

St Paul's C of E Infant School The Cardinals Tongham, Farnham Surrey GU10 1EF Tel: 01252 400222 Headteacher: Sue Brown

Headteacher's Newsletter – 8th December 2020

School Drop offs and Pick ups during the pandemic

Thank you very much for your support with pick up and drop off times.

The second lockdown may be over, but if you follow the data for outbreaks, you will be aware that cases are increasing in our area and so it is vital that we all follow the guidance.

Nativity with animals

On Thursday (10th) Claire (the vicar) will be taking the children through the Christmas story with live animals.

Children will be going outside (in their bubbles) and as the animals will be on the grass they will need boots or old trainers to change into.

Please send your child in with boots or old trainers in a named carrier bag on Thursday morning.

End of Term Christmas Service – Friday 18th December at 9.30am

As you probably know, we would normally go to church for this and invite parents and carers. This year, as this is not possible, we plan to try this using "Zoom". We will use the waiting room system and so ask that anyone who wishes to join sets their name to the family name that we will recognise in school. Zoom link will be sent out next week.

Income Entitled Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

If your child is entitled to income related free school meals/ Pupil Premium then the new government scheme means that you will receive vouchers for £15 per week for the 2 weeks that school is closed over the Christmas break. If your circumstances have changed and you may now be entitled then please complete this online form -

<u>https://forms.gle/E1XTJHMzuyw3HCD57</u> so that we can confirm this and get the vouchers e-mailed to you.

Christmas Food Hampers

Claire is arranging for every family entitled to income related free school meals/pupil premium to receive a Christmas Hamper before the end of term. We are aware that there may be others who are finding things difficult and so would welcome this type of support. If this would help your family and/or you know of any families in Tongham that this would help, please do let me know (head@stpaulstongham.com)

End of Term - early finish

The last day of term is Friday 18th December. Collection is from 1.50-2.05pm

The first day back for the children is Tuesday 5th January with drop off from 8.50 – 9.05am

REMINDERS

Santa Fun Run

The children will be completing their Santa Fun Run tomorrow. (Wednesday) Please return any forms and sponsorship money to the school office.

The Christmas Raffle

The raffle will be drawn on Facebook live on 10th December. Please return tickets to the school office.

Thanks to your generosity, the children will be having a Christmas party (in bubbles) with entertainment and Father Christmas will visit with presents.

Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children charity)

Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper day. We hope that you will support this by sending your child in a Christmas Jumper (or maybe adding some tinsel/decorations to a jumper if he/she does not have one) and making a donation of £1 if you can afford it. Your child does not need to wear uniform on this day but when choosing clothing, please remember that some will need to change into shorts for PE and that the children will be going outside to play. (Children should be able to manage their own footwear so that staff do not have to get too close)