



Newsletter 27th November 2020

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Just around the corner...

December is nearly here

The Christmas Hampers look amazing in our school porch—thank you for your donations and to the PTA for putting them together. So do have a peep and see the box over the page on how to get hold of the all-important raffle tickets. Remember to keep a newsletter to hand so that you can keep on top of what's happening and when—it's going to be a busy three weeks!



Residentials

As you know, we treasure our residential trips in Years 4, 5 and 6 and are committed to giving the children these opportunities to learn alongside their peers and teachers in a unique way; to have brand new experiences and to challenge themselves in three very different environments. Obviously, our 2020 trips were unable to run this year and we simply do not know whether they will be able to in 2021, but we wanted to let you know that we would like to keep this option open—SHOULD it be safe to do so (costs and viability unknown at this time). We won't run a savings plan through school, but families of children in these classes might like to bear this in mind, purely as a POTENTIAL cost at this stage.

Adaptation

This week in assembly we talked about the way the animal kingdom adapts to a changing environment—from hibernating dormice, to colourful chameleons and why the arctic fox changes his coat.

This gave us an opportunity to celebrate how **brilliantly** your children have adapted this term to the changing landscape of school.

They have learnt about the importance of hand hygiene and remaining physically distant from those in other bubbles and yet retained all their enthusiasm for school life...



THEY MAKE US VERY PROUD EVERY DAY!

Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

Dates

4/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day #1

7/12/20—10/12/20—Secret room week

9/12/20—Christmas Dinner

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

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

14/12/20—Hamper raffle draw

18/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day #3

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)

15/2/21—19/2/21—Half Term

- PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL
- NEXT WEEK WILL BE MENU WEEK 1

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-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQKk5YNIFGSORKWUFVRVVRi4u>

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.

Two weeks ago, we invited parents to log into the parent portal on Arbor to grant or decline consent for the use of images for their child.

So far, less than 10% of parents have completed this request.

Please can you log in to the parent portal and complete the request for consent as a matter of urgency.



Stars of the week! Mathletics!

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

Class R: Harry Treleven for working super hard all week and Paige Humber for being kind and helpful.

Class 1: Finn Davis for beginning to read with confidence and Nessa Dudley for writing a great weather diary and improving the presentation of her writing

Class 2: Alfie Hunt for super effort in maths and for trying hard with his reading and Felix Williams for some super Science work and for showing great perseverance in maths!

Class 3: Emily Tudge for being brave and confident by singing beautifully to the rest of the class and Emily Sluggett for contributing a positive outlook in class and keeping the atmosphere upbeat with her cracking sense of humour!

Class 4: Amy Polak for being an industrious and enthusiastic individual and Bertie Ely for being kind and thoughtful, especially at playtimes

Class 5: Ben Meneer for a superb metaphor poem and Amelia Fincher for having such a positive attitude towards all of her learning!

Class 6: Kelsie Day for always working so diligently and Maggie Hall for having a mature and conscientious attitude to learning!

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, I wonder who will get a mention next week?

Well done to Maisie Cawte, her first time of logging the highest Class 5 score since joining St Minver in September.



Priceless Playtimes!

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

Well done to Lila Attlee, Isla Millar, Dexter Warren and Miles Meneer for playing so nicely together and also to Emily Tudge with Y3 and Y4 bubbles merged, Emily is being brave by starting new friendships in Y4.

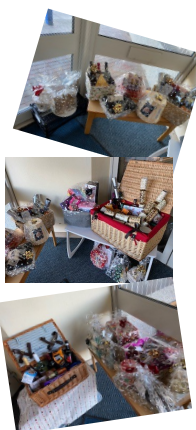


Festive plans

The wonderful PTA folk have some lovely festive plans for our children, here are the details that you need to know:

HAMPER RAFFLE: The beautiful hampers full of lovely non-perishable food and drink items will be on display in the foyer. Tickets (£1 each) can be purchased in the following ways:

- From Friday 4th December you can send in cash, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked on the outside with your name and contact number
- From Friday 7th -Friday 11th December a PTA member will be onsite to sell tickets by the Christmas tree at the front of school
- Keep an eye on the Friends of St Minver School Facebook page, tickets can be ordered through there too
- The draw will take place on Monday 14th December



SECRET ROOM: This year, to be COVID safe, there will be class pop up secret room shops every day from Monday 7th-Thursdays 10th December. Could we ask that your child bring in their spending money for this event on Monday 7th December. It needs to be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with the child's name and class and who they are buying for.

BlackbirdPie

Please see below the link to the Christmas/ Winter edition of BlackbirdPie. Here is a message from the editors of the magazine:

"Despite everything, there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows. Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as COVID safe as possible.

We have searched out quite a lot of free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers."

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>

