

# Mawnan C of E VA Primary

# Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## It's beginning to look a lot like...Christmas!

The school is looking wonderfully Christmassy, as the PTA have really spoilt us this year! They have very thoughtfully supplied each class with a Christmas tree, a personalised class letter, lots of decorations and loads of Christmas cheer. We also have them to thank for the stunning Christmas tree in our school hall, the Christmas trees that are outside, lots of fanatic craft resources and our Christmas show – The Mousehole Cat!



*Miss Pridmore*

## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### December 2020

11<sup>th</sup> Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

11<sup>th</sup> Final posting day for Class Christmas Cards

14<sup>th</sup> Return all Christingles candles to school by this day

17<sup>th</sup> Christingle Assembly in class

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch and part day

### June 2021

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Closure Days (School closed to everyone)

## Attendance

Oppie, Topper, Pico & Dart class reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done!

Oppie – 99.32% 1 - late

Topper – 98.61% 0 - late

Pico – 98.52% 1 - late

Fusion – 97.86% 0 - late

Dart – 100% 0 - late

Well done Dart Class for having the highest attendance this week.

## MPS Society

Thank you so much for helping us to support The MPS Society Big Give Christmas Challenge today. I am delighted to share that we have raised £239.27 We will be submitting our donation via the Big Give website which will mean that our donation is matched pound-for-pound – this means we've raised **£478-54** whilst having lots of fun and high-quality exercise!

Fusion Class taking part in their Dice Boot Camp today.



## Year 6

We also had the pleasure of presenting the Year 6 hoodies to this fantastic group of young people this week.



## Christingle Candles

Our Children's Society Christingle candles arrived at school this week and after they have been quarantined over the weekend they will be handed out to the children on Monday. The candle is a moneybox that we'd love you to fill up with coins to donate to the Children's Society. Please could the candle moneyboxes be returned by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

## It's Winter!

The temperature has really dropped this week and as we are still ventilating our classrooms and playing and learning outside the children need to keep warm. Please make sure that you send your child to school with warm clothing and a warm waterproof coat.



## FREE activity book

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/doing-december-differently/>



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## Some Christmas dates for your diary ...

Date	Event	Details
<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>		<p>Please come into school wearing your <b>Christmas jumper</b>. We will have a collection on the gate to raise money for Save the Children.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>		<p>Each class bubble will be watching a live streaming of this brilliant show.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>		<p>This year we will be constructing our own Christingles ahead of the service on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>		<p>Each class bubble will have their own Christingle service in the school hall with Rev Johanna.</p>

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December**



For our last day of term, we would like all of the children to come into school in their sparkliest clothes. We will also be having our class parties on this day.



Father Christmas and his elves will be doing a remote visit this year to ensure that they are not isolating on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Dinner**



Please book this via ParentPay. The menu hasn't been changed so you'll be booking the fish fingers (for roast turkey) or pin wheel (for vegetable parcels).

## Christmas Cards

We have tried our very best to reduce the number of items going home from school but the children would really like to have the opportunity to write their friends some Christmas cards. This year instead of the whole school communal post box each class will have their own individual post box. All cards will need to be posted by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The cards will then be quarantined and distributed by a member of staff before they are sent home.

## Charitable giving

Over the Christmas period, we always spend some time reflecting on the needs of others and considering how we can support others. This year we be supporting three charities in the following ways:

**Thank you for your help today we've raised £478-54 for The MPS Society Big Give Christmas Challenge**

<https://www.mpssociety.org.uk/christmas>

### **The Children's Society**

Please return your Christingle Candle by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December so we can quarantine your donations before passing them on.

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle/fundraising-at-your-service>

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Please come into school wearing your Christmas jumper. We will have a collection on the gate to raise money for Save the Children.



This year we would also like to make a collection of food for the Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank in time for Christmas.

We will have a wheelbarrow outside of school in the

mornings for donations which will be quarantined before delivering. The last day for foodbank donations will be Friday 11th December.

Donations need to be dried or in packets or tins. Items that are particularly needed for Christmas are:

**tins of meat, tins of potatoes, tins of veg, jars of cranberry sauce, gravy granules, dried stuffing, Christmas pudding, mince pies, tins of custard, tins of fruit, biscuits or chocolates.**

## **Cornwall Xmas Box**

*The Cornwall Xmas Box drive is going ahead again this year, and it's arguably more important than ever.*

*The collection date is December 11th, in the Red Lion, Mawnan Smith.*

*Families taking part are welcome to leave their boxes with Austen Osborne outside the school on this day only. Please do not bring the boxes in to school.*

*The response last year from the village was amazing.*

*Christmas Dinner in a box for the poorest families in Cornwall.*

**Collection day is December 11th.**

*Each box contains enough food for Christmas dinner with all the extra little goodies, treats like mince pies and biscuits, and of course Christmas pudding – which all go to make up a feast for a family in need. A typical box costs around £30-£40 but you can share the cost by getting together with friends, neighbours and colleagues to fill a box together.*

*The boxes will be distributed by Cornwall Council's 'Children's Early Help, Social Care and Psychology Service' team and some Children's Centres to families in need.*

*A list can be printed here: <https://cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CCB-2020-flyer.jpg>*

## Covid-19

















I think we are all delighted that Cornwall has been placed in Tier 1. We are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and the opportunity to finally see our families. We'd like to remind everyone that it is essential that we continue to follow government guidance to keep our school community safe.

### **To keep us all safe please continue to follow our safety plans:**

- If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or awaiting the outcome of a test, do not come to school - you must self-isolate the whole household during this time
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from other families and staff whilst at school (if this is not possible wear a mask)
- Do not come into the school building
- Arrive at the correct staggered time for drop off and pick-ups (only one parent to drop off)
- Swiftly exit the school grounds
- Do not gather in groups
- Follow the government's guidance outside of school at all times

If your child is isolating because they or a family member have Covid symptoms please ensure that you phone the school office. Please **do not** message teachers on Class Dojo in case messages are missed.



<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> 	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> 	<b>RETAIL</b> 	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> 
<p>Maximum of six indoors or outdoors, apart from with members of a single household or support bubble.</p>	<p>Venues must be table service only. They must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> 	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> 	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> 	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> 
<p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> 	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> 	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> 	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> 
<p>Permitted with household, support bubble, or up to 6 people.</p>	<p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open, but cannot interact with more than six people.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b> 	<b>EXERCISE</b> 	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> 	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> 
<p>Walk or cycle if possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid travelling into a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but must follow the rule of six indoors. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 4000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two Parent Governors and there is currently **one** vacancy.

The Governing Board, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Boards have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Board's work. Training is available for all Governors and this Governing Board has an expectation that those new to being a Governor attend free induction training.

The information in the email summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than the **10th December 2020**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Returning Officer

**Full details were emailed out to you all on Thursday, 26/11/2020.**



## **Reception 2021**

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2021/starting-school-september-2021/>

**The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 15th January 2021.**