# Weekly Newsletter - December 10 2020

# Yarmouth C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives.

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Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

#### **RESPECT • DETERMINATION • RELATIONSHIPS**

Attendance Matters

Our attendance is recorded in line with the Education Welfare guidelines.

Whole School Attendance to Date 96.11%

Congratulations to Green Class at Freshwater who achieved attendance last week of 100%

Congratulations to Green Class at Yarmouth who achieved attendance last week of 98.10%

#### **End of Term**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of December we will be finishing early for Christmas. Pick up times will be as follows:

Yarmouth Freshwater

Reception - 1.30pm

Year 1 & 2 - 1.40pm Year 3 & 4 - 1.50pm Year 3 & 4 - 1.45pm Year 5 & 6 - 2pm Year 5 & 6 - 2pm

There will be no after school care provisions on this day.



# **Upcoming Events**

**Dec 11 –** Christmas Jumper Day

Dec 18 - Last day of term

Jan 04 - First day of term

### **Letters Home**

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#### **Romans 12:10**

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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# **Important News**

### **Inclusion Manager**

It is with great sadness that Jane Collins has decided to resign from her position with effect from 31st December 2020. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the Federation and everything that she has done, in particular for the families she has worked with as Inclusion Manager. I know that you will all join me to wish her the very best for the future.

Georgina Westhorpe and Heather Eggleton will be continuing in their role in leading Inclusion across the Federation for the foreseeable future.

#### **COVID-19 Holiday Update**

The Department of Education have asked us to make you aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.



# In the Community

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## **Menu Changes**

The school menu has changed slightly & the meal options for Freshwater will now be as follows:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Roast chicken or Quorn Roast. Fruit & Ice cream.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Sausage Roll or Mexican Roll served with chips & beans. Cake & custard.

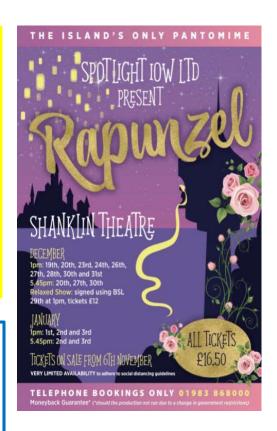
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Macaroni Cheese or Mexican Roll. Apple sponge and custard.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On the 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in Christmas jumper day, should your child have a Christmas jumper they would like to wear. As in previous years, we welcome donations for Save the Children via Scopay.

#### Christmas Cards

Children are able to bring into school, Christmas cards they wish to send to their friends. There is a post box in each classroom for them to put them into. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any Christmas cards after the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is to allow us enough time to quarantine the cards, before sending them home with the children during the last week of term.



## **CTWW Advent Activity Trail**

The Holiday Bible Club Team have organised an Advent Activity Trail across West Wight. Local children have coloured in pictures of the nativity with appropriate Bible passages, these will be displayed in local businesses in Yarmouth, Totland and Freshwater.

They have had a tremendous response and willingness from families and local shops and other centres in our community. This is a great way of making sure the important message of Christmas is not forgotten. It is also a fun, intergenerational way of looking at the nativity story.

There are 24 pictures to find and then on Christmas Day there will be a special poster and message on the member church noticeboards. Prizes will be awarded after Christmas to those who find all 25 pictures (please see page 4 for more information).



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