

Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust*

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Mawnan families,

This is our final newsletter of 2022 and what a fantastic year it has been!

Your children have continued to shine this term and I am continually impressed with their ambition to achieve, their resilience, kindness and humour. I am incredibly proud of them and they definitely deserve a lovely holiday.

I continue to feel blessed to be leading such a wonderful school and I could not wish for a more committed, talented staff team who always go beyond to provide the children with the best care and learning experiences.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful, enjoyable and restful Christmas break. I am tremendously grateful to you all for being such engaged and supportive parents and look forward to seeing you in the New Year for another fantastic year at Mawnan CE VA Primary School.

Best wishes, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Miss Pridmore



Mrs Shepherd

We have a very fond farewell to the amazing Mrs Shepherd today. Mrs Shepherd is moving on after six and half fantastic years at Mawnan School.

Mrs Shepherd will be greatly missed by our school community but we wish her all the very best as she moves on to enjoy the next chapter working alongside her husband in their family business.

To ensure that Mrs Shepherd's last day was full of laughter the staff team, with the help of the children, performed a pantomime entitled 'A Very Special Shepherd'. It was a great way to say farewell and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

We will be keeping in touch with Mrs Shepherd as she is a parent at Mawnan School and has even offered to come and help whenever she can.

Good luck Mrs Shepherd and thank you for everything!



Mini Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Mini Christmas Fayre. It was a fantastic success and I'm sure you'll agree that the Enterprise Club created some amazing Christmas Products and cards to sell.

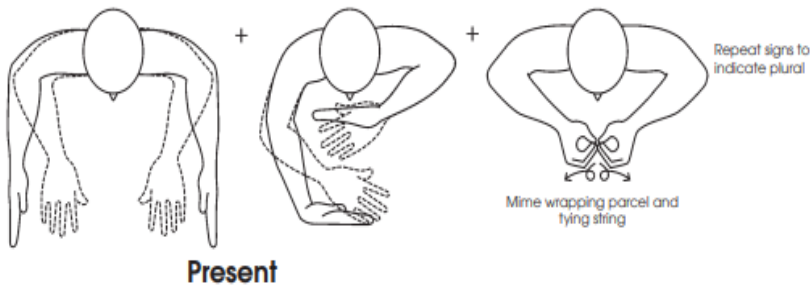
Our Enterprise Club goal for the year is to raise £800, and with your amazing help at the Mini Christmas Fayre Year 6 managed to raise an incredible **£489!!!**

Miss Jazz

Makaton sign of the week



The sign and symbol of the week is **'Present'**



Mawnan PTA

We would like to say a massive **thank you** to Lizzy the chair of our PTA and all of the PTA members for their amazing work this year. This wonderful team of people have been especially busy this term with film nights, raffles, tea-towels, Christmas cards, secret santa, refreshments for our nativities and they even helped father Christmas with his gifts for the children!



Thank you to all of our families for supporting the PTA. We are always looking for new members so please let us know if you'd like to join.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to thank our school catering team, Katie and Pip for a wonderful Christmas lunch. Our catering providers will be changing in the New Year but our kitchen team will remain the same and we are looking forward to having a new menu.



Christmas Nativity

Congratulations to our talented children in Oppie and Topper Class for performing so brilliantly in our Christmas Nativity. We are tremendously proud of our wonderful children for letting their lights shine so brightly. Thank you all for coming along to watch the performances and many thanks for providing such fantastic costumes.



Candlelit Carols

Congratulations to Pico, Fusion and Dart Class for performing such a beautiful candlelit carol concert on Thursday evening. The children were phenomenal and sounded incredible. We are all incredibly proud of you and very grateful to you for making us all feel Christmassy.

Thank you for your kind donations, we raised an impressive £210 For the Lychgate fund.



Christmas Eve by Candlelight 5pm at St Mawnan

St Mawnan Church looks wonderful when all the candles are lit. Join us for this celebration with carols and readings for Christmas Eve, suitable for all the family.



Of course, you are welcome at all our Christmas Services:

Sunday 11 December

10.30 Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols at St Michael

Wednesday 14 December

2.00 MU Carol Service at St Michael

Sunday 18 December 2022

10.30 Methodist Nativity at St Michael

Wednesday 21 December

10.00 Celtic Christmas at St Michael

Sunday 25 December

10.30 Christmas Day Celebration Communion at St Michael

St Mawnan, Church Road, TR11 5HY- St Michael, Carwinion Road, TR11 5JG

What Parents Need to Know about Setting Up Apps, Games and Software

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/Ratingboard/games.

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FREE ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about Internet safety issues.



National Online Safety

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Welcome to the December 2022 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Remember—Set up devices!

Christmas is just around the corner! Will you be ready?

If you are buying your child a:

- SMART device (TV, Speaker)
- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

Consider the following tips:

- Make sure the device is working correctly
- Charge it up
- Set up the device and try it before you wrap it up
- Check the parental controls
- Check the safety settings
- Ensure filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi

Consider and review advice on the following websites:

Internet Matters [Parental controls](#) Step by step guides for Broadband, Smartphones, Social Media, Games Consoles
Parentzone [Setting up new technology](#) Access Parentzone's library of resources [here](#)

Childnet Advice on [Screen Time](#) Find out what the 'experts' say and what 'parents' say

UK Safer Internet Centre's [Parent Guide](#) Advice on using: [SMART speakers safely](#)

[SMART TVs](#) includes how to use safely and parental controls

[Games Consoles](#) includes top tips to stay safe

NSPCC Help children to stay safe on [CHAT Apps](#) including: WhatsApp; KiK; Telegram; Omegle; Facebook Messenger Find out about:

Gaming Chats; Chat Rooms; Live [Streaming and Video Apps](#)

We've also included a link to Netflix's

[Help Centre for setting up Parental Controls](#)

REMEMBER BEFORE YOU WRAP IT—SET IT UP!

Don't forget to talk to your child about Online Safety

Be aware of key issues!

How?

Visit the following websites to find out:

Parentzone – [Guides for parents](#) includes social media, Fortnite, Peer pressure, PEGI Ratings, Disney+, [Help and Support](#), [Loot Boxes](#) and much more

CommonSense Media – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books.

ThinkUKnow - [Advice on keeping your under 5 safe](#)

Learn about [Jessie & Friends](#)—advice for 4-7 year olds.

Watch the [films for 8-10 year olds](#)

Review the [advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

Get Safe Online advice on how to [protect yourself](#), mobiles computers, tablets against fraud, identity theft, SCAMS ++.

HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the

NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5002

Childline 0800 1111 email: childline.org.uk

Websites to check:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

Reminder—Be a good digital parent

- Keep passwords safe and **do not** share them
- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day
- Talk about things you read online with your children
- Think about what **you** are sharing online
- Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content or contact
- Show your child how to take screen shots
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

Need help?

Visit the following websites for more guidance:

Vodafone's [Digital Parenting](#) Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life

Childnet's Parent and Carers [Toolkit](#) Three resources offering practical tips on keeping your child safe online

UK Safer Internet Centre's [Advice on online issues](#) includes guidance on how to report, when to report and where to report.

Have you heard of the Metaverse?

The **metaverse** allows interaction in a 3D environment using virtual reality headsets or augmented reality glasses, providing the capability to see what it would be like to live in imagined worlds in the same way we live in the real world.

Tech companies exploring the **metaverse** include:

- Facebook
- Microsoft
- Roblox



What should you be aware of?

Many companies hope the metaverse will engage younger audiences.

Consider the potential risks:

- How will it impact on younger audiences?
- Younger audiences could be lured into spending large sums of money
- Increased opportunity for bullying

Parentzone's [new guide](#), explores what the **metaverse** might be like, its possibilities, uses and potential risks.

The Internet of Things

Did you know many devices now connect to the Internet?

- Internet connected devices can send and receive data
- respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app.

Examples of internet connected devices include:

- Doorbells, CCTV
- Toys, robots, drones and much more

If not set up properly, the risks include:

- Developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the

[NSPCC's website](#)

Have a happy safe Christmas!

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Apply now for school places in September 2023

 www.cornwall.gov.uk

Reception 2023

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

<https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2023.

We have booked in a number of dates for school tours for respective parents. If you know anyone who'd like to join us please ask them to phone the school office.

Ofsted Parent View

We would be incredibly grateful if you could complete the Ofsted Parent View online questionnaire. Our Ofsted inspection is imminent as our last inspection was in 2017. The information gathered through Parent View will play a valuable part of our next inspection. Thank you so much for your support with this.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Parent View
Your child's school

Year 6 SATs

Message from the Standard and Testing Agency about Year 6 SATs timetable change.

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day, in accordance with this change.

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced.

Term Dates

Cornwall Council 2022/23 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

Information Classification: CONTROLLED



September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28		
Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		4	11	18	25	Tue		1	8	15	22	29		
Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		5	12	19	26	Wed		2	9	16	23	30		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	Thurs		6	13	20	27	Thurs		3	10	17	24			
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		7	14	21	28	Fri		4	11	18	25			
Sat	3	10	17	24		Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat		5	12	19	26			
Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27			

December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27		
Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28		
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Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26				

March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	Mon		1	8	15	22	29		
Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25	Tue		2	9	16	23	30		
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
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School holidays	Bank holidays
	25 December 2022
	26 December 2022
	27 December 2022
	01 January 2023
	02 January 2023
	07 April 2023
	10 April 2023
	01 May 2023
	29 May 2023
	28 August 2023

AUTUMN TERM (70 days)	SPRING TERM (59 days)	SUMMER TERM (66 days)
5 September - 16 December 2022	3 January - 31 March 2023	17 April - 25 July 2023
(HALF TERM 24-28 October 2022)	(HALF TERM 13-17 February 2023)	(HALF TERM 29 May - 2 June 2023)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Our INSET Days for 2022/2023 will be as follows:

1. Monday 5th September 2022
2. Friday 21st October 2022
3. Monday 31st October 2022
4. Monday 24th July 2023
5. Tuesday 25th July 2023

Attendance

Mawnan CE VA Primary School is a happy and successful school and every child plays a part in making it so. We aim to create an environment that encourages and enables all members of our school community to achieve their full potential. In order to make the most of the learning opportunities provided within school, pupils need to have the continuity of provision that consistent attendance allows. **We consider regular attendance to be 98% or above.** Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. It is very important that you make sure that your child attends regularly and this policy sets out how we will achieve this together.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health
- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please phone or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

There have been amendments to the Education Regulations (Pupil Registration 2006) act. These amendments remove reference to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Whilst we understand that some absences may include times when your child is ill or attending appointments, (preferably out of school time) it is important that we all work together to try to ensure that your child has the best possible chance of success whilst at school.

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

Every School day counts

Days off school add up to lost learning
 Don't let your child miss out on their education
 Every school day and minute counts

365 Days in each year

175 non school days in a year

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs

<p>190 School days in each year</p> <p>190 days for your child's education</p>	10 Days absence	19 Days absence	29 Days absence	38 Days absence	47 Days absence	
	180	171	161	152	143	
	Days of education	Days of education	Days of education	Days of education	days of ed.	
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	Good	Worrying	Serious Concern			
	Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.	Not fair on your child.			

COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME

