thankfully we have been working very hard in the teacher transfer market and have managed to appoint a highly experienced SENCO, **Mrs Yvonne Nunes**, who will begin working here from January.

Although not quite leaving us in January **Mrs Lisa West**, Oak Class Teacher, will be taking her maternity from mid-January and awaiting her new arrival. Again we have appointed her cover teacher, **Mrs Leila Demirelli**, who has just moved to the area and is keen to re-start her teaching career, with us, and we are delighted to have made this excellent appointment with Miss Anderson giving her 'seal of approval!'

We must also say a very brief goodbye to Mrs Donna Emerali who is taking a short period of time out of St. George's but will return at some point next year. In her place as School Bursar we have appointed Mrs Nicki Jones to make sure that everything is in order in the office.

Finally, we must say a goodbye to Mrs Ruth farmer a one of highly effective TA's as she leaves us to progress her career with the Specialist Teaching Service from January. This is clearly a deserved big step for her but fully merited. Once again a very big thank you to all these staff members who have served our school and community of Wrotham tirelessly over a number of years.

Parent Consultations

It was gratifying to hear and see so many parents take the opportunity to talk with their child's Class Teacher recently. If you haven't yet had a chance to get in to school, please contact the Teacher directly to arrange a meeting.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch this year is to be offered to the children on **Friday 15th December**. So rather than a fish and chip day (this will take place the previous day) the children will be offered a full Christmas Lunch eaten with the staff. If you would like your child to take a lunch, please make sure that you note the date on your calendar and ensure your payment is made to the School Office Reception.

Music Around the School!

Some talented musicians in school showcased their hard work this week by playing in our Monday worship as the children entered the hall and even during the school hymn we were singing!



Keep Up To date!

Do you know that the school has a Twitter account? To log on type in @StGeorgesKent for up to date news and information!

Dragon Christmas Post Box

Christmas is fast approaching and it's time in school to dust the cobwebs off the Christmas Post Box. The Christmas Elves will be ready to deliver your cards from **Monday 11th December** onwards. If your child would like to make use of the Dragon Christmas postal service, please ensure that envelopes have the recipient's name and class written clearly on them.

Unfortunately the Postal Elves can only deliver to pupils and staff at St. George's Primary School and are unable to deliver to 'Mummy', 'Daddy' and 'Nanny'!

I think it's getting a bit colder...

Brrrr..! There has been a definite 'coldness' in the air over the last week and we would therefore like to pass on the following reminders:- This will all be very familiar to you but please ensure the children come to school with a jumper/cardigan and a coat! Like all schools we tend to have lots of colds and coughs in St. George's at this time of year and much of this is down to children not having the appropriate clothing. If (just if) the weather deteriorates we will make every effort to keep St. George's School open throughout the winter. As one of my staff said 'St George's never closes' so it will have to be 'Antarctic' type snow conditions to cause this decision to be made.

However, just in case, we should experience severe weather conditions which force us to close, these closures this will be announced via the Parents Text Service and then on the following radio stations:-

- KMFM - Frequency 96.2/101.6 FM
- BBC Radio Kent- Frequency 96.7/104.2 FM
- Heart FM- Frequency 103.1/102.8 FM

Christmas Calendar in the village!

With the turning on of the Christmas lights in the village last weekend as I have hinted before this is the start of Advent.

As always Wrotham is such a vibrant village to part of and I would you all to note a number of events on your calendar which you may consider attending.

Friday 8th December
St. George's School
Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm

Saturday 9th December
The **Wrotham Christmas Concert** from 7:00pm

Sunday 17th December
Candlelit Carol Service from 6:00pm

Monday 18th December
St. George's School
Christingle from 6:00pm

Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December
Christmas Crib Service for children from 4:00pm
Carols in the Square from 5:15pm
Midnight Communion from 11:30pm

Christmas Day
Monday 25th December
Family Communion from 10:00am