

## Newsletter 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents,

We made our advent wreath together earlier in the week. Reflecting on love, peace, hope and faith, and how the candles represent the coming of Christ as the light of the world. The nativity story is at the heart of our collective worship over the coming weeks. Christmas decorations are springing up around the school, fairy lights are twinkling and there is a jolly sparkle of festivity everywhere!

The ticketing for the winter concert and KS1&2 performances is well underway, and I thank you all for the tremendous support and feedback we have received about our festive plans. There has been a huge effort by so many in recent weeks preparing for the forthcoming performances. The cast, choir and hand bell ringers are busy with final rehearsals.



Updated Public Health England (PHE) guidance this week for schools until the end of the term 2, has two new strands of communication:

### 1. New guidance due to Omicron Covid variant

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

### 2. Local guidance on Christmas events

In line with national Government guidance, we have thought creatively about our Christmas and seasonal festivities to ensure that events can go ahead safely and keep pupils, staff, and parents safe. Our risk assessment is located on the school website [HTPA-Covid-19-Risk-Assessment-November-2021.pdf \(holy-trinity.co.uk\)](https://www.holy-trinity.co.uk/HTPA-Covid-19-Risk-Assessment-November-2021.pdf) Page 9 contains the updated events information.

We have the **Show and Glow hand hygiene kit** in school over the next fortnight to demonstrate best practice handwashing techniques. It instantly highlights where improved techniques will help to control the spread of infections such as coronavirus 19 and other unwanted infections. A special lotion, Glitter Bug is applied to the hands and then washed off. When the hands are placed under an ultraviolet lamp any remaining lotion will fluoresce demonstrating the flaws in the hand washing technique. School councillors Eadie and Oliver share their experience here:

*'Why do we wash our hands with soap?*

*Yesterday in Sarum we discovered how well we actually wash our hands. First we made the classroom very dark, we put glitter bug gel on everyone's hands and pretended to wash our hands with it. Using the UV torch, we checked where people hadn't washed their hands properly. The torch showed all that we had missed. As a class we were not too bad but we have learned to clean our hands better as now we know how easily viruses spread.'*



Sarum Class had a visit from Wessex Water on Tuesday to tell us about what they do and their role in increasing sustainability locally. The range of uses for water and the amount we use was astonishing. We learned about the water cycle and how we can reduce the human impact on it. What is sewage? We know lots about what makes up sewage and, through a hands-on investigation, found out about the 'flushability' of different sorts of paper.



**A reminder – deadline for primary school applications** The deadline is fast approaching for applying for a primary school place. If your child was born between 1/9/2017 and 31/8/2018, you need to make an application before the deadline which is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Best wishes  
Anna Woodman

We welcome and value your opinion. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the Head teacher or Chair of Governors.

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Upcoming Events (Calendar of events will be available on the website at <a href="http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk">www.holy-trinity.co.uk</a> in the coming week)		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter music concert: handbells and choir	4.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PFA Christmas Jumper day	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Woodland Trust tree planting with village	tbc
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play (10am) KS2 Christmas Play (1.30pm)	10am / 1.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Headteacher Tea Party KS1 Christmas Play (5pm) KS2 Christmas Play (6.15pm)	2pm 5pm /6.15pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play (5pm) KS2 Christmas Play (6.15pm)	5pm /6.15pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols at the church Christmas Party	9.30am 1.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Science Boffin Christmas Lunch Last day of term	9.30am 12-1pm 1.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank holiday	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school	