



Newsletter 4th December 2020

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# Festive frolics!

## A near miss!

We encourage families to walk, cycle and scoot to school for all the obvious reasons. However, it is ESSENTIAL that car users bear this in mind too and move around our site with extreme caution please. We had an incident on Thursday morning when no one was hurt but the outcome could have been very different. Please stay alert and slow down - thank you.



## It's Christmas!

As we have begun to open our chocolate calendars this week, assemblies have allowed us to think about what 'Advent' is, what are Christians reflecting on at this time and what is the story of the First Christmas.

Let the magic begin!

## Wellies

We aim to spend more time outside in this next fortnight. If your child doesn't have a pair of wellies in school, please send them, named, in a carrier bag.

## Christmas Cards

This year, we will be operating post boxes within each classroom but will not have a whole-school postalservice. So, if the children would like to send Christmas cards, these should only be for those in their own class please.



Last posting date is Wednesday 16th December!

## Christmas Parties

Each class will hold a party on **Thursday 17th December**. Rather than shared food, please could you send in a SMALL box of party snacks for your child only. For example, a few crisps, a satsuma and a mini chocolate roll would be ample. This will be in addition to playtime snack and lunch please. Remember, no nuts please.

## Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day 2 will also be the day we plan to do a little secret filming! Bring Christmas hats, accessories and DEFINITELY have your wellies in school that day please!

Lots to remember here, I hope having the newsletter to refer back to will help at this lovely, busy time!

Mrs J Rodwell  
Head of School



- PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL
- NEXT WEEK WILL BE MENU WEEK 2
- IF YOUR CHILD IS IN KS2 AND IS HAVING A XMAS DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID FOR IT VIA PARENT PAY BY WEDS 9/12 (UNLESS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO FSM)

A big thank you to everyone who has logged into their Arbor parent portal over the last week. However, over 50% of families have yet to log in and grant/decline consent for the 6 "use of image" statements.

We MUST have all consents by the 11th December, please log in to Arbor as a matter of urgency.

## 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—see Just Giving link below) (Please also send in wellies, Christmas accessories and hats today!)

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

14/12/20—Hamper raffle draw

17/12/20—Class Christmas parties (please send in a small box of nut-free party snacks for your child only)

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

If you would prefer to make your Christmas Jumper day donation for Save the Children via cash, please send it in an envelope on Friday 11/12/20 or click the link below). [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200015260?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=cjd200015260&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=1c13842f4790428cb11a097bc7512e92](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200015260?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cjd200015260&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=1c13842f4790428cb11a097bc7512e92).

# 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=rVOWGVbBBUq6OwhMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQKk5YNIFGSORKWUFVRVZRI4u>

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.



# Stars of the week! Mathletics!

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

**Class R:** George Dubber for excellent effort in PE, George Harris and Felix Fulton for super progress with their reading and Maddie-Ann Latham for gaining confidence and giving everything a go

**Class 1:** Amy Thomas for making a wonderful effort to improve her handwriting & Eva Doney for being brave and working as hard as ever with a poorly hand

**Class 2:** Faith Davis for excellent work in DT and making a fantastic Tudor house and Myla Cudmore for excellent work on money and finding lots of different ways to make the same amount

**Class 3:** Cosmo Voll, Indie and Willow Thomson for working hard and being resilient

**Class 4:** Zellie Dudley for her truly awesome story and India Too-good for her resilient attitude and awesome work in maths

**Class 5:** Blaise Godfrey and Daisy Pascoe for always having a positive attitude and showing perseverance in maths

**Class 6:** Isla Millar & Daisy Mellowship for creativity in poetry writing

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week. This week we celebrate Year 3 who have sustained and reached huge scores consistently over the term. This week was no exception, with a brilliant score of 12,134 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" ?

A big well done to Brooks Simms for being kind and helping his friend when he fell over.



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

You can't fail to have spotted our beautiful Christmas Tree which the wonderful Link magazine donated to our school and the brilliant PTA team put in place last weekend. It really does look beautiful and it's so lovely to see our children admiring it every day.

Just a reminder about the upcoming PTA festive activities:

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

- You can send in cash via your child's bookbag, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked on the outside with your name and contact number
- Next week a PTA member will be onsite to sell tickets, by the Christmas tree at the front of school every morning
- 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 next week. 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.

THIS IS ALL HAPPENING NEXT WEEK!!!!