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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

We are nearly there! We hope you have enjoyed the

**Our value this half-term is
peace.**



**We will make a peaceful
school and world.**

Psalm 34:1

Seek peace and pursue it.

advent 'glimpses' into school life. The final few will be sent out to you tomorrow. We have now also put a virtual tour of the school onto our website, so take a look and see a little more of what the children have been doing this term; you may very well spot your loved one! If you have any friends and family

who are looking for an Early Years school placement next year, let them know about us and guide them to the website, you can't miss it! **The deadline for applications for entry to Reception or Year 3 is 15th January 2021. We have been asked to remind our year 2's to send their applications off before then.** '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 their child.'

We would like to thank Pippa Bennett for the massive support she has given us in all things video! Without her we would not have been able to reach out to our current and prospective families. Pippa you are a star and we don't know what we would do without you.

<https://www.newdigateschool.org.uk/>

Class Christmas Parties.

Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear Jesus andandand....! What a joy to see children enjoying this celebration, smiles and laughter all round.

Theatre Production visit!

We have always valued our theatre visits at this time of year and made very thorough checks to make sure we were still safe to welcome this year. Thankfully they had made significant adjustments and were more than prepared to be on our site; we are so glad they did. ALL of our children were captivated and enthralled by the performance and it was pitched perfectly for our infants. Thanks to FONS for supporting this once more.

Love Thy Neighbour

We have become increasingly aware that many people in our local communities are potentially feeling lonely and isolated, so we thought we would do something to let our Newdigate neighbours know that we are thinking of them and wishing them joy at Christmas. The KS1 children have each made a special card with a festive message and sent it to one of our neighbours (thank you Mrs Walsh for helping us find the addresses!) They really enjoyed taking a walk to Bob's Shop and posting their cards, and are excited that they may have made a small difference when it was most needed.

Please note that we will be staggering our finish times on our last day of term, **Friday 18th December** in order to make the end of term run smoothly.

- Year R (Hedgehogs) to be collected at 1.30 p.m.
- Year 1 (Foxes) to be collected at 1.40 p.m.
- Year 2 (Owls) to be collected at 1.50 p.m.

Can we just remind you that the school are still responsible for tracing of any positive Covid cases for people who become symptomatic up to 48 hours after we close our school this term. Please use the office e-mail (info@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk) or the school telephone to let us know and make sure you receive a reply so that you are certain we have received your message.

We look forward to seeing you later for our remote Christingle Service at 5.30 p.m., the zoom invitation was sent to you yesterday by Parentmail. Fingers crossed the technology works in our favour!

Thank you to everyone who has generously sent in gifts for staff, we are very grateful. We look forward to seeing you back in school on 4th January 2021. Hopefully we will all be refreshed and looking forward to a brighter year.

**Stay well and safe and have a marvellous Christmas.
Paula Bliss**



A message from Surrey County Council:

Families in need

For families facing a financial crisis this winter: help is available

Are you facing a financial crisis this winter? Help is available

This year has had a huge effect on people's lives, with the impact of COVID-19 pushing many to financial breaking point.

At this time of year, with extra pressure on household budgets, it is important to know that help is available to avoid dangerous loans and long-lasting debt. As part of the government's Winter Support Grant, Surrey County Council has made extra funding available to the Surrey Crisis Fund. This money is there to act as a winter lifeline for those feeling that there is nowhere to turn when unexpected bills appear or essential household items break down, leaving no money for essential living costs. Please search '[Surrey Crisis Fund](#)' online, or ask at your local library or Citizens Advice Bureau.

Please see the leaflet; [A Winter Lifeline](#)

<https://surreycountycouncil.newsweaver.co.uk/icfiles/1/31744/73505/6486425/0077bf240f523fbff75db83a/a%20winter%20lifeline.pdf>

Free Online Parenting Guides for Families in Surrey

Bringing up children is a lot of fun but can also have its challenges and understanding your child's emotional development can help to support your relationship and your child's behaviour.

Families living in Surrey can get access to FREE online guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts. They are relevant to parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child 0-19 years
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)

Register for free, unlimited access to the guides in text, audio and video formats and other languages including Urdu, Chinese

and Polish. You'll need to add your postcode and use the code 'ACORN' when you are registering for the first time to obtain free access. The guides are designed as a course that you work through over a number of weeks and you can pick up where you left off each time you return to the guide.

Find out more and register on the Children and Family Health Surrey website

at: www.childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk/services/free-online-guides-families

We hope you enjoying using the guides.

Kind regards

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Love & Peace

Trust & Thankfulness

Forgiveness & Hope