



Newsletter 23rd October 2020

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That was the week that was.....

I do hope you have found telephone conversations with teachers beneficial this week (Y6 still to come, of course). Although not in person this time, such meetings are vital for us and we very much value the opportunity to chat through how we can work together to best support your child's learning journey. We had an AMAZING take up, so a thank you from me to all involved—both staff and families.

October is Black History month

This week we learned about Claudia Jones, who helped organise the first ever Notting Hill Carnival—now the world's second largest street party. She said 'A people's art is the genesis of their freedom.' We thought about how wonderful it is to be able to use music, dance and food in our community to celebrate difference. Does your family love carnival? The Royal Cornwall Show? May Day? Have you ever experienced a traditional celebration from a different culture?

Uniform

We have sold a good deal of second hand uniform this half term and raised lovely funds for the PTA in the process. Don't forget that resource and do drop into the front porch if you need something. Just 50p an item and leave your money in the pot! HOWEVER, we are currently swamped with uniform—with several more bags stashed inside, so please no more donations to school at this point!

Harvest Breakfast

We are planning harvest assemblies in the week beginning 9th November and class Harvest Breakfasts on Thursday 12th November. We will not be able to get together in the hall for this traditional St Minver School event, but do want to mark this important celebration—in a covid-safe manner—nevertheless. After half term, we plan to send home a slip asking for food to share: this year it will be cereal and milk, pastries (no nuts please) and fruit platters.

We will use this day to launch our Cornwall Christmas Box appeal (see separate box overleaf) and really hope that you will want to once more support this fantastic charity providing emergency support for local families at Christmas-time. Thanks in advance!

Do we have a volunteer who might also be able to drop surplus harvest supplies to Wadebridge Foodbank on the afternoon of the 12th, please?

Half term now. I wish you time to rest up, to get some fresh air together and most importantly, to stay safe and look after each other. **See you on Tuesday November 3rd!**



Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

Just a reminder please that children with long hair should ALWAYS have it tied up, jewellery is NOT permitted with the exception of one small pair of stud earrings and that nail varnish is NOT to be worn to school. Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining standards in this way.

Dates

26/10/20-30/10/20—Half Term Holiday

02/11/20—School Closed (Training day)

12/11/20—Harvest Breakfast

12/11/20—Launch of Cornwall Christmas Box

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

21/12/20-3/1/21—Christmas Holiday

4/1/21—School Closed (Training day)

5/1/21—First day Spring Term

- **PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL**
- **WEEK 2 OF THE MENU AFTER HALF TERM, PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL BONFIRE NIGHT MENU ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER (SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION)**

Please remember that we finish for half term TODAY at the normal time.

Also note that there is a training day on Monday 2nd November 2020 so school will return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Parent/teacher meetings

Thank you so much for such excellent commitment and take up to this term's parent/teacher meetings.

We just have the Year 6 meetings to go which are on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 6th November. You can book this on the Arbor app now. Bookings will close on Monday 2nd November.

As with Classes R-5, these meetings will be made by a telephone call to your mobile number as listed on Arbor. If you would prefer for Mr Baines to use a different number, please let us know by email to

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Stars of the week! Mathletics!

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

Class R: Heidi Chapman and Freddie Hodge for being an asset to Team St Minver by showing kindness

Class 1: Milo Voll and Arthur Webster both for being very enthusiastic learners and showing a love for learning

Class 2: Chloe Millard- for beautiful, neat writing and a wonderful non-chronological report on London and George Pascoe for a super non-chronological report about London and making the London Eye out of KNex!

Class 3: Pandora Mackie for being brave in lesson time by asking for help with her Maths and Delilah Meagor for making a huge improvement in her Maths.

Class 4: Clara Marshall & Eliana Cowles—Awesome mathematical thinking

Class 5: Kiara Credland and Esme Rigby for amazing science work and having a super attitude towards their learning.

Class 6: Enrike Daukantas - fabulous progress in maths and grammar and Zach Fluin - Awesome attitude to school and continued progress

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, there were some amazing individual scores notably Flores White in reception with 2,080 points. I wonder who will get a mention after half term?



Priceless Playtimes!

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

A huge well done to: Hannah Dally for supporting and looking after a friend when he fell over and cut his knee



Once again St Minver School will be a collection centre of the Cornwall Christmas Box scheme.

As some of you will remember this is a scheme run across our county and provides families in crisis with Christmas Dinner in a box.

Each box contains enough food for Christmas dinner with all the extra little goodies, treats like mince pies and biscuits, and of course Christmas pudding - which all go to make up a feast for a family in need. Due to storage and distribution limitations fresh food can not be donated but there are plenty of good things to eat that can still be included. A typical box costs around £30-£40 but last year by the generous donations of our St Minver families we were able to send numerous boxes to the distribution centre benefitting many families in turn.

Attached is the list of suggested items for you to take a look at. If your child is in Years R—3 there will be a clipboard outside your child's classroom at drop off and pick up for you to sign up to donate a particular item. If your child is on Years 4, 5 or 6, please chat through with your child what you would like to donate and ask them to come into their classroom and sign up on the class sheet.

You can sign up from 12th November and send donations in anytime from then until the final drop off which is Friday 11th December.

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=rVOWGVbBBUq6OwhMGjC2GNQzh86yMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQQk5YNIF6SORK-WUFVRVZRi4u>

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.

POLZEATH FOOTBALL CLUB

Fun football sessions every Saturday morning at The Point, Polzeath. Advance bookings only.

Please email polzeathfc@gmail.com for more information and to book a place.

