



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 9

2 December 2021

Dear Parents,

As the news of the Omicron variant has been front page headlines again this week, we are watching for any restriction guidance from Government and PHE but still plan to go ahead with events as set out in last week's newsletter, albeit with some cautious restrictions to keep people safe. Clearly, we ALL want to enjoy a Christmas with our families as many people missed out last year and everyone has their own feelings and thoughts on limitations and freedoms; we'd rather put the events on with some restrictions than not at all.

All Hampshire schools have received information from the Director of Public Health with guidance about how to continue holding public events in light of the temporary restrictions nationally. We have considered the following events and risk assessed them in light of the guidance provided yesterday to schools. I wanted to write to let you know of control measures now but please understand that these are subject to change in light of further guidance or national restrictions. Please read them carefully – we would like to avoid awkward situations at the door to any of the events. This is currently as far as we feel we are able to go; if you are still not comfortable with measures taken to lower the risk, please do make your own decisions about whether you feel you are able to attend.

Xmas tree switch on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 3.15pm	Nativity & Carol Concerts Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> 2pm & 6pm Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Pantomime Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> 10am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event held outside.</li> <li>Use whole area around the front door and steps to ensure plenty of room for social distancing.</li> <li>Singers to be facing the tree (therefore all one way)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held inside church with main door open – ventilation maximised.</li> <li>Ticket restrictions to limit numbers in the building at any one time; <b>no entry without a ticket</b></li> <li>Pews and high touch points wiped down between performances</li> <li><b>All adults asked to LFD test prior to coming along – proof of –ve test in the form of a text or email to be shown on arrival.</b></li> <li><b>Unless medically exempt, face masks to be worn by all adults, including staff (unless speaking in the performance), inside the church</b></li> <li>If any adult or child shows any signs of COVID, please do not attend.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only staff accompanying children who work with them all of the time and are therefore part of the 'school bubble' Children to travel on 2 coaches – no passengers in the two rows behind the driver to allow for social distancing – driver to alight whilst children get on and off.</li> <li>Children all sat en-masse in the theatre with 60% in the stalls, 40% in the dress circle and one box for children with sensory needs. Sat in whole rows, facing forwards – not mixing with the public.</li> <li>Children to sit in class groups next to children they usually are with during the day.</li> <li>Toilet stops to be staggered</li> <li>Children enter and leave through the side doors so as not to cross with the general public.</li> </ul>

### School start times

Please note that school BEGINS at 08:50. Children are lined up on the playground and in school at 08:45.

Anyone arriving after 08:50 should sign their child in at the office.

Arriving after 08:50 causes your child to miss valuable learning time and raises their feelings of anxiety around settling in to the start of the day and we really, really want to avoid this.

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Due to time pressures on work and Carol concert rehearsal as well as termly testing next week's sharing assembly will be postponed until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

### KURLING

Kurling has been postponed until January 2022 as other schools have staffing shortages and COVID outbreaks.