



## Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Newsletter – w/e 16th December 2022

Last day of term today— I would like to thank you all, parents, pupils and friends of Wouldham All Saints, for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a restful *Christmas* ...

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, children are back to school on Thursday 5th January 2023.  
Mr Fitter, Headteacher



### Attendance this week

Whole school attendance this week 79.5%

Best attendance this week:

Raven Class 86.9% and

Nightingale Class 86.4 %

### Thank you and Goodbye



This week, we say goodbye to 2 members of staff. Mrs Emma Lumsden from Wren class will be working within the NHS starting in the New Year. Mrs Lumsden has been with us for almost 3 years and we hope she will be very happy in her new role.

Mrs Louise Skinner from Jackdaw class is leaving today to become SENCO at a primary school in Gravesend. Mrs Skinner has also been with us for almost 3 years as class teacher in Years 1, 3 and 5. Good luck in your new role we will miss you.

### School dinners

Thank you to the amazing cooks, kitchen assistants, lunchtime supervisors and everyone who helped served Christmas dinner to all children on Wednesday. The dinner was absolutely lovely and the atmosphere in the school hall was really nice. We hope everyone enjoyed it.



### Absence and Late arrival at school

From January 2023 any pupil that arrives in school after 9.00 am will need to be signed into school by their parent/carer. In addition anyone leaving school early will need to be signed out and medical slips will be required to support dental/ GP/hospital appointments.

Reminder that school gates open at 8.50 am and children must be in class by 9.00 am. The registers are open until 9.30 am and anyone arriving after this time is marked as "U" late after the register has closed. If we do not hear a reason for absence registers are marked as "N" until we hear a reason. If we do not hear from you within 2 weeks the absence will be changed to "O" unauthorised absence. A build up of unauthorised absences can result in a fine from KCC.

Reminder that medical appointments wherever possible should be made outside of school hours. No absence during term time is permitted for holidays.

It is essential that if your child is absent from school for any reason that you contact us as early as possible. Thank you.

### Parking outside of school premises

Today we have received another complaint from a resident of Peter's Village regarding parking outside of school. Whilst we appreciate that Worrall Drive is really busy at school drop off and collection time, please be courteous to the residents and please park sensibly (not on curbs, and not near the island crossing).

In addition, parents who do not have a car park token will not be granted access to the school site and entry will be refused. Sadly we have noticed an increased number of parents not supporting us with this school rule by tailgating other cars or approaching the gates expecting to be buzzed in. This puts our children at risk. Tokens are



issued for staff and allocated to families/pupils with specific needs or circumstances. Thank you for your support on this matter. It is important that we all work on this together to ensure the safety of all.

Walking bus—if anyone can help re start the walking bus from either Wouldham Rec or Peter's village please let us know. There are training courses, and support along the way and this might help reduce the amount of cars needing to drive and park at school.

### WORSHIP

Our Jesse tree figures have continued to point us towards the birth of Christ this week. Elizabeth and Zechariah (Jesus' aunt and uncle, who were without child) were visited by the angel Gabriel and informed of great news: that they would have a son, John, who would go on to play an amazing part in Jesus' story. On Wednesday, we learnt about John's story (later known as John the Baptist), who was filled with the spirit of God; proclaimed the coming of Jesus; and made way for the saviour of the world - all whilst wearing camel skin! Next, we found out that angel Gabriel was the same angel who appeared to Mary and Joseph to declare the Good News about Jesus and what He would do for the world! Angel Gabriel, who was joined by a host of other angelic beings, also appeared to some lowly shepherds and brought them glad tidings of Joy - that the long awaited saviour of the world, had been born - what a privilege!! During our final worship of the year, we celebrated the greatest birth in the history of humanity ... that of our wonderful saviour, Jesus, Emmanuel - God with us!!! Hallelujah!! Memory verse of the week: I am the light of the world (John chapter 8 verse 12).



### DATES FOR TERM 3

Last day of term	Friday 16th December.
Start of Term 3	Thursday 5th January
Year 5 and 6 Maths workshop	Monday 9th January @9.15 am
Clubs start	Monday 9th January
2023 reception visit	time to be confirmed—Wednesday 11th January
Kinsquad restarts	Friday 13th January
Year R PE workshop	Tuesday 17th January
Kingfisher Class maths	Wednesday 18th January 2023 9am
Starling Class maths	Friday 20th January 2023 9am
Wagtail Class maths	Wednesday 25th January 2023 9am
Goldfinch Class maths	Friday 27th January 2023 9am
Exploring behaviour strategies	Tuesday 7th February 1.15—3.15 pm (course for parents—sign up at office)
Wear Something Red	Charity event for PTA