

School Diary for the Week Beginning 6th December 2021

Monday Badgers – Music Lessons Badgers – Own clothes

Tuesday

Squirrels & Badgers PE

Wednesday

Otters & Badgers 'The Big Little Nativity' @ 2pm

Thursday

Otters & Badgers 'The Big Little Nativity' @ 10am

'The Big Nativity' stream via Zoom @ 6pm

Friday

PE for All Squirrels Roman Trip

Saturday

Saturday Church @ 9:45am in the Village Hall

Happy Birthday Oliver P, Eliza & Mrs Marsden



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" Elothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,

gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3v12

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, every class took part in some craft activities to develop the children's knowledge of the Christmas Story before they made their Christingles for the service on Wednesday. Lots of families were able to join us via Zoom – thank you, it makes such a difference to the children. A big thank you to Dani for raising funds for school at last week's Coffee Morning.

Otters and Hedgehogs have been busy practising for their Nativity for next week. Every now and again, Mrs Marsden and I hear a snippet of the script or one of their songs – it sounds amazing. I will be filming their dress rehearsal so we can share it with the family members and the children in Squirrels and Badgers. Squirrels and Badgers have started practising their carols for their carol service. We will also be filming the service so we can share it via zoom.

You will know from last week's newsletter that we are hoping to be able to invite a limited number of people to watch the performances. Our plans will be dependent on the numbers of COVID cases in school and the local area. Everyone attending the performances will need to complete a LFT test an hour before coming and wear a mask throughout the performance or service. We are also you not to attend if you have any COVID symptoms. We appreciate your support over this.

Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Kate Appleby Principal of Warmingham CE Primary Proud member of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

Your Light Shine Awards- Ours Stars for this week:

Otters (Reception) ~ Jenson - for his enthusiastic singing and dancing in the Nativity. **Hedgehogs** (Y1) ~ Charlotte for her excellent score in the Maths quiz.

Hedgehogs (Y2) ~ Sebastian for his great explanations of key vocabulary during Guided Reading. **Squirrels** (Y3) ~ Oscar for making Miss Turrell proud with his improved focus in lessons and trying really hard to complete his work to a good standard.

Squirrels (Y4) ~ Simon for his enthusiasm towards our Roman topic this term and contributing brilliantly to class discussions.

Badgers (Y5) ~ Millie for her wonderful attitude in class and effort in all of our lessons.

Badgers (Y6) ~ Poppy for being an incredibly thoughtful and kind classmate.

PE Award ~ Frankie for showing a competitive edge during PE.

Principal's Award ~ Maisie for the courage she has shown this week.

		House Points		
House	Birch	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
This Week	167	209	144	165
Top of the House	Amelia O, Rosco Milo	Ella & Rupert	Frankie & Jenson H	Dinah & Ivy
This Year	1750	1551	1474	1721



This week our Ethos Council have chosen Miss Killilea for noticing that Mrs B needed help.



<u>The Christmas Story</u> "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." *Luke 2:11*



Prayer for the Week

Holy Jesus, by being born one of us, and lying humbly in a manger, you show how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Amen.

> **This Week's Family Bible Reading** Angels and Dreams Pages 211 – 213



<u>Christingle</u> Last week, the children brought home a collection box for 'The Children's Society'. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please return the collection box by **Wednesday 8th December 2021.**

PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets Earlier this week, the children brought home some raffle tickets.

The money raised is spent on the children. The PTA have helped fund many things in school such as the trim trail and the reading scheme we bought last year. They also make a significant contribution to the cost of the coaches for both of the residentials. They are currently raising money to improve the computing resources in school.



We do have some more raffle tickets if you need more. Please ensure that all raffle tickets are returned by **Tuesday 14th December.**



Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box is ready for the children to post their cards for each other. Please ensure each envelope is labelled with the name and class. Year 6 will empty the box every couple of days.

<u>Oh No! We're late!</u>

From time to time, you may be late. We aim to lock the gates promptly at nine o'clock. If you arrive after nine o'clock please ensure that your child goes through the main office so Mrs Marsden can sign them in and order a lunch for them.





Happy Retirement, Mr Rathbone

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mr Rathbone the happiest of retirements. Over the last two years, the play area at the back of the school has changed significantly – this is largely due to Mr Rathbone's hard work. Last summer, he put in a new drainage system to ensure that the children can use the woodland area all year round. Thank you, Mr Rathbone. We will miss you.

Welcome Mr Barton



As you'll know from Mrs Badger's letter, Mr Barton will be joining our PE team in January. The children have met him today. He will also be is school next Friday with Mr Friel.

Christmas Arrangements

Despite the unsettled climate we live in, we are determined to ensure that we celebrate this most special time of year whilst still ensuring that we keep everyone as safe as possible. With this in mind, we will be putting in the following measures to ensure the safety of the children, staff and our families so we can allow parents to watch our Nativity and join our Carol Service.

- There will be two performances for Otters and Hedgehog's 'The Big Little Nativity'
- Tickets are limited to **two per family** to ensure social distancing. I know that some family members will be disappointed as they will not be able to come. I'm sure you'll appreciate why this is so important at this time.
- Adults will need to complete a LFT test before coming
- Adults will NOT be able to attend if they have any COVID symptoms
- Adults will need to sanitise their hands as they enter
- Adults will need to wear a mask throughout the performance

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th December - Otters & Hedgehogs 'The Big Little Nativity'

This year we are planning to hold our performances 'live' in the village hall. To aid with social distancing and reduced numbers in an enclosed area, we are limiting tickets to two per family. Adults will need to complete a LFT test an hour before coming and wear a mask throughout the performance. Please do NOT come if you have any COVID symptoms.

We will be filming the dress rehearsal, which we will stream on Thursday 9th December.

14th **December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner (£2 donation on the day)** The children will remain in their bubbles.

15th December - Squirrels & Badgers Christmas Carol Service @ 6pm

This year we are planning to hold our performances 'live' in St Leonard's Church. To aid with social distancing and reduced numbers in an enclosed area, we are limiting tickets to two per family. The children will need to arrive a 5:15pm. The PTA will be drawing their Christmas Raffle at the end of the service. Adults will need to complete a LFT test an hour before coming and wear a mask throughout the performance. Please do NOT come if you have any COVID symptoms.

We will be filming the dress rehearsal and streaming it via Zoom.

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Parties

The children will need to wear their party clothes.

Friday 17th December – Last Day of the Term.

We are looking forward to the Christmas festivities in school and hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating this very special time of year.

COVID-19 Update

We are now coming to the end of our two-week period of additional COVID-19 measures. As we still have a couple of cases within school, it would be wise to continue these measures until the end of term to protect the children, staff and our families especially as the R Rate remains high around Sandbach and the surrounding areas.

Until the end of term:

- The children will remain in their bubbles, with separate play and lunchtimes
- There will be no after school clubs Mad Science will be rearranged for after Christmas
- Worship will continue online
- Staff will continue to take daily LFT tests
- Any staff who have been in close contact with a child or adult who has tested positive will take PCR test
- Staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas
- All meetings with parents will be via zoom
- Only essential visitors will be allowed into school.
- Visitors will need to take a LFT test before coming, and wear a mask throughout their visit

I can understand and sympathise that this is a very worrying time, particularly that this is the first time COVID has really been seen in such larger numbers within school. I will continue to monitor the situation very closely and seek advice from public health as needed.

The government guidance is clear in that there is an expectation that all children should attend school unless they are:

- symptomatic and awaiting the outcome of a PCR result
- positive from a LFD or PCR test
- a child within a household where there is a positive case (5 days self-isolation)

As a result, I am unable to authorise any absences for children whose parents have made the decision to keep their children at home. This obviously leaves all head teachers in a difficult situation as we are acutely aware of parents' worries. However, we are doing everything we can in school to reduce the spread of the virus within school and will continue to work with public health and the local authority if our numbers rise again.

What should I do if my child has symptoms?

- 1. Complete a LFT test
- 2. If the result is positive book a PCR test to confirm
- 3. Inform the school using both of the following emails <u>principalwarmingham@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk</u> and <u>admin@warminghce.cheshire.sch.uk</u>

What we will do if a positive PCR is confirmed:

- 1. Inform all parents that we have a positive COVID case with school
- 2. For the relevant bubble, we will ask parents to take their child for a PCR test. If any of the children come back positive, we will ask parents to complete a LFT test with their child on day 1, day 5 and day
 - 8. This is to ensure any asymptomatic cases in school are identified quickly.

Please note - If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should not be tested using either PCR or rapid lateral flow tests for 90 days, unless they develop new symptoms – in which case they should be retested immediately using PCR.



DECEMBER 2021

8th December @ 2pm - Otters & Hedgehogs Nativity 9th December @ 10am - Otters & Hedgehogs Nativity 11th December – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner 15th December – Squirrels & Badgers Christmas Carol Service @ 6pm The PTA Raffle draw at the Carol Service.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

JANUARY 2022

First Day back – Tuesday 4th January 2022 8th January – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 20th January – PTA Film & Popcorn Night

FEBRUARY 2022

9th February Parent Council @ 6pm 12th February – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 16th February – SENS Day 16th February – PTA Disco Monday 21st to Friday 25th February – Half Term Holiday

MARCH 2022

4th March – Village Duck Drive 8th & 9th March – Hedgehogs' Residential to Burwardsley 12th March – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 16th & 17th March – Parents' Evening 28th to 30th March – Squirrels & Badgers' Residential to Condover Hall

APRIL 2022

1st April – Easter Service @ 10am 4th April to 18th April – Easter Holidays 27th April – PTA Spring Bingo

First Day Back – Tuesday 9th April 2022

School Dinners



