

'Growing together at the Heart of God's Community'

18th December 2020 - Our "Value for life" is **Trust**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart...Proverbs 3:5

Dear all,

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift' 2 Corinthians 9:15

Christmas is nearly here, and we are drawing to the end of the school autumn term. I asked a child (Year 5) what does Christmas mean to them and they said, "not sprouts!" – well that was good to know... I'm not a fan of them either. Another little one said, "when baby Jesus was born and we give gifts like the kings" (Year 2) – I was relieved to know that, yes, we are teaching the story of Jesus' birth well.

But all that aside, when we are in our family bubbles this year enjoying our time together, we mustn't forget that there are many of us that are lonely and on their own – so if we know of a neighbour or family member that would appreciate that chat over the fence (socially distanced of course), or that phone call (or zoom call) to wish them Happy Christmas or that little gift that we can leave on the doorstep-let's all try to go that extra mile together, especially as we have all been through so much this past year.

"Ahh ..Kindness, what a simple way to tell another struggling soul that there is love to be found in this world."

Christmas blessings to you all and good wishes for the New Year from Mrs Mowbray, Staff and Governors.

Parents/Carers: If your child has Covid symptoms

Email: <u>glazeburyprimary.head@ldst.org.uk</u> Childs name: Date of birth: Class When symptoms started And/or date of test When child was last in school. This will be checked 3 times per day up to and including 24th December 9.30am, 1.30pm, 5.30pm. This will support Track and Trace and DFE data sets.



💷 All Saints Church, Glazebury

Dear all

If you haven't watched our online service this week you can find it on Facebook or on YouTube <u>All Saints Church Glazebury 6 12 2020 - YouTube</u>

Whilst our online services will continue indefinitely for the moment, we are also planning to open the church building. On Sunday 20th December there will be a service at 10.30am, using the pre-recorded traditional lessons & carols we are planning with our Methodist friends.

On Christmas Eve there will be a traditional Holy Communion service at 11.15pm. Communion will be administered as people leave the building.

NB: If you wish to attend these services you must book a place with Ted Walker by contacting him by email: <u>drtedwalker@msn.com</u>

Or you can text him on 07745 846554

If you can't do either of those then please ring him on his mobile number above. **Masks and social distancing will be observed. If you book but find you can't manage to come, then please let Ted know so he can offer your place to someone else.

We will be doing a **ZOOM** Christmas Day service **live** at 10.30am and inviting people to open a gift during that service. It will be short and informal, but our way of putting Jesus first on Christmas Day, so let us know if you'd like to join in and we will send you a link.

On 27th December and 3rd January, we will be online again, but we have some lovely unusual items that we hope will bless you - and even entertain you - as Garry & I take a break. From 6th January we plan to open on the first Wednesday of each month at 9.30am for Holy Communion and from 10th January we hope to be able to open on Sundays

But all this relies on not going into lockdown again. So, let's see how it all unfolds

I hope you know I'm always available if you need to talk or want some prayer.

Other news is that we now have a prayer network, headed up by Margaret Bebbington. So if you feel you would like more prayer backup for something then please let Margaret (<u>margaret.bebbington@me.com</u>) or me know and we will alert the intercessors - Mary, Merilyn, Helen, Anne, Sheila to pray for you in confidence.

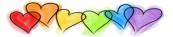
This comes, as always, with much love and every blessing

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T'was a month before Christmas, And all through the town, People wore masks, That covered their frown. The frown had begun Way back in the Spring, When a global pandemic Changed everything. They called it corona, But unlike the beer, It didn't bring good times, It didn't bring cheer. Airplanes were grounded, Travel was banned. Borders were closed Across air, sea and land. As the world entered lockdown To flatten the curve, The economy halted, And folks lost their nerve. From March to July We rode the first wave, People stayed home, They tried to behave. When summer emerged The lockdown was lifted. But away from caution, Many folks drifted.

Now it's December And cases are spiking, Wave two has arrived, Much to our disliking. It's true that this year Has had sadness a plenty, We'll never forget The year 2020. And just 'round the corner -The holiday season, But why be merry? Is there even one reason? To decorate the house And put up the tree, Who will see it, No one but me. But outside my window The snow gently falls, And I think to myself, Let's deck the halls! So, I gather the ribbon, The garland and bows, As I play those old carols, My happiness grows. Christmas is not cancelled And neither is hope. If we lean on each other, I know we can cope



<u>Communication from Warrington Local Authority to all parents/carers and children:</u>

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term on Friday, please can we encourage parents/carers and pupils not to mix outside of school over the Christmas break. Even if pupils are part of the same school bubble during term time, they must not meet outside of school or education settings when indoors and must follow the 'rule of six' outdoors.

The majority of children and teenagers who catch COVID-19 only experience mild symptoms, or no symptoms at all, so it's important to keep contacts to a minimum. In previous half term holidays, there were reports of high school pupils mixing, which has then in turn contributed to an increase in cases in that age group, and further spread of the virus within communities. Socialising in groups also increases the risk of young people catching the virus but being asymptomatic, and therefore unknowingly passing on the virus on to elderly and vulnerable family members during the Christmas period.

We understand this is a difficult time for young people and they might not be celebrating Christmas with their friends as they normally would. However, if we could encourage parents and pupils to take advantage of technology instead of meeting in person this is the best way forward. Connecting regularly with friends and loved ones online, or over the phone, will help their mental health and wellbeing as well as minimising the risk of more coronavirus cases in Warrington.

Thank you. Warrington Borough Council

Keeping Safe – We have attached a reminder with details of how to keep safe in January when we return to school.



Christmas blessings to all our families, we hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all safely back on Monday 4th January when school reopens. Many thanks from all the staff for your Christmas wishes cards and gifts.





December 25th - Marton - Year 6 December 26th - Evangeline - Year 3 December 30th - Shea - Nursery December 30th - Freya -Year 3 December 30th - George - Reception January 2nd - Niamh - Year 6

Whole school attendance so far, this academic year is 97.29%		
Glazebury School attendance target is 97%		
Attendance for Week Commencing 14 th December 2020		

Mrs Prescott - Reception attendance	99.03%
Mrs Smith - Year 1 attendance	86.41%
Mrs Smith - Year 2 attendance	98.33%
Mrs Goman-Year 3 attendance	100%-working from home
Mrs Goman-Year 4 attendance	100%-working from home
Mrs Wall - Year 5 attendance	100%
Mrs Wall - Year 6 attendance	99.15%

*For children who are absent due to Covid-19 reasons % attendance is not affected.