



St Mawes Primary School

Newsletter

December
2020

Star of the week

Our stars of the week for December have been

Victoria for always trying her **best**

Summer for being **kind** and **sensible**

Zoe always being a **GREAT** listener

KYMMIE for always **listening** and trying her **hardest**.

Zara for working at her best always with a **BIG** smile

SYDNEY for building **friendships** and enjoying games

Layla for her happy and positive attitude at our Christmas party

Stars

Attendance

Attendance is 98.3% which is almost 6% up from this month last year. **WELL DONE!!**

We have enjoyed lots of Christmas activities over the last two weeks.

It took lots of paper chains and careful measuring to make our beautiful tree that is now on display in St Mawes Surgery. We decorated the tree with letters to Santa and colourful baubles. Then we had a great time making the scenery for our performance. It was a whole new way of creating a Nativity this year and we had a taste of what it is like to be real actors as we waited to film our parts and some things took more than one take! We have also been busy making Christmas cards and calendars that will be sent home soon. Then you may be able to guess why we painted our feet.

Wishing you a very **Merry Christmas** from Class 1.

Class Two have been learning about Democracy during Ancient Greek times and how this system is similar or different to the democratic system we have today. They have enjoyed more artwork; sketching trees, making paper snowflakes, producing Christmas paper chains, and creating some beautiful winter scenes using a range of skills. They have also welcomed Snowflake the elf to the classroom and whilst we thought he was going to be a well-behaved little elf, he soon showed his true colours by eating Dylan's chocolate from the class Advent Calendar! Luckily, he realised he had been a bit cheeky and delivered a present to say sorry! We won't even talk about the time he had a snowball fight with his friends and left it for us to clean up! Miss Connell was not impressed.



Diary Dates

4th January - Inset Day
5th January - Back to school

GALLERY



*Merry
Christmas*



Well done and thank you to all the children for the wonderful decorations they bought in for our beautiful tree and a big **Thank You** to Curgurrell Farm for delivering it to us.

The children have made paper-chain Christmas trees to decorate St Mawes and Portscatho Surgeries.



Merry Christmas from all at St Mawes School

Dear Parents

This has been an exceptional term and we are so happy to have reached Christmas with everyone safe and happy. I would like to thank the staff for their commitment to the school and courage throughout the term. The children are thriving and the school is a joyous place to be. To our team I would like to welcome Caralyn Boughton who is supporting our reception children in class one with great kindness and care.

Last night I waited for the Christmas films to be released and was so impressed by the children's performances. Many thanks to Mr Ayres for such beautiful editing which enhanced the lovely performances.

Our COVID procedures are now very embedded in school and we will need to be vigilant and continue these just as stringently next term. The government is releasing more information daily so if our procedures develop I will let you know as soon as possible via arbor. Many thanks for supporting us with social distancing in the playground and following our the procedures for contact with school.

Karen and I would like to wish a very happy and safe Christmas. This year we will all be celebrating slightly differently but the joy and wonder the children experience will be as intoxicating as ever.

Best wishes to all our families and the wider community,
Ms Praed

COVID-19 REPORTING OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please read the important guidance for parents/carers below relating to the reporting of positive cases over the Christmas holidays:

*For the first 6 days after the end of school, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please use the Aspire reporting form at www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus as the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

*Where a pupil (or staff member) tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should NOT be contacted (until the first day of the new term). Parents and carers should instead follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

*School staff are NOT asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Stay safe and well everyone and have a wonderful Christmas!

