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NEWSLETTER NO 13: Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. In school, we endeavour to journey through Advent with the children, helping them to understand the ways we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday without rushing on to the season of Christmas before it actually arrives.

This week Year 4 led an Advent Wreath service to explain about the meaning of Advent. Each class was presented with an Advent Wreath for their prayer altars. The children continue to light their Advent Wreaths in Class and reflect on how they can make themselves ready for the coming of the baby Jesus.

Santa's little elves have been busy at work this week at St. William of Perth and your children may have noticed that around our school it's starting to look a lot like Christmas.

Week in Review

Medway Schools Rochester Cathedral Carol Concert

What a fantastic event! Our Year 5 children sung beautifully and the event was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Market

A wonderful event despite the rain bringing a premature end to the festivities. My thanks to all the members of the PTA for making the event such a success. The Christmas market raised £1177!

Medway Youth Games

Well done to Ethan, Jake, Omer, Charlie, Zuzanna and Ewa who represented the school in a badminton competition this week, placing 4th overall.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Last week a letter went out with regards to parent governor vacancies. The deadline for applications is next Friday 10th December.





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School Uniform

Thank you for your support in reminding the children to come into school with their top button done up.

Catch Up Sessions

Catch up sessions are finished for this term as we approach our busy festive season. These sessions will resume at the start of term 3 in the beginning of January.

Year 6 Swimming

This week was the last swimming lesson for Year 6 this term. Swimming lessons will restart after Christmas.

Infant Nativity

Tickets have been sent home today. Please check book bags.

Photography and filming during our Infant and Junior Performances:

A reminder please that photography and filming are not permitted during the performances.

There are several reasons for this:

Firstly, we have children in school who may not be photographed for reasons of safeguarding.

Secondly, recording of music is contrary to the licence under which we use the music / play.

Thirdly, it can be daunting for many children when adults hold up tablets etc., iPad and screens can obscure the view for parents behind them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Whole School Pantomime

All children and staff will attend the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' on Friday 10th December at the Central Theatre, Chatham. Children must arrive at school promptly.

Whole School Children's Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December 2021. The children and staff are all invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day. **School uniform is not required on this day.** A reminder has been sent home via **ParentMail** that all school meals for this day must be pre-ordered and booked via the ParentPay booking system no later than the 8th December please – meals are charged at £2.05 each. There will be no charge for children in years R, 1 and 2 and those KS2 children entitled to Free School Meals.

School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50 We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

Admissions – Primary Schools 2022/2023

The Medway admissions is now open for primary school applications 2022 / 2023. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page. Deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place





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Wednesday morning SEN appointments

Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Wednesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward directly on sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk . Phone consultations are preferable.

Safeguarding

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green Team

Walking Boot Great walking on Wednesday this week. Year 6 came first with 20 children. Keep walking!

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Stanley Y R, Cezara Y 1, Celine Y 2, Stefania Y 3, Sapphire Y 4, Louie Y 5, Amelia Y 6.

Last Day of Term 2 Friday 17th December. Please note that the **school day will end at the earlier time of 1.30pm.**

Yours sincerely,

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December		
Tuesday 7 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i>	1.30 pm
Wednesday 8 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i>	1:30 pm
Wednesday 8 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i>	6 pm
Friday 10 th	Whole School Pantomime Trip	Children must arrive at school by 8.55am
Monday 13 th	KS2 Carol Concert (Playground weather permitting) <i>subject to change</i>	2.15 pm
Wednesday 15 th	School Christmas Dinner Day-to be booked via ParentPay	Book meal by 8.12.21
	Christmas Jumper Day – School Uniform is not required	
Friday 17th	Last Day of School Term 2 School Day Ends at 1.30pm	Early Collection Time
January 2022		
Tuesday 4 th	First Day of Term 3 – INSET DAY	CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL
Wednesday 5 th	Children return to school	

