



6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Luke 3: 1-6**

#### **John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation."<sup>[a]</sup>

Our own role is like that of John the Baptist. Like him, each one of us has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others. To help people fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation, encouragement and a simple smile can work wonders.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

As I am sure you are aware, we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. In honour of this, there are two bank holidays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June (during the school's half term break). As a result, schools have been asked to set aside an additional day in their school calendar for this additional bank holiday; **therefore on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June the school will be closed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will reopen on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** Please see updated term dates for 2021-22.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be celebrating **Christmas Jumper day on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.** We ask that children come to school in their Christmas jumpers that day and donate a £1 via school money which will be donated to charity.

### **Christmas Break**

The last day of this term will be on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2:00 pm. We have a staff training day on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 so school will re-open for all pupils on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Coronavirus Update**

As you are aware there is a new variant of concerned called the Omicron variant. As a result, the Department for Education (DfE) guidance has changed and staff are required to wear a face covering in communal areas (but not in the classroom), visitors are also required to wear a face covering when in the school as well as pupils in year 7 and above.

We are reviewing our Covid measurements to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. However, it is vital that **you do not send your child to school if they have any Covid symptoms.**

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the above symptoms please schedule a PCR test.

### **Christmas Events**

As we draw closer to the end of term there are a number of school events to celebrate Christmas, please make note of the dates and times below:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10.00-10.30am - Reception nativity performance

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 9.30-10.00am - Year 2 Christmas performance

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - children's Christmas lunch

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 1:45 pm - KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert **at St Michael's Church**

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas class party celebrations

**Due to the current situation we are only able to extend the invitation to the events above to one adult per child.**

For the Christmas Carol Concert we will ask parents to express a desire to attend, but we will have to limit the number of parents that can attend due to the current situation. However, we will live stream the event from the Church on the school YouTube account via our website. Please complete the form below to express you desire to attend the Carol Concert for years 3-6  
<https://forms.gle/PuvfLNaL4BCBUNqf6>

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God Bless,



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