

# Newsletter

19th December 2018

## Forthcoming Events

19th December - End of term, 2pm finish for school & nursery

20th December - Inset Day. School closed

7th January 2019 - Return to school, first day of spring term.

11th January 2019 - Prospective parents tour (3:30 - 4:30pm) Please contact the school office to book a tour

W/C 14th January 2019 - Extra curricular clubs to start

15th January 2019 - Deadline for applying for a place in reception class [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

23rd July 2019 - End of summer term, 2pm finish

24th & 25th July 2019 - Inset Days. School closed

## Festive fun

We've really entered into the festive spirit at school over the past week.

The children were very productive and made some great items for our Christmas fair last Friday.



We were really lucky to have a special visitor at school, when Father Christmas joined us at the fair and met so many of you and your families.

There was a fantastic atmosphere at the event, with a wonderful array of items to purchase from the stalls.

Special thanks to FOSHA for organising this amazing event. Thanks also to everyone who played a part in the success of the fair, both staff and children for their efforts, those of you who

provided donations and of course all of you who came along to support the event.

We raised an extraordinary £600 from the event, which will be used towards funding our school library for the children.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week we enjoyed two performances of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' from our reception classes and held our annual nursery singalong on Thursday.



On Monday and Tuesday this week our Key Stage 1 children presented 'A King Is Born' to parents and families. It was really pleasing to see so many of you attend the Christmas performances.

I'm sure those of you who attended will agree that the children were truly amazing. For such young children to put on such wonderful shows was incredible. It demonstrated the real commitment and dedication they've put

into their rehearsals.

Today, to mark the end of term, we held our 'Christmas Jumper Day' and also enjoyed our school Christmas lunch. Thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff for providing such a delicious lunch.

Year 3 would also like to extend special thanks to Isabella and her grandad for their very kind gesture of making everyone an Egyptian cast of Tutankhamun. It was a lovely surprise for all of the children who have been studying Egypt as their topic this term.

We hope that you have all enjoyed the term as much as we have.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the very best for the forthcoming New Year! We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 7th January 2019.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs are due to start next term in the week commencing 14th January. You will be able to book a place for your child via ParentPay from Monday 7th January at 6pm. The clubs on offer are as follows:

### Tuesday:

Football (Yr 4-6)  
Netball (Yr 5-6)  
Dodgeball - Go Active (Yr 1-2)  
Cycle Club (Yr 5-6)  
Loom Bands (Yr 2-3)  
Origami Club (Y3-4)

### Thursday:

Football with Plymouth Argyle (Yr 1-3)  
Gymnastics - Go Active (Yr 3-6)  
Swim Club (Yr 3-6 invite only)  
Choir (Invite only)

## Stars of the Week



Charlie	Nursery
Maddison	Reception
Finley	Reception
The Whole Class	Yr 1
The Whole Class	Yr 1/2
Bentley	Yr 2
Bella & Isabella	Yr 3
The Whole Class	Yr 4
Oliver	Yr 5
The Whole Class	Yr 6



# Christmas - Keeping Children Safe Online

With Christmas fast approaching we have put together some information on keeping your child safe over the holidays. We have included advice about new devices, games and smart toys.

## New Devices for Christmas

Over Christmas many children receive gifts that require going online (smartphones, gaming devices, tablets etc.). We have compiled a short checklist to help keep your children as safe as possible whilst using their new devices.

Research the device, make sure you have an idea of how your child will be using it.

1. [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology) is a very helpful website which provides helpful information about different devices (smartphones, tablets etc.)
2. Have a look at the device before Christmas Day and set up security and parental controls - paying special attention to location settings. If you can't set up before Christmas ensure you sit with your child and set it up together. <https://pwxp5srs168nsac2n3fnjyaa-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IM-SetUpSafe-Checklist-24Jan.pdf>
3. Look into the parental controls on your home internet. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider> This website provides helpful information on different service providers. For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network.
4. Finally, take time to play on the new device together with your child, talk about what the child is using it for and what they know about staying safe online.

## Smart Toys (Internet Connected Toys)

In recent years new smart toys have been developed that access the internet, this might mean that the toy collects data and could possibly be accessed by other people.

It is important to research the toy and find out about:

- The type of information the toy collects
- Will it take photos or videos and where are they stored
- If it uses location services
- Who can interact with the toy and does it require a password
- Are there parental controls

## Games & Apps

Along with new devices, children will also be receiving new games and downloading new apps. Some of these will not be appropriate for your child. There are several ways that you can check the games/apps to ensure your child isn't exposed to inappropriate content.

Look at the PEGI rating. This is an age rating used for games and apps, it will also give an indication of the type of content the game has.

Check the game/app on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org), this is a great source of information about games and apps and what to expect from them.

Play the game yourself, this is a great way for you to experience the game and any issues your child might encounter.

Use YouTube to watch videos of the games/apps being played.

Spend time with your child while they're playing the game and see for yourself what they are seeing. Ensure all chat functions are turned off.

*Thanks to Venture Multi Academy Trust for highlighting the above useful information and resources.*

## Awards

Well Done to the following children who have received awards this week.

### Times Table Stars:

Paige - Year 2  
Lewis & Jacob - Year 3  
Katelin - Year 5  
Ryan - Year 6

### Spelling Awards:

Paige - Year 2  
Tegan & Tyler - Year 3  
Chloe - Year 5  
Joseph - Year 6

### Gold Merit:

Lily - Year 2

## Phonics word of the week

This week's word of the week is 'light' and the pseudo word is 'dight'.

### School Uniform

Do you have any good quality uniform at home, that your child has grown out of?

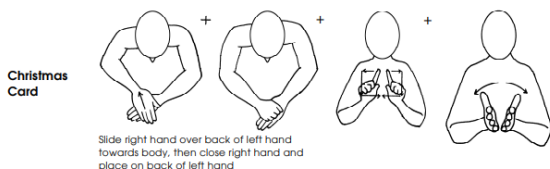
If so, we would be very grateful to receive any donations you might have, which we could store and use in school as spares for our children when needed.

Please bring any items to the school office.

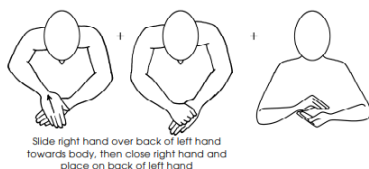
Thank you.

## Christmas Makaton

### Christmas Card



### Christmas Pudding



## Attendance

**Whole School : 96.56%**

Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is **96%**.

**Class attendance to W/E 19th December 2018**

Miss Seeley – 94.55%  
Mrs Evans – 95.10%  
Mrs Matthews - 96.33%  
Mrs Prior - 96.76%  
Mrs Osborne - 97.17%  
Mrs O'Brien - 97.28%  
Mr Lockett - 97.63%  
Miss Heather - 96.92%  
Mrs Rundle - 97.32%

## Menu

**Week beginning Monday**

**7th January 2019**

**Menu Choice - Week 3**

**Price £2.30\***

*\*For children not entitled to free school meals*

**Please make your menu selection on ParentPay**

### Access to the school car park

The school gates will be shut from 8:45am to 2:45pm. If you require access to the carpark during the school day and are a blue badge holder then please phone the school office on 01726 75858 and a member of the admin team will come and open the gates for you.

The use of the school car park is for blue badge holders and staff only at all times, this includes for breakfast club and after school club.

We are updating the list of blue badge holders who can access the staff car park. Please inform the office if you hold a blue badge and would like to access the carpark.



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- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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