

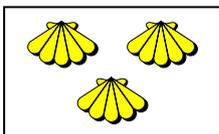
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High Wych CE Primary School

*Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment*

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# Merry Christmas

## Value of the month

December Value is **Compassion** and the stories used to support this are Moses (The secret baby- Exodus 1-2) and Jar and a jug (Kings 17). (SUCCESSFUL- Please see the website for a list of the values used).

## Herts CC

Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following important information with you following a significant increase in coronavirus infections, particularly amongst 12-16 year olds:

The actions you and your family can take to play your part are:

- Wash your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and warm water or use an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available
- Stay at least 2 metres (or 1 metre with other measures, such as a face-covering) away from those not in your immediate household
- Wear a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance
- Self-isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms
- Do not socialise indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household and only meet in groups of up to 6 people outdoors

Some areas of Hertfordshire will be moving into Tier 3 restrictions as of 00:01am on Wednesday 16 December (Broxbourne, Three Rivers, Watford and Hertsmere). Residents in these areas will need to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, Tier 3 restrictions: [www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert)

Please remember that while your child is in school, they are in a 'bubble', which is carefully managed by the school.

If you choose to socialise in a bubble of up to three separate households during 23-27 December, which is the period the Government proposes to relax guidelines, please enjoy this time but please also remember to do so safely by continuing to follow good hand hygiene and socially distance where possible. Coronavirus is known to linger in enclosed spaces, so keeping windows open can also reduce risk.

We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.  
Hertfordshire County Council

## Save the Children

The children looked great in their Christmas clothes yesterday.

Thank you for your support - we have raised in the region of £220. You can still contribute online if you wish.

## Reminder - Reception September 2021 entry (current Nursery)

Please remember that applications can be made now and must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Christmas Service

The children took part in our Christmas service via Teams today. They shared the Christmas story through singing and readings. It was lovely.

### Virtual Santa

The children were very lucky to have Santa visit them yesterday with class gifts, virtually in their classrooms, to say they were all on the good list this year and he will be visiting them on Christmas Eve! They were very excited. A big thank you to Santa for making this possible.

### Reminder - Covid

The arrangements regarding notifying us if your **child** tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break are as follows; please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact [admin@highwych.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highwych.herts.sch.uk) however this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school. Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during the Christmas break.

**Please do not send children back to school on Tuesday January 5th if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested

### Face masks at pick up and drop off

Thank you to those parents who are wearing face masks to ensure other people are safe, please continue to wear them in January and remember to wait 2m apart from all other adults when you are collecting your children. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe this term.

### Dates for the term

December	Values: Compassion
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term - early finish, see table below, no ASC
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Term starts

Year 6 and Year 5	1.40pm
Year 4 and Year 3	1.45pm
Year 2	1.40pm
Year 1	1.50 pm
Reception and Nursery	1.55pm

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We hope we all have a chance to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

The staggered times will continue for next term with the main gates opening at 8.20am:

	Children should be in their classes at:
Year 5 and 6	8.30 am
Year 3 and 4	8.35 am
Year 2	8.40 am
Year 1	8.45 am
Reception and Nursery	8.50 am

Yours sincerely  
Mrs M. J. West  
Headteacher