



Egloskerry School

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* **Egloskerry School Website:** *
* **www.egloskerry.cornwall.sch.uk:** You can also *
* view the newsletter on our website; please check *
* every week for more information and updates. *
* This week: Launceston Library event with Lord *
* Rowan Williams, the Giving Machine, the Aspens' *
* school menu app, the Health Box & the *
* Disclaimer. *

Christmas Arrangements:

There is a huge amount planned over the coming weeks, so to help keep track here are the key dates/reminders:

Whole school Christmas lunch: we are looking forward to this on *Wed 13th December*.

Could the Year 6 parents/carers who are joining us please arrive at 12.00pm. Thanks.

Evening performances: could all children please be brought back to school by 5.30pm tonight. Thanks.

Car parking: will be available on the playground for all performances. Please park with consideration for our neighbours.

Christmas cards: Our Christmas Post Box will be open and ready for cards from *Monday 11th December*; the last collection will be on Wednesday 20th December. We will be using our lovely Egloskerry box in the foyer for Christmas cards this year.

Egloskerry School Father Christmas visit: An elf tells us that Father Christmas will be visiting the school in December—keep being good so that we stay on the "nice list"!

* We would like to welcome our new member of staff, Mrs Michelle Lord, who has joined *
* Egloskerry School as a Lunchtime Supervisor, working on Fridays. Welcome to the team, *
* Mrs Lord! *

Notes & reminders:

- Thank you to everyone who brought in their used clothes etc for recycling. This raised the sum of £73.50 (after VAT) for school private funds!

Please note our term dates:

The last day of Autumn term is: *Wednesday 20th December*

The first day of the Spring term is *Thursday 4th January*

We hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year!

On Thursday 23rd November, Class 2 went to Launceston College to see the magnificent African Choir, Pearl of Africa. All the people from the choir came from Africa to perform at Launceston College, to raise money for their schools in Africa. They sing every day for a year just to do this. The money that they raise only keeps their schools open for a year; therefore they do it every year.

First we watched them do an outstanding performance. Afterwards we did a workshop with them, and we also dressed up in grass skirts. Class 2 really enjoyed their trip.

Verity, Zachary, Samuel and Toby

On 24th November Class 2 from Egloskerry School went to Launceston College to a music day organised by the phenomenal Mrs Bridle. There was a plethora of things to do, such as steel pans, African drumming, Samba and more! Class 2 had a fantastic day. We had lunch in the quad; it was wet on the benches but it was very sunny!

We had a play and then we had a lovely trip home on the Launceston College minibuses.

By Harry, William and Eve

**Pipers Pool Methodist Church invite you to:
Carols in the Barn**

The Christmas story on the style of "We're going on a Bear Hunt"
11.00am on Sunday 17th December, Gospenheale Farm, Pipers Pool, PL15 8PQ
An interactive Carol Service for all ages—come dressed as a Nativity character!
Everybody has a part to play. Hot Dog lunch. Collection for St Petrocs Society
For more information contact: david.pett7@ gmail.com

Christmas in Launceston

Please see the poster in the foyer. Events include:

Saturday 9 December: Christmas Market in the Square

Thursday 14 December, 6.30pm, Carol Singing Around the Tree

Saturday 16 December, 2.45pm, Carols by South Hill Choir, Launceston Town Square

Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm, Community Carol Concert, Launceston Town Hall

Sunday 24th December, 10.00—3.00, Christmas Eve Shopping

Free car parking on Saturdays in December in Westgate Street Multi Storey

Please see the posters in the foyer about Channel 4's Child Genius TV series. They are looking for gifted children aged 8-12 (and their families) to take part. Applications are being sought for the 2018 series and the organisers would love to hear from the parents of gifted and talented children who may be interested.

Additionally, on one of the last weekends in January they will be holding a Mensa backed Open Day and are keen to speak to parents who might be interested in registering their child/children for this whole day event. This is an opportunity for 8-12 year olds to get involved in Mensa Challenges, quick fire quizzes, strategy puzzles etc, but also to meet with other families. The date and venue are to be confirmed.

There is no obligation to take part in the programme but anyone potentially interested in hearing more about it can call Claudia Guerretta direct on 0203 301 8502, at Wall to Wall Ltd. More information can be found at: walltowall.co.uk/castings.aspx, or email: child.genius@ walltowall.co.uk

Visit of Lord Rowan Williams to Launceston Library

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Rowan Williams, will be visiting Launceston in December to share his interest in Charles Causley's poetry. Lord Williams is an acknowledged poet, and cites Charles Causley as being a major influence on his own work. He will be taking part in an event at Launceston Library on Saturday 9th December between 10.30am and 12.30pm. He will be working with children to prepare Christmas cards based on the Christmas poems of Charles Causley, and will begin by giving a short reading of Causley poems including Christmas Pudding - a poem which describes how four icons of Christmas—the Pudding, the Turkey, the Tree and the Cracker—all fear their fate at Christmas and decide to run away together. Children will then be able to make their own Christmas Cards using artwork based on the poems. This is a free event. If anyone would like a copy of the poem, please ask at the office.

The Giving Machine: please help us to fundraise by joining The Giving Machine (free to join). It takes just two minutes to register, and parents and staff who shop online at the huge selection of shopping sites earn commission for the school. The company only supports charities and schools, and are members of the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Standards Board. Please log onto: thegivingmachine.co.uk, click on "Join our Giving Community" and follow the instructions. Please remember our school each time you shop online—thank you.

Please see the information on our website about Aspens Services' new app, which will enable you to see the lunch menu with just a couple of presses on your smartphone. Egloskerry's unique PIN number is: **18305882**, and the link is: aspens-services.co.uk/schools/egloskerry-cp-school/ You can search for the app at the App Store or Google Play, install, add the unique PIN number, and you will be able to view the menu, get in touch with Aspens, provide feedback and find out more about their services. The app shows **the current menu**.

- **Health Box:** We have children attending the school who are prone to picking up infections more easily, so we thought it may be a good idea to include a health box in our weekly newsletter.
- We would ask if parents could please inform the school of any infections, viruses or diarrhoea and vomiting that your child may have, as you usually do. Could you please also inform us of any of the above which your children may have been in contact with recently without showing any symptoms, so that we are all aware. Please remember that all children should be at home for 48 hours following sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.
- **A note regarding Hearing and Vision Tests:** It is very important to ensure your child does not have any problems with their hearing or vision. Screening is carried out in school, by the NHS, for Reception age children, but do please get in touch with your doctor or the School Nurse if you would like tests done at any other time. To contact the Nurse, phone 01288 320152. For vision tests, please contact your local optician, as tests are carried out free of charge for children. If you would like a referral to the School Nurse, please ask at the school office.
- **Headlice:** if necessary, please see the information on our website about the treatment of headlice.
- **Medicines/Cough Sweets etc:** please could *all* medicines, cough sweets, antiseptic creams etc be brought to the office, labelled with the child's name. We can administer medicines during the school day; we just need your instructions (a form is available to complete). Any medication kept in a bookbag or rucsac during the day could be picked up by another child, who might be allergic to it. Your child is also welcome to come to the office at break times to take a cough sweet etc. Thank you.

"Signposting" information to parents—Disclaimer: All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor One Cornwall will accept any liability arising out of those events.