



Newsletter 20th November 2020

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A good week!

Thank you for supporting us through another week, bringing its own challenges and successes. As we merged class bubbles on Monday, it was especially lovely to watch children from adjacent classes playing together for the first time—it's easy to underestimate how much they have missed social interactions with older and younger children. Please continue to be meticulous in your own social interactions too, especially in relation to child care—play dates should NOT be happening at this time.

Helping Hands

During Anti-bullying Week, we have thought once more about our 'helping hand'. We have used this device regularly in school for the children to reflect on five people who can help and listen to them—two adults at school, a good friend, someone at home and an extra choice for your fifth finger. The children know that keeping them safe and ensuring everyone is feeling safe is our most important job at school and that we are ALWAYS here to listen to and help them. Please do ask them about the helping hand. Also, our odd socks have reminded us all week that there are no outsiders at St Minver School and that we are united together with zero tolerance for bullying. Thank you for getting involved!



Christmas

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are beginning to plan how to make this special—in a 2020 manner! While we will not be putting on Christmas performances, we will be retelling the Nativity story and thinking what Christmas means to us within classes and will, of course, share with you. We plan to make every Friday in December a Christmas jumper day—why only wear it the once! Friday 11th December is the official Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and we will collect donations on that day only.

Stay safe everyone. Wishing you a peaceful and healthy weekend.

Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

Dates

4/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day #1 (NEW DATE)

9/12/20—Christmas Dinner

11/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day #2 (Fundraiser for Save the Children) (NEW DATE)

11/12/20—Final drop off for Cornwall Christmas Box

18/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day #3 (NEW DATE)

21/12/20-3/1/21—Christmas Holiday

4/1/21—School Closed (Training day)

5/1/21—First day Spring Term

12/2/21—School Closed (Training day) (NEW DATE)

15/2/21—19/2/21—Half Term (NEW DATE)

- PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL
- NEXT WEEK WILL BE MENU WEEK 3
- ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND THE CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU
- JUST ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER, PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THE LINK BELOW INTO YOUR BROWSER
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq6OwhMGjC2GOiD-TKudvxHiRouXEaAB01UNjVJMEd-NTkZJMDITV0FQSUUVKWkozUzFGRi4u>



Stars of the week! Mathletics!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: Sam Carlton-Smith, Ollie Haynes and Rex Scott for being enthusiastic about and engaged in their learning and Katy Thomas for being kind and helpful, friendly, and polite

Class 1: Esme Nolan for excellent reading and Flossy Biggs for wonderful writing in her weather diary

Class 2: Dylan Thompson for excellent reading and working hard in maths and Demelza Mably for super effort and brilliant work in maths

Class 3: Juno Scott for her beautiful presentation and handwriting across all her work and Eva Jones for always being so kind and helpful in the classroom

Class 4: Dylan Doney for being an enthusiastic learner and using his initiative and Oliver Radford for being a thoughtful and kind member of the class

Class 5: Lola Merriman and Will Dingle for always having an excellent, positive attitude in class and for always producing their very best work!

Class 6: Joe Kent for always working diligently and Max Harbour for always showing tenacity and being hungry for a challenge

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, Year 3 literally smashed it out of the park this week scoring a huge 24,043 points and a big well done to Jasper Meagor for scoring an impressive 5,601 points. I wonder who will get a mention next week?



Priceless Playtimes!

Who has been a great ambassador for our school values "Be brave, be kind, belong" ?

Well done this week to Isla Radford for being really kind to a friend who was upset and Noah Campbell for using great imaginative play.



Free school meals

I know this was a feature last week but it is so important ... As we travel through another lockdown period we are aware that once again the circumstances for many families are incredibly difficult, with businesses being closed and earnings reduced or almost non-existent.

Please remember that the government's free school meals scheme is available to support those who need it. If you think that you may be eligible now please follow the link below to make an application.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/?#formStart>

Covid protocol!

In these uncertain times, should you have need to report a positive COVID case for your child or within your family, please call the school number 01208 862496, should there be no answer please click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGvBbBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQQk5YNIFG50RKWUFVRVVRi4u>

Once we have received the details, a member of the Aspire team will be in touch with you as a matter of urgency. Please DO NOT use the school number out of school hours unless it is regarding vital COVID related information.

Children in Need!

Last Friday saw a red, yellow and spotty sea of colour in school as we once again raised money for Children In Need.

We are delighted to confirm that we beat all previous St Minver School records for this event and sent a whopping £325.20 to this very worthwhile charity. A HUGE thanks to you all for supporting this fundraiser, we are sure you will agree that despite the trying circumstances, we raised an amazing amount!





Aspire Catering Services



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 9th December

Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast

Roast potatoes, Pigs in blankets,

Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding,

Seasonal vegetables & gravy

Festive ice-cream or

Christmas biscuit