

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 3rd December 2021

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

We've finally reached December and the school is buzzing with excited children and beautiful Christmas singing!

We welcomed Rev Johanna into school on Tuesday for our daily worship. We learnt about advent and all the wonderful things we have to look forward to as we prepare for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Thursday evening at Trebah Gardens. Despite the wet and windy weather, it was a very special event and we are very proud and grateful to the children for singing so beautifully on the beach.

We are incredibly grateful to Zinnia and her team of helpers for providing our Christmas wreath making workshops after school this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their wreaths and they look stunning.

We have Christingle, our secret Santa book sale and Christmas jumper day to look forward to next week!



Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Pridmore

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

December 2021

See below the list of exciting events taking place in December.

Last day of School: Friday 17th Dec

Start of Term: Tuesday 4th Jan

Attendance

This week, one of our classes reached our attendance target of 98%. Well done Dart Class!

Oppie –	92.14%	1 - late
Topper –	90.54%	0 - late
Pico –	91.07%	0 - late
Fusion –	85.07%	0 - late
Dart –	98.18%	0 - late

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

They did it!



Dart Class have done an incredible job completing their challenge to run 1.2 miles every break time during November to complete a marathon to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. The commitment from these phenomenal children has been both inspirational and impressive.

They have raised an amazing £1,050!

Attendance Reminder

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 COVID-19 isolation
- 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 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. Please do not send messages via class dojo as they may be missed.

Reminder about Holidays during term time




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.

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. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Christmas Events

<p>Tuesday 7th December</p>		<p>Christingle we will be having two services.</p> <p>Please bring in your Christingle candle moneyboxes on this day.</p>
<p>Thursday 9th December</p>	<p>Secret Santa (book sale)</p> 	<p>This will be an opportunity for the children to buy a second hand book for brothers, sisters, cousins or friends. We would love your book donations by Monday.</p> <p>The children will need to bring in a bag and some money (ideally pound coins).</p>
<p>Friday 10th December</p>		<p>We would like the children to come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers instead of their Mawnan jumper in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. We will be having a cash donation on the gate.</p>
<p>Monday 13th December</p>	<p>Oppie Nativity</p>	<p>Oppie and Topper will be performing an individual Nativity this year for their parents. Please</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th December</p>	<p>Oppie Nativity</p>	

Wednesday 15th December	Topper Nativity	see class dojo for your allocated afternoon.
Thursday 16th December	Topper Nativity	
Thursday 16th December		Christmas Dinner - You can now book this on parent pay.
Friday 17th 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 and a special visitor will be coming to join us!



Christingle Collection box

Please remember fill your Christingles with loose change and return to school on Tuesday, 07/12/2021 for class Christingle Services. The money collected will go to The Children's Society.

Secret Santa Book Sale

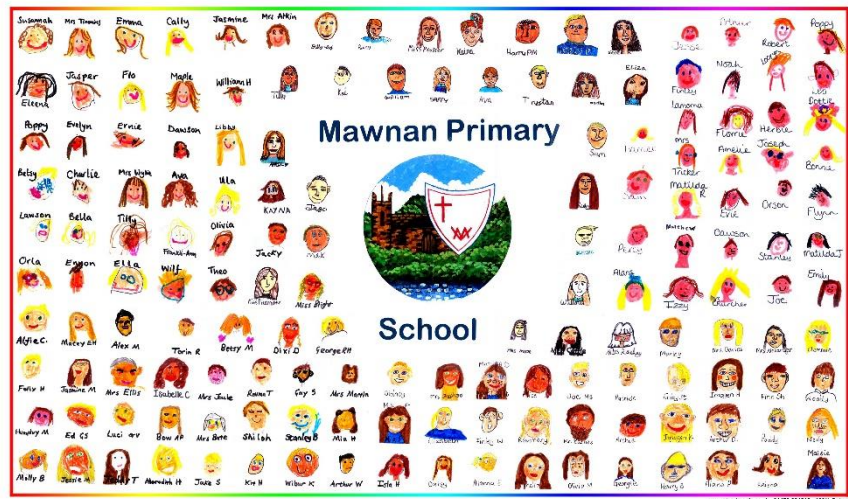
Thank you very much for donating books to our book sale. The deadline for donations is Monday and we would still welcome some good quality picture books.



On Thursday morning, the children will need to bring in a bag to carry their gifts home and some cash to pay for the books. Every book will be £1 so please bring pound coins. The PTA team will be wrapping the gifts for the children.

Are you looking for a unique and memorable Christmas gift?

The Mawnan School Tea-Towels will be available for the last week of term for you to purchase. This classy tea-towel will make the perfect gift for your loved ones and at the bargain price of £6 for 1, 2 for £10 and 3 for £15.



Tea towels will be on sale Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December after School.

PTA Grand Christmas Raffle

Our PTA are doing a Grand Christmas Raffle with great prizes to be won:

- £25 Voucher for Oyster Catcher
- A bag of fresh Coffee beans from Awna
- A voucher for Wild Vibes café
- Cream Tea for Two at the Greenbank Hotel
- £25 Voucher for Manning's in Truro
- £15 Gylly Beach Café Voucher
- Pink Hoody from Session age 12/13
- Two tubs of Roses Chocolates

The Raffle tickets will be sold for £1 a strip, at each KS1 Nativity Play (Mon 13th – Thurs 16th Dec) and at the T-Towel sale Stall Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th after school. The draw will be held on Thursday 16th December.

Asda Foundation Green Token Giving Scheme



"Mawnan School's PTA has been put forward for the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving scheme from 1st December until 31st January 2022.

First prize is £500 towards school funds!

Please vote for us by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Falmouth from the drop-down box. You can vote from as many different devices that you have in your household and also vote once per week!

Please share and get voting for some much-needed PTA funding for our fabulous school"

COVID-19 Update

We have **not had any more confirmed cases** and thank you for your continued support with following our COVID_19 measures.

Until further notice our measures are:

1. Remain in our class bubbles whilst we are in the school building and key stage bubbles will only mix outside.
2. Routine and regular handwashing along with good respiratory hygiene.
3. Classrooms will be well ventilated.
4. Cleaning will be increased.
5. Staff will increase the frequency of lateral flow tests.

6. Staff will be wearing facemasks in communal areas and when working in close proximity to children.

Please ensure that you play your part and follow our guidance:

1. **If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test (NOT a Lateral Flow Test). If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. **If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. (The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test). Please let us know if someone in your household tests positive so we can provide support for you.****
2. Please make use of the lateral flow tests - Twice weekly lateral flow testing should continue for all education staff and all families and households of children attending schools. Please use lateral flow tests over the weekend to test the household before returning to school.
3. Maintain a 2 metre distance from other families and staff whilst at school.
4. Wear face coverings if you are unable to maintain a 2 metre distance whilst on school grounds.
5. Swiftly exit the school grounds and do not gather in groups.
6. Keep the one-way system clear so everyone is able to safely enter and exit the school grounds. To avoid crowding at the end of the day please could we request that you keep to the one-way system and **do not stand by the front gates**. If you are waiting for a KS2 child please stand in a space in the carpark (ideally stand in the same spot every day so your child can find you more easily).

Parish of St Mawnan & St Michael

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

Christmas Services

All Welcome!

Sunday 12 December

10am Lessons and Carols at St Michael

Wednesday 15 December

10am Celtic Christmas at St Michael

Friday 24 December

5pm Candlelit Carols at St Mawnan

Saturday 25 December

10am Family Christmas Communion at St Michael



December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

MONDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

TUESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

WEDNESDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

THURSDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

FRIDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

SATURDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022



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