



# Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

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***Through Christ who strengthens us, all will flourish at our school, with Faith, Love and Excellence.***

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Today, we said a very sad, **fond farewell to Mrs Thompson** as she retires from our school. Mrs Thompson has worked at Thorpe for 20 years. We will truly miss our strong advocate who looked after us all and made sure we were able to get on with looking after your children. We wish you all the happiness in the world with your retirement Mrs Thompson and hope you come back and see us.



**Children's Christmas Lunch – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Big thanks to Gilly and Lisa in the kitchen for our delicious Christmas Lunch.

**The Junior Carol Service on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – many thanks to those who were login to the carol service. We were also lucky enough to have the Mayor of Runnymede, Father Damian and Mother Jo join us via the link from St Mary's Church. Thank you for your kind comments regarding this service, we are glad that you enjoyed it. The children did very well under unusual circumstances.

This week we **appointed** Mrs Melanie Wright who will take over Mrs Thompson's role. Mrs Wright already works in the office and is very aware of the demands and requirements of the role. However, this does mean that we will be recruiting for her position. If you are interested, please let me know. The role will be advertised on [Eteach](https://www.teach.com).

Thank you all for your tremendous support and messages of encouragement and appreciation this year – they are very much appreciated.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year 2022!**

Kindest regards

*Mrs Helen Southgate*

**Headteacher**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

**Jeremiah 29 verse 11**

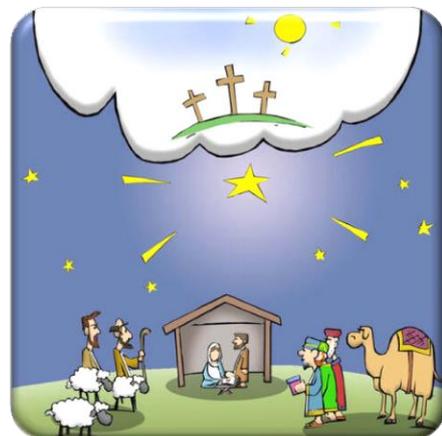
## **Reminder from Surrey Admissions**

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2022 entry is **15 January 2022**.

They strongly encourage online applications via

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>.

You can apply online from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If you are unable to apply online, you will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so you must allow time for the post to reach us. If you need to apply on paper, they recommend that you send applications by recorded post.



General Dates	
<b>December</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	See St Mary's Church Events below
<b>January</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens – 8.50am

### Year Group Information

Year R	ppt Slide show of YR Nativity click <a href="#">HERE</a> (Many thanks to Mrs Tudhope)
Year 1	See general information above.
Year 2	See general information above.
Year 3	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Rocks & Fossils Workshop in class with Haslemere Museum visiting school (see separate email)
Year 4	See general information above.
Year 5	See general information above.
Year 6	

## SERVICES THIS CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH CHURCH APPROACH, THORPE VILLAGE, TW20 8TQ

Thanks to TASI we have Car Parking for everyone in their South Campus. Gates open AN HOUR BEFORE EACH SERVICE, so arrive early. Our Covid-secure protocols require mask wearing inside our buildings and everyone will be required to wash their hands upon entry via the Rutherwyke Room - a one way system applies. It is also wise at this time for us to avoid too much mixing indoors, so please try and sit apart from other household/family groups.

Wrap up warm, the Church will be ventilated! For more information on service times and our Covid-secure protocols and risk assessment, visit: [www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk)

### OUTDOOR CAROLS 4PM & 5PM - every evening from Friday 17th to Christmas Eve.

Back by popular demand, our outdoor Carols will start this Friday and play twice every evening at 4 & 5pm. Service sheets are £2 each (or free to download from St Mary's website) are available from the Nativity Scene, which is the best place to listen, sing along and enjoy the service. Do keep apart from other household groups and wrap up warm!

### FAMILY SERVICES over the Christmas holiday continue!

This coming Sunday, 19th December and Sunday 2nd January 2022, both at 11:30am.

### TRADITIONAL LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

With the Hythe singers & St Mary's Church combined choir. This coming Sunday, 19th December 6pm.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH 3PM CRIB SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2021

Thank you for all the applications to be a part of our Crib Service this year. We are pleased to be able to offer most children a part in our Nativity. We do ask that you bring your child dressed in their role if at all possible - and any other children are welcome to dress up in costumes too - whatever you like! But especially **we need a donkey!** A few extra wise people and shepherds or angels wouldn't go amiss too.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND BOXING DAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

All welcome to the 10am Service  
Family packs will be available for every child



A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, safe and healthy 2022 to you all, from Fr Damian  
and the St Mary's Church team.