



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Parent Update

Covid-19

As many of you will be aware, there are still a few isolated cases of Covid-19 in our community. Thankfully, we have seen a reduction in case numbers in school this term and do not seem to be experiencing as much transmission as other local schools. We are confident that the systems we currently have in place, which are regularly reviewed, are robust and responsive. We would also like to inform you all that CO2 monitors have been installed in all classrooms at the end of last week which will enable us to carefully monitor the air quality and ensure increased ventilation where needed. As part of our risk assessments, we have made the difficult decision not to gather as a whole school for the remainder of this term. We had hoped to return to whole school worship in the hall, but we do not feel that this is appropriate at this time. We will continue to operate in year group bubbles to ensure reduced transmission should further cases arise.

Christmas

This is always one of the most magical times in the school calendar and we are committed to ensuring that the children still experience the same awe and wonder that they so richly deserve.

We will be having a visit from the man in the big red suit (shhh, don't tell the children!) which will take the form of "an audience with Father Christmas" and will take place in small groups. The children will also participate in the same festive fun in school such as having their Christmas dinner, parties and celebrations.

We have made the decision not to hold a whole school Christmas fair this year, but the Friends are planning a raffle to help raise funds for the school. Please look out for the tickets which will be sent home for you to buy soon!

Christmas Productions

We do not wish to take any unnecessary risks so close to Christmas that may result in families not being able to gather over the Christmas holidays. For this reason, we have decided to record our year group Christmas productions this year and these will be shared with you to watch at home. As much as we would love to have parents back in school again to share in this magical moment, we need to ensure the safety of our community. Should case numbers remain low and we feel it is appropriate to do so, we will be inviting parents from each class in to hold a festive celebration with their children before the end of term. For working parents, we will give you as much notice for



St Alphege Values



Koinonia



Forgiveness



Trust



Kindness



Love



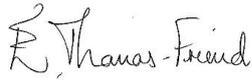
Joy

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Platinum Award**
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these as possible. These will be published in next week's newsletter. The children will sing a few songs from their productions and you will have time to be with them to celebrate this wonderful time of year. This will ensure the children can still perform their productions, but that we are not rushing to record them at the last moment. We guarantee that your children will still experience the wonder of Christmas in school, but things may need to be done a little differently. We know that many families will want to meet with wider relatives over Christmas and we want to ensure that we are taking all precautions to ensure that this is not affected.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

With many thanks for your continued support.



Jacqui Spinks and Liz Thomas-Friend