



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break over the festive period and were not too caught up in the COVID outbreak that the country has seen. It has been wonderful to be back at school with the children this week and seeing how well they have settled back to the new school term. Behaviour has been exemplary and all classes have started the year well with their new topics. You can find the Knowledge Organisers on the class pages of the school website and they have been emailed out to you this week.

Today we held our Christingle service. Unfortunately, we are still only able to come together as a school community virtually however it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Epiphany and remember all those children who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Value this half term is Perseverance

Perseverance. This value is the second of our school core values supporting our motto 'Let Your Light Shine'.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

This half term we will learn about keeping going against all odds, doing the right thing, meeting personal challenges and encouraging others to keep going. Through collective worship the children will consider how they can show and support others in perseverance in a meaningful way.

Who Can I Contact?

If you have any queries about Your child and their education, Please contact your child's Class teacher in the first Instance. They will be available At the classroom door each Day at the start and the end of School. If you need to speak w staff about SEND, Behaviour or Safeguarding please contact the following members of staff:
SEND – Mrs Vickie Ashford
Behaviour – Mrs Jemma Morris
Safeguarding – Mrs Bush, Mrs Cromey-Hawke or Mrs Nickilin.



Covid Update

You will have heard a lot of information in the news recently about the different procedures that are now in place for those people with who display COVID symptoms or those who are asymptomatic.

It continues to be the case that if your child is displaying any of the typical COVID symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change in sense of taste and/or smell) they should stay at home and you should order a PCR test for them. From Tuesday 11th January this continues to be the case and lateral flow tests should only be used for asymptomatic cases. If your child does do a lateral flow test and the result is positive, they should isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. The isolation period in this case is 10 days. Please continue to be vigilant for the other common symptoms of sore, throat, headaches and stomach upset. In these cases, it would be advisable to do a PCR test on your child. This information can also be found on the school website [HERE](#) and on the Bedford Borough flow chart.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We have signed up to this service in order to keep our school community safe. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bush, Mrs Nicklin or Mrs Cromey-Hawk (safeguarding leads).

Christingle Celebration

Thank you for sending an orange in for your child to create a Christingle. The service was truly magical. Today your child will have come home with a Christingle box. These are to collect donations in for the Children's Society to support those children that are in need. If you have any spare change that you could donate, it would be much appreciated. The boxes will be collected by Reverend Peter at the end of January. Please return your box to school by **Friday 21st January**. Thank you for your support.

