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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Here is a look at what is happening in school

End of this week:

Sunday 19 th December	6pm Chestnut Class (Y2) to St Mary's Church, Chidham to participate in their Christmas service
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And after the Christmas break:

Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 4 th January	Children Return to school No PE kits for any class
Wednesday 5 th January	London Plane Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details) Piano lessons today for named children
Thursday 6 th January	PE kits to be worn by those in Chestnut and Willow Classes
Friday 7 th January	PE kits to be worn by those in Apple and Oak Classes



PTFA Raffle Many thanks for all your support with the PTFA raffle which was drawn last Friday afternoon. The winners were:

Number	Prize	Winner
1	£100 cash	Frankie Willard
2	Arty Crafty box 1	Jodie Cutting
3	Arty Crafty box 2	Danni Duthie
4	Arty Crafty box 3	Alex Burgess
5	Afternoon Tea Hamper	Timmy Butler
6	A Movie Night In 1	Emma Merritt
7	A Movie Night In 2	Hudson family
8	Boozy Hamper 1	Hazel Short
9	Boozy Hamper 2	Brett Sammars
10	Pamper Hamper	Alice Sammars
11	Dine In 1	Olivia Elliott
12	Dine In 2	Mrs Privett
13	Luxury Treats Box	Rose Pilch
14	COOP Hamper 1	Lila Billingshurst
15	COOP Hamper 2	D. hoskins
16	Vegetable Hamper from Foot Farm	Oscar-James Duthie
17	Cup & Tea	Finlay Bromley-Dopson
18	Toffifee	Rachel Timson
19	Bunny & Candle	J Cleverly
20	£15 beauty treatment from Alex Ray	Helen Burt
21	Mulled wine panetone	Lila Billingshurst
22	Berkeley Arms voucher envelope	Chris Page
23	Cava & bath	D. Hoskins
24	Wine & White Company	Amanda Byrne
25	Barleycorn Voucher envelope	Frankie Failes
26	Perfume & bottle	Itlaia Willard
27	Millstream Voucher envelope	Sean Martin
28	Costa Coffee voucher envelope	Mrs Privett
29	Whiskey & DVD	G.Matthews
30	Blanket	Paul Andrews
31	Chocolate Yule Log hamper 1	Lila Billingshurst
32	Treats box	G. Matthews
33	Mug making & books	Timmy Butler
34	Biscuits & books	Amanda Byrne
35	Candied flowers & Bucks fizz	G.Matthews
36	Goodwood GBG voucher envelope	Paul Read
37	Chocolate Yule Log hamper 2	Zoe Harbert
38	Wine Gums delight	G.Matthews
39	2 bottles of wine	Hudson family



Children's Christmas Fair Last Friday was a huge success, the children in London Plane Class were fantastic organisers of the shop and games, and the children came in their classes and enjoyed the hour spending their pennies. There was a lovely buzz in the hall as everyone excitedly decided what to spend their money on. Some were determined to win a box of chocolates and had many a go on "guess the name of the reindeer" or played the treasure hunt game, or tried to get the highest score on bagatelle or decide how many sweets were in the jar to name but a few of the games, whilst others enjoyed browsing in the shop and choosing presents for people special to them. Thank you for sending the children in with change in their purses, our Children's Christmas Fair was a great opportunity for them to make choices and spend their money wisely and for the oldest children the opportunity to be leaders.



School Christmas Service It was a delight to join the children in Birch and London Plane Classes for their Christmas service at St Mary's Church on Monday afternoon. Their readings, carols and artwork helped to retell the Christmas story under the twinkle of the Churches Christmas tree. In amongst all the fun of preparing for Christmas Day itself, it was the perfect time to stop and remind ourselves as to why we celebrate Christmas in the first place.

And just a reminder that this **Sunday 19th December Y2, Chestnut Class** will be singing a couple of Christmas songs and reciting a poem at the start of the 6pm evening service being led by Father Andrew. We are taking part in the service at Father Andrew's request. He has kindly said that if the school "perform" their contribution at the start, if you then need to leave and not stay for the whole service, you can. The children can wear their own clothes to this event. If able to be at the church for 5.40pm to give time for a run through that would be great - may help you to find a parking space too!

(Please note there are no toilets at St Mary's Church)



Donations Thank you for your generosity. As a result of your kind donations that went into our collection pots at the end of each performance and service, we were able to give Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) £154.23



There has been lots of fun this week!



On Tuesday we started the day with a Christmas Breakfast. The children readily tucked into their cereal, bacon sandwiches, yoghurts, pancakes, croissants etc whilst listening to a range of Christmas stories. Seeing everyone merrily eating, did make my stomach rumble!



On Wednesday the children appeared with smiles in their festive wear - its hard to believe there are so many Christmas jumpers about! We raised £176.66 for St Wilfred's Hospice which they were thrilled to receive.



Yesterday the children happily ran & skipped into school wearing their Christmas headwear, and everyone looked fabulous in the hall as they tucked into their Christmas lunch wearing their festive headbands, hats etc! And then, excitedly after lunch, we all very quickly discovered that Father Christmas had visited and had kindly left everyone a present - how fantastic was that?!

It was also our Christmas cracker joke competition day. The winning class entries were from:
Cherry Class (Hazel): What do you call a shark who delivers presents at Christmas time? Santa - Jaws

Apple Class (Tonnie): Why did the turkey join the band? Because it had the drumsticks

Chestnut Class (Erin): Who can't you trust in a bakery? A mince-spy

Oak Class (Beatrice): What did the hat say to the scarf? You hang on , while I go on a head

Willow Class (Seren): Why did the red nosed reindeer help the old lady cross the road? It would have been Rudolf if not for him.

Birch Class (Theo & Alfie): What went OH, OH, OH? Santa walking backwards

London Plane Class (Charlie P): Why was the elf on stage at the concert? Because he was really good at wrapping!

And after a school vote, the winning joke was Hazel's in Cherry Class. Well done Hazel!



And today the children were full of Christmas cheer. They happily munched their way through their Christmas packed lunches, and enjoyed their class Christmas parties!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance Some children, as if they have been kept safe wrapped in bubble wrap all term, have been very lucky and have escaped all germs & viruses and have reached the end of term with 100% attendance. Well done: Antonia Aguado-Navarro, Lewis Bailey, Joseph Borges, Finley Bromley-Dopson, Leo Bromley-Dopson, Evie Clark, Bea Cooke, Felix Crinion-Keal, Mackenzie Crow, Megan Crow, Lavinia Day, Tryphena Day, Darcey Gilbert, Alice Harbert, Evie Hatfield, Aimee Hollingsworth, Arlo Hughes, Ellie Martin, Kitty McGarry, Isla Morgan, Edward Page, Otto Parkin, Elsie Schmidtschneider, Alfie Scott, Hazel Short, Summer Simmons and Robert Webb.



Goodbye As the new year approaches, so comes new beginnings, and for some that means new adventures as they follow a different path. Sadly we have had to say "Goodbye" to a few people this week. Mrs Hewitt (TA based in Willow Class) is leaving to spend time with her little boy who is one year old. Mrs Gorman (TA based in Chestnut Class) and Mrs MacDonald (TA based in London Plane Class) are both leaving to work in different schools. Mrs Gorman has the opportunity to become an ELSA in one, and Mrs MacDonald to work with a specific child, which will support her application to become an Educational Psychologist. Miss Assinder said "Goodbye" to Chestnut Class today as her teaching placement with us has ended and we wished Mr Porcas well as his time teaching Oak Class has ended and he heads off to teach in a primary school in Worthing. It has been great getting to know him this term and the children have enjoyed having him as their teacher. And last, but by no means least, we sadly said "Goodbye" to Mrs Seton. She is a very talented teacher, has contributed

so much to school life these last years and has been a very proactive staff governor. The children have enjoyed being taught by her, and will miss her generosity of spirit - let alone her no longer being here to run the girls after school football club! We wish her, and everyone else, every happiness in the next chapters of their lives. Each were given gifts specially chosen for them; and of course they all left with a Chidham bear in their hands!



Ditto This is the final DITTO magazine of the year that is edited by Alan Mackenzie, an e-safety adviser who works with us in school. This edition, can be found following this link:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

It has articles on:

- Reflecting on 2021.
- Online safety - the basics.
- New devices - advice and guidance.
- Online sexual harassment.
- Technology tools.
- How can I... (a range of common questions with links to answers).
- Instagram changes.
- TikTok safety mode.

DfE Communication The DfE emailed all schools yesterday to ask if we can forward guidance to you all about online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online. The Children's Commissioner is hoping that her guide will serve as a useful starting point to raise awareness and understanding of online harassment, and to complement key messages on the new relationships and sex education curriculum. Please follow this link to that information: [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online.](#)

The Children's Commissioner says:

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography. The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#). A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.



COVID-19 Safety If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note the updated advice from the DfE should you become unwell with COVID but your child appears not to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

And all that is left for me to say is: “Have a wonderful Christmas!” Enjoy all the fun, sparkle and magic.....hopefully Father Christmas will remember to call; and who knows, we may all wake up to snow outside on Christmas Day!

See you in 2022

