

# St. Matthew's

## Church of England Infant School

**Weekly Newsletter**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**



Dear Parents

This week we have been busy with our Nativity practices and performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens', which I am sure you have all really enjoyed. The whole school has worked very hard to put together a superb musical where everyone had a special part to play, and I am so proud of everyone – each child and member of staff. It has been an amazing week where our strong school community spirit has shone through - it is always such a great experience!

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday, wearing their Christmas hats and jumpers, singing along to the Christmas songs playing. They are looking great in their Christmas jumpers and are welcome to wear them all of next week (Rev Hugh too!)

On behalf of Streetlytes, thank you to everyone for their donations of winter shoes and warm clothing – I am sure that they will be very much appreciated and it is lovely to be able to support a charity that has a parent link with the school.

Thank you to all the parents who put on, and those who helped at, the Film Club this week where the children enjoyed the Greatest Showman and could be heard singing along enthusiastically throughout. Thank you also to everyone who has been involved in finding prizes for the raffle and to those who sold tickets on behalf of the school. All of these things take a lot of time and energy and it is very much appreciated.

Next week, the children are looking forward to their class party day on Tuesday – they may wear party clothes of their choice. A separate letter has gone out to parents requesting food contributions for the party lunch and afternoon tea. We are looking forward to welcoming back Nina Wilkins and Anna Jarrett who are going to play the piano and cello for the children during afternoon tea, as they have done for the past few years. We will all be singing along to the Christmas songs!

Our Christmas church service is taking place at All Saints, Ockham, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9am – Please arrive at the church from 8:40 to 9:00. Please let us know if another parent is taking your child back to school after the service. Do join us back at the school for a coffee and mince pie afterwards.

There are still places available for tomorrow's Christmas Craft Workshop which is in our school hall from 10:00 to 11:30. If you haven't already booked then I am sure that you can turn up and pay on the door.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hutt

Well done to those who finished their sticker charts this week, their names will appear in the last newsletter of the year, next week, along with details of our other award winners!



### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day – children can wear mufti clothes
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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9am Christmas Service at All Saints Church, Ockham

No breakfast club

1.15pm End of Term

**GATE DUTY w/c 17<sup>th</sup> December Parents of:**

**(8.40 – 9.00am)**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	J Jones
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	T Juxon



**Closing Date for Reception and Year 3 Places**

A reminder from Surrey County Council :

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2019 entry is **15 January 2019**. We encourage online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for your child.



**St Matthew's Christmas Post**

**Our post box is the library area. Our final collection will be on Tuesday 18th December. Please mark your envelopes clearly with full names and class. Then band together in class if possible to help the Post Boys & Girls in Year 2 to deliver correctly!! Thank you**

**CHRISTMAS AT OCKHAM & DOWNSIDE**



**All are welcome to our services:**

**Carol Service 4pm, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, All Saints', Ockham**

Carols by candlelight for all the family with the choir. Please arrive in good time to ensure a seat!

**Carol singing around the village Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Ockham village**

Meet at the Parish Rooms at 5.45 to leave at 6pm. How far we go will depend on weather and numbers. Do come and join us. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Further info: Jenny Milligan: 01483 225073

**Crib Service 4pm, Christmas Eve, St Michael's Chapel, Downside**

For children 0-6, who help lead this as we tell the Christmas story. Come early as it often gets wonderfully crowded. Further info: Revd Elisabeth Burke: 01932 863886

**Christmas Eve Carols 5pm, Christmas Eve, St Michael's Chapel, Downside**

For older children and adults too. Further info: Revd Elisabeth Burke: 01932 863886

**Midnight Mass 11pm, Christmas Eve, All Saints', Ockham**

A candlelit communion service, the ideal way to start Christmas. Come early as it often gets crowded.

**Christmas Day Communion 9am, St Michael's Chapel, Downside**

**Christmas Day Family Service 10.30am, All Saints', Ockham**

A short Christmas service for all the family

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