

# Mawnan C of E VA Primary

# Newsletter

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## Advent

We are fast approaching Advent, which is a time for us all to think about Christmas and a time to help us to find ways to be good and help others just as Jesus did.

Oppie and Topper Class would like to invite you to watch their daily Advent promises and treats starting from next Tuesday. They are going to surprise and delight you every day with their thoughts, words and songs to help you to enjoy the special time we have at school before Christmas. Keep an eye on the Class Dojo story...

*Miss Pridmore*

## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### December 2020

- 4<sup>th</sup> MPS Society – Purple Day
- 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

Every class reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done!

Oppie –	98.67%	0 - late
Topper –	99.31%	0 - late
Pico –	99.62%	0 - late
Fusion –	100%	0 - late
Dart –	99.36%	0 - late

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

## Get Active Club



We are delighted with the uptake and commitment to our 'get active' after school club for key stage 2. The aim of the club was to give our older children a wellbeing and fitness boost during lockdown when they have been unable to attend their much loved out of school clubs. The children have enjoyed the club immensely and have really pushed themselves to rise to the physical challenges that they have been presented with. We are exceptionally grateful to our key stage 2 team for making this club possible.

## 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:

### **The MPS Society Big Give Christmas Challenge on Friday 4th December**

**This MPS Society is particularly important to the Mawnan School Family because this is the charity that supports children and families with ultra-rare diseases like Sanfilippo Syndrome which Stan in Pico Class has.**

We would like all of the children to come into school dressed in purple sporty clothes. Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in lots of physical challenges including a dice boot camp!

We will have a collection on the gate in the morning.

<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. (The candles will be sent home next week.)

<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.

## Our wonderful PTA

We want to express a massive thank you to our dedicated PTA for continuing to support the school and for ensuring that the children have a special, enjoyable and memorable festive season. The PTA have funded all of our Christmas resources, decorations and special treats.

## Secret Santa

Secret Santa is one of our favourite school events and this year it is going to be a little different! Our amazing creative children are going to take on the role of the elves and get busy making some fantastic gifts to share with their families. Shh!



## 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.



## Some Christmas dates for your diary ...

Date	Event	Details
<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	 <p><b>Big Give Christmas Challenge</b> Supporting our families when they need us most</p>	<p>We would like all of the children to come into school dressed in <b>purple sporty clothes</b>. Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in lots of physical challenges including a dice boot camp.</p>
<p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	 <p><b>Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY</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><b>The Mousehole Cat</b> by Antonia Barber</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><b>Christingle</b></p>	<p>This year we will be constructing our own Christingles ahead of the service on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.</p>

**Thursday  
17<sup>th</sup>  
December**



Each class bubble will have their own Christingle service in the school hall with Rev Johanna.

**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).

## A poem and reminder for us grown ups.....



I heard that we are all in the same boat.

But it's not that.

We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat.

Your ship can be shipwrecked and mine might not be.

Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal: a moment of reflection, or reconnection.

Easy in flip flops, with whisky or tea.

For others, this is a desperate crisis.

For others, it is facing loneliness.

For some, peace, rest time, vacation.

Yet for others, torture: How am I going to pay my bills?

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So, friends, we are not in the same boat.

We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different. And each one will emerge, in his own way, from that storm.

It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance.

Not just looking, more than looking, seeing.

See beyond the political party, beyond biases, beyond the nose on your face.

Do not judge the good life of the other, do not condemn the bad life of the other.

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We are on different ships looking to survive.

Let everyone navigate their route with respect, empathy and responsibility.

Damien Barr

I just wanted to acknowledge that this storm has been longer than any of us could have imagined and I also wanted to remind you that you all matter and we continue to care about you and your families.

Please take the time to have a SNACK if you need one and reach out if you need to. I will always be happy to help and it is always good to talk.

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## A Mindful S.N.A.C.K.

The next time you're feeling stressed out, overwhelmed, or unsure, reach for a moment of calm awareness: a mindfulness SNACK. Here's how to do it:

**S**  
**Stop**

Just stop whatever you're doing. (Stopping, by definition, requires us to begin again. We can always begin again.)

**N**  
**Notice**

What is happening within and around you?

**A**  
**Accept**

This is a tricky one. Whatever it is you're struggling with (time, kids, sleepiness, frustration) acknowledge it for what it is, without judgment.

**C**  
**Curious**

Ground yourself with questions about your experience and environment: What am I feeling? What do I need right now?

**K**  
**Kindness**

Respond to yourself and others (mistakes and all) with kindness and observe how that helps things get back on track.

By Carla Naumburg, PhD ([carlanaumburg.com](http://carlanaumburg.com))



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year our school Christmas Lunch will be served on the last day of term, Friday, 18/12/2020. To book a meal for your child for this day please book by Friday, 04/12/2020.

The menu on ParentPay **HAS NOT** been changed to reflect the food being served for the Christmas Lunch.

To book a Christmas Lunch for your child, book for Friday, 18th ignoring the fact that it says 'fish fingers' or 'tomato and basil pinwheels,' as this menu will be served on Wednesday, 16th instead.

**The Greens** **FOOD FARM**

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Roast Turkey with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes and Gravy  
OR  
Wrapped Vegetable Parcel with Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy  
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Carrots  
Brussel Sprouts  
Garden Peas  
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Chocolate Crispy Yuletide Cake  
OR  
Coconut Snowball Vanilla Cup Cake  
OR  
Red Nosed Chocolate Cup Cake  
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**FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**JOIN US FOR YOUR  
FESTIVE SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH!**

RAY  
BROOKE  
FORREST  
MILES  
FAITH

## **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 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.**