

12th December 2018**Newsletter 4**

Dear Parents,

Are we really that close to Christmas? I believe we are! If we were in any doubt, our **Nativity performances** have certainly raised the festive profile. Your children we absolute stars today; they were a real credit to you and the school. How could they fail to shine when they are being nurtured and encouraged by the wonderful Mrs Rennles? Thank you for being you and giving our children the gift of music and drama.

Winter readiness.

Now that winter is truly upon us, it seems appropriate that we remind our children and ourselves of the importance of getting ready for this cold season and try to avoid any winter illnesses. With this in mind, the NHS has produced many resources for us to use in our schools to help teach the children how to go about being 'winter ready.' Our resident nurse, Mrs Moon, will be going through these with the whole school next week but please can you also take this opportunity to talk to your children at home and reinforce the points covered. Below are some of the visuals we will use:



We have been asked to send out the details below of the Surrey SEND local offer contact details for those families who have children with additional or special needs.

Surrey Local Offer

The online hub for 0-25 year olds with special educational needs or a disability



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www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk

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Email us on: localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk
 Or call: 0300 200 1004 (ask for the Local Offer team)

The Surrey Local Offer can help you to

- **find services and support for yourself or someone you care for with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND)**
- **access a wide range of information and advice about SEND**
- **talk to other families online and share SEND experiences**
- **talk to other families online and share**
- **give your feedback on SEND services and the Local Offer website**

Goodbyes.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some of our staff at the end of this term and want to say a huge thank you for their commitment and dedication to our school over many years. Mrs Shepherd will be leaving the school office to spend more time with her family and will also be taking on the role of invigilator in her spare time. How will we keep ourselves in order at the end of the week without her you ask? Well, we are lucky enough to have Mrs Moon stepping into her role!

Mrs Bowhill will be leaving to expand her role in another school; her professionalism and creativity will be greatly missed. Mrs Woolfson has decided to have a break from teaching with her young family and has passed on her gratitude to everybody she worked with; she has told us she will miss us dearly. Thanks go to Ms Barnes for covering during her maternity leave; it has been a pleasure having you in the team. We wish them all well in their new ventures and hope they will keep in touch.

Mrs Cleather will continue to be the class teacher in Owls class but will also be given dedicated leadership time, along with Mrs Priestley.

And just in case you have forgotten.....



Don't forget, we will be holding another **Grandparents Day** just before Christmas on **Tuesday 18th December**

from 1.30 p.m. to help us to make our Christingles. Hopefully they can then hang around and make a day of it by joining us for the service **at 6p.m.** It is the 50th anniversary of Christingle service this year so we want to give it our full support.

On the subject of forgetting- we have been asked by the Local Authority to remind parents of Year 2 children that the deadline for application for junior places is January 15th. This is also the case for applications for entry into Early Years so please remind those with children due to start then that they will need to apply for their place.

Once again.....

Snow or bad weather conditions



It is that time of year again when we start to plan for the cold winter weather. Please can we remind you to check our website regarding school opening in the event of adverse weather. Text/email will also be sent via parentmail but in the past these messages have been delayed due to overloading of the parentmail system at busy times.

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend if that is at all possible.,

Newdigate Leadership Team