

## Father Christmas arrives in Churt!

Our winter wonderland walk was a fantastic surprise and one we all enjoyed no matter our age. We are so grateful to Mr and Mrs Jenks for allowing us this amazing opportunity. In the darkness of 2020 this brought us light, a memorable event for us all.



16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch Party clothes
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term 2pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY
5 <sup>TH</sup> Jan	Start of Term
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Closing date for school applications
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Half- Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Start of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Police visit
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 workshop at Guildford Cathedral TBC



## Values News

Our focus value is Peace "may peace be with you"

We looked at what is truly important at Christmas, the receiving of gifts or the giving of gifts? We looked back on how we have been learning to have healthy minds and bodies. We have counted our blessings, we have explored the power of the word yet and this week realised that giving things to others also helps our own well-being.

This week I had the pleasure of reading letters written to Father Christmas and when I asked one learner "What did you do well in this piece of writing?" the answer was "I used a sentence that was thoughtful, respectful and kind." In their letter that included items that they wanted for Christmas the final line was ***"most important of all I would like my family to be healthy and happy."***

We are so proud of our rainbow rules being applied; the more they are applied the more peaceful our world will be. Our learners are taking every opportunity to let their light shine in everything they do.

## Covid update

**You may have heard that the DFE suggested this week that schools use December 18<sup>th</sup> as an INSET day - this is not an additional day but instead would mean moving another INSET day. This change was due to school staff needing to be available to support the track and trace system should anyone develop symptoms within 6 days of being at school. We, like most schools, have already made plans for the children on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. The training that happens on an INSET day cannot just be moved at such short notice. We also recognise parents cannot simply rearrange their childcare plans so rapidly. Therefore, we will not be making any changes to our planned end of term date of 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We do have a planned INSET for the 4<sup>th</sup> January which will continue as we have training arranged with an external provider.**

You can access information on the number of cases in the area on a new Surrey page.

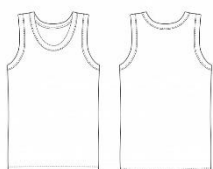
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**If anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms the household must stay at home and get a test. Everyone must stay home until the result is received.**

- Remember to contact us even if it is a weekend or evening on the office email if you need to inform us if anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms and going for a test or if your family have been in close contact with a positive case and you need to self-isolate.
- Thank you to everyone for wearing masks on the site to protect families and staff - we do have people who are vulnerable so it is really important.
- We are ventilating rooms as much as possible so please make sure your child is dressed warmly, vests may be necessary.
- Each child must also have a warm waterproof coat in school at this time of year. A fleece is no longer enough for an outdoor coat but can be used as an additional layer if cold indoors.

**Stay safe, well and wonderful,**

**From The St John's Family**



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