

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to share our SIAMS report with you, following our recent inspection. The full report can be accessed via our website by following this link: www.chilham.kent.sch.uk/

Goodbye

Goodbye and Thank you

At the end of this term and after 12 years of service to Chilham, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Woodland, our school office and business manager – a very familiar face and voice to many of you. Mrs Woodland knows our school inside and out and she has been such a dedicated, loyal and valued member of our staff – we will all miss her very much but wish her every success and happiness in her new job. **Thank you so much Mrs Woodland for everything you have done for Chilham St Mary's!**

We are also saying goodbye to Revd Cathy Sigrist who is retiring from her role as Priest-in-Charge and we thank her for all the support and encouragement she has given to our school. **Thank you Revd Cathy and we hope you have a long and happy retirement!**

Children in Need Cake Sale

Well done and thank you to James for organising the Children in Need cake sale and thank you to everyone who donated cakes! In total, £150.29 was raised for the charity – thank you for your generosity.

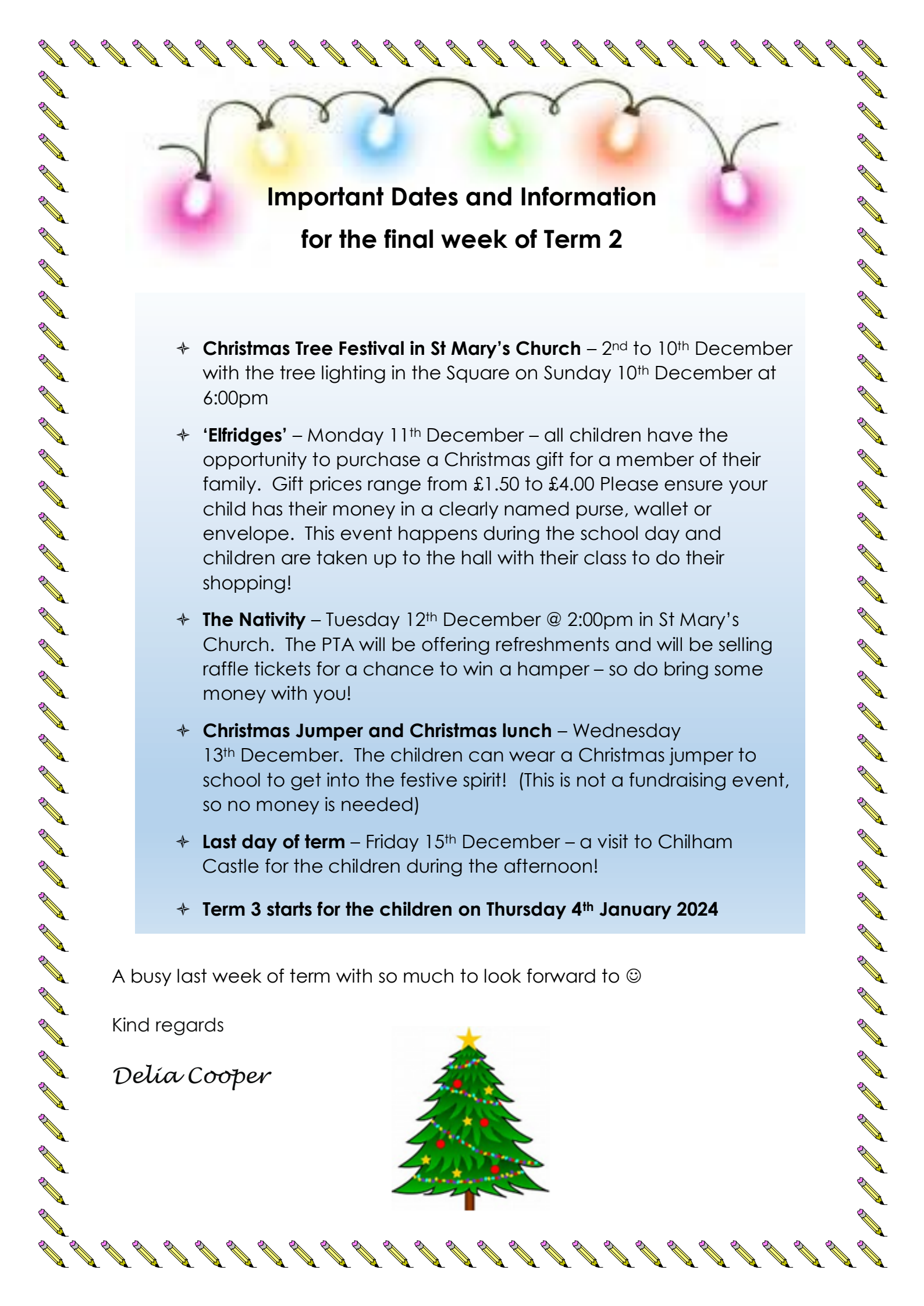


Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 13th December

There will be the usual festive fayre of Roast Turkey and all the trimmings for the normal meal price.



- Turkey, Chipolatas, Stuffing, carrots and peas
- Vegetarian Option: Feta and cranberry pastry swirl, stuffing, carrots and peas
- Vegan: Vegetarian sausages
- Pudding: Frosted chocolate Log | Gingerbread biscuits | Free from cake
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Important Dates and Information for the final week of Term 2

- ✦ **Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church** – 2nd to 10th December with the tree lighting in the Square on Sunday 10th December at 6:00pm
- ✦ **'Elfridges'** – Monday 11th December – all children have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift for a member of their family. Gift prices range from £1.50 to £4.00 Please ensure your child has their money in a clearly named purse, wallet or envelope. This event happens during the school day and children are taken up to the hall with their class to do their shopping!
- ✦ **The Nativity** – Tuesday 12th December @ 2:00pm in St Mary's Church. The PTA will be offering refreshments and will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a hamper – so do bring some money with you!
- ✦ **Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch** – Wednesday 13th December. The children can wear a Christmas jumper to school to get into the festive spirit! (This is not a fundraising event, so no money is needed)
- ✦ **Last day of term** – Friday 15th December – a visit to Chilham Castle for the children during the afternoon!
- ✦ **Term 3 starts for the children on Thursday 4th January 2024**

A busy last week of term with so much to look forward to ☺

Kind regards

Delia Cooper

