



LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Celebration Assembly, with the whole school via Zoom this morning, announced the weekly Headteacher Awards.....A day earlier than usual! Gold stickers presented by Class Teachers:

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Rosie Paton

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Ella Keough

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Olive White

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Carrie Barty

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Rosa Madden

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Willow Panteney

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Lily Marshall

ADVENT



This week we mark the beginning of the season of Advent, which is the start of the Christian year. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas, beginning on the nearest Sunday to November 30th. This is the Church's New Year's Day.

The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus', which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. It is the time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The clergy usually wear purple or royal blue clothing in their churches during Advent and the candles on an Advent Wreath are lit each week. Our Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreen leaves, representing Gods love for us, which has no end. There are five candles-4 purple, lit on weeks 1, 2 & 4 and a pink candle for week 3 or Gaudete Sunday in honour of Mary the mother of Jesus. In the centre of our wreath is a white candle representing the baby Jesus.

The four candles also represent Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH PROOFS AND ORDER FORMS ARE IN SCHOOL BAGS TODAY

LAMBERHURST VILLAGE RAFFLE

We are delighted to promote the Christmas Charity Raffle hosted by Lamberhurst Parish Council during the month of December, with all profits being shared 50:50 with St Marys Church and Pembury (NHS) Hospital. Tickets are £2 each with 2 prizes given away each week of December on Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 6pm.

Prizes of £20, £40 or £60 vouchers can be redeemed at our local village pubs, coffee shop, vehicle repair shop & convenience store.

Tickets can be purchased in person at these Lamberhurst establishments or by visiting:

<https://www.lamberhurstvillage.org/christmas-charity-raffle> or scanning QR Code below and attached to the school gate/fence.



PTA SCHOOL UNIFORM

The PTA are still collecting clean second hand school uniform including trainers and wellies. Drop any items for donation with staff at the school gate or at Breakfast or Care Club.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Booking and payment for Christmas lunch on Friday 18th December is required to Dolce Catering by next Friday 11th December.

CHRISTMAS TREE TAG MESSAGES

Don't forget to buy your PTA Christmas Tags and look out for your messages at the end of each News Brief over the next couple of weeks. All funds shared with our PTA/Hospice in the Weald. <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/annmarie039s-fund-for-charity>

Today you will also receive via ParentMail:

Every Family ~ Tier 3 Very High Alert HM Government & NHS Guidance Poster

Every Family ~ Kent Psychology Service Letter Y5 & 6 ~ Happy Self-Journal Research Project

Y6 ~ Kooth leaflet- free online counselling and emotional well-being support service for children and young people

READING CHALLENGE

The Winter Mini Challenge is back, and this year the theme is 'Everyone is a Hero'.

The Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

For more information, please go to

www.wintermini.org.uk

To take part, children simply read 3 or more books - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special 'Everyone is a Hero' certificate to print off and keep.

Although most libraries remain closed for the moment, we are offering a Select and Collect service from Cranbrook, Showfields and Southborough libraries (and others throughout Kent), so children will still have access to books from the library. They can also download free eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library website. For more information about 'Select and Collect' and downloading eBooks, go to:

www.kent.gov.uk/libraries There will also be lots of fun activities on our Facebook page - just go to Tunbridge Wells libraries.

FREE COMPUTING LESSONS

The Raspberry Pi Foundation have launched a free Learn at Home initiative to support parents and young people with coding resources at home. You don't need any coding experience to join in, and all of their resources and activities are free forever.

- Get involved with their space challenge, [Astro Pi Mission Zero](#) in partnership with the European Space Agency, where young people can send a message to the International Space Station!
- Every Wednesday their team of educators host a digital making live stream to inspire and teach young people about getting creative with technology.

- They provide over 200 coding projects you can follow on any computer, with themes from looking after yourself to protecting the planet. All with step-by-step instructions, accessible online at any time, for free!

Simply visit:

https://www.raspberrypi.org/learn/?utm_source=School%20newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=astro_pi&utm_term=Astro%20Pi%20Mission%20Zero&utm_content=Parent_November_Email%201 to get started right away!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS PTA TAG

MESSAGES



- ❖ Merry Christmas to All - Otto Saville
- ❖ Seasonal Greetings - Digby Saville
- ❖ Merry Christmas to all my friends and teachers - Love Louis Pantony
- ❖ Merry Christmas to all my friends and teachers and my precious family - From Ella Pantony
- ❖ To Everyone, Have a very Merry Christmas, hope you all have a wonderful time and the very best New Year's Eve from the Capones
- ❖ Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year - from Eva & Sofia Capone
- ❖ Merry Christmas from Eliza
- ❖ Merry Christmas love from Guy
- ❖ Happy Christmas love from The Barty family
- ❖ Merry Christmas to you love Esther
- ❖ Wishing all the teachers, pupils and staff a very Merry Christmas with love The Harris's
- ❖ Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year love from Henry in Y3
- ❖ Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year! Love from Tabitha Y6
- ❖ Merry Christmas Everyone Bea Gooch
- ❖ Happy Christmas Alice Gooch