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At this time, you would expect church schools to be talking about the Nativity and what it means to Christians. We have been asking our children to think more deeply about Jesus's birth. If you ask them at home, can they explain the word **Incarnation** to you?

9th December 2022

Light and Dark

In preparation for writing this final newsletter of 2022, I had a look at what I wrote at this time last year. In December 2021 we were worrying about Covid-19 cases to such an extent that we decided it was safer not at gather children and parents together in the church on the last day of term. Now we are here in December 2022, we find ourselves listening again to stories of worrying infections spreading in schools. This week I have issued guidance to parents about the national increase in Strep A cases (more information can be found below).

Despite this new worry, things this Christmas have been much more positive across the school. We have already enjoyed our carol service on the playground where the choir sang beautifully and the Key Stage 1 Nativity at Evington Hall this afternoon was as lovely as ever. Next week we look forward to the PTA Christmas Cave, Christmas lunches and parties in the classrooms and, of course, the very welcome return of our Christmas Service in Hastingleigh church on the last afternoon of term to which all parents are invited!

Please be alert for Strep A.

As I mentioned earlier, public health guidance about Strep A infections was issued to schools this week. A FAQ sheet for parents is available in the news section of our website. Please don't send your child to school if they have a temperature and be on the look out for symptoms of scarlet fever, which is highly infectious.

Children Enjoy New Play Equipment – Thanks to the PTA!

The children have been really enjoying the new play equipment provided by the PTA. We have noticed at Bodsham that our children always enjoy engaging in creative and cooperative play, so a set of sturdy wooden construction blocks have proved a big hit. This kind of play equipment doesn't come cheap, but we know it will last for years and doesn't involve any plastic at all. As you can see from these pictures, Bodsham's creative minds soon set to work! Thank you to all parents who helped contribute!

Change of Menu for First Day of Term 3

Children come back to school after the Christmas Holiday on **Wednesday 4th January.** Caterlink have created a special 'return to school' menu for that day. Please book as usual using Caterlink's booking system.

Get Your Glad Rags On

The children's Christmas parties will take place in school on Thursday next week. Children can wear party clothes or a Christmas jumper all day. Please remember that they will still need to go outside for play and lunchtimes – so sensible shoes and layers will be a good idea!

Church Service on Last Day of Term

We are looking forward to holding our first Christmas Service with parents since 2019 on Friday next week. School will finish early, so please arrive at 2.15pm to collect your children and meet us at Hastingleigh Church, where we will celebrate the season and wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

I hope you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas holiday.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

KM CHARITY TEAM

Young Cooks!

Your invitation to be a Young Cook

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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WHAT'S ON
Christmas Half-Term

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Please book at: www.whitecliffscountrysidepartnership.eventbrite.com

Green Gang events are for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

GREEN GANG: FOLKESTONE WARREN FOSSIL FORAY
20TH DECEMBER 13:00-15:00

Come on an adventure to the Folkestone Warren and hunt for fossils!

Location: Folkestone Warren

GREEN GANG: WINTER WILDLIFE DETECTIVES & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
21ST DECEMBER 13:00-15:00

Look for the wintery signs of wildlife on Coombe Hole, followed by Christmas crafts in the West Wing

Location: Coombe Hole & Fort Burgoyne

GREEN GANG: DEN BUILDING AT SPINNEY WOODS
30TH DECEMBER 11:30-14:00

Build your very own den in the woods; using the natural materials around you to make a secret hideaway!

Location: Spinney Woods, Aylesham

GREEN GANG: SAMPHIRE HOE SURVIVOR
31ST DECEMBER 10:00-12:00

Have a go at fire lighting and see if you could survive the stone age

Location: Samphire Hoe

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