

Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

December 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is the time of year when we begin to really step up the momentum of our end of year celebrations – including our Christmas performance and any community fundraisers. There is a lot to organise so this brief Newsletter is just a brief capture of the key events and dates, so that you can be prepared.

**Staffing Update Linked to Recovery Funding**

As part of our Recovery Plan for Learning, each school has received a little top up funding in order to set up 'catch up' support for children. This funding must be used strategically with very focused outcomes for children and we are accountable for showing the impact of any additional provision that is put in place. The

Recovery Funding lasts for one year only. In Tintagel, we have been fortunate to be able to employ an additional teacher for one day a week. We are therefore delighted to welcome Sue Kittle to our school. She will be part of the KS1 team and will support Class 2 on Thursdays so that Ms Thorpe – who is our RWI Reading Lead– can support the team in targeting children who have missed so much of their early phonics and reading development due to lockdown. We feel this will make a huge difference in enabling our Yr 1 and Yr 2 children particularly to close the gap to where they need to be by end of year.

We have also purchased the Fresh Start programme for KS2 children who are struggling to achieve fluency and accuracy in their reading, as this is a priority for Secondary readiness and accessing the rest of the curriculum confidently. This will be rolled out from January and your child's class teacher will talk to you if they are part of this programme.

Forthcoming Events**Fundraisers**

The PTFA are now selling raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle, prizes can be seen on the Tintagel PTFA Facebook page. If you have any raffle prizes that you would like to donate please drop them off in the bike shelter. Tickets cost £1 each which can be bought via PayPal on sofie.lowe@tintagelschool.org, for example if you pay £5 you will be issued with 5 raffle numbers which will be stored at school. If you prefer to pay cash, Sofie will be available at the end of the school day in the front carpark. We will not be issuing physical raffle tickets this year but you will be notified of your numbers which will be automatically drawn at random on Wednesday 16th December. Each winner will be notified on the day so you can select your prize.

Outdoor Gym

We are very excited to report that last year's fundraising has enabled us to purchase additional equipment for our outdoor provision. The installation of 4 outdoor gym pieces will be hopefully completed by the end of this term. Thank you to all those that have supported our events and continue to do so. This is another great example of our community working together and providing the children with some fabulous equipment.

Christmas Performances

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Performances. These will – of course – be very different this year as there will be no live performances in school. That said, we are very keen to continue the important traditions and milestones that mean so much to our children so we would like to reassure parents that there will be a digital offering from each class very much similar to our Harvest celebrations, with Miss Wheldon's class taking centre stage with the Nativity. Each of the other classes will contribute a poem or Christmas Celebration on Seesaw and on our Website. There may even be a little Christmas offering from the staff so watch out for some much-needed festive cheer.

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Children must wear their school uniform on this day but are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school sweatshirt. We are asking for donations of £1 which will go to the Cornwall Air Ambulance appeal.

Children's Party

On the afternoon of Friday 18th December, we will host children's parties, but these will be confined to their class bubbles. We would like children to come into school wearing their party clothes and there will be party food and games.

Christmas Cards

In order to do this in a safe way, each class will have their own basket for Christmas cards which the children can put them in. All cards are to be brought in by Monday 14th December at the latest. These will then lie fallow and will be handed out over the last few days.

Heartfelt Thanks

Children in Need Appeal

Once again, our community showed their generosity and £96 was raised.

Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal

Once again, the donations are beginning to arrive for these boxes and you have really demonstrated your generosity of spirit. Please have a look at the lists online and bring donations in asap as the boxes go off on 9th December.

Some Requests for Support

Now that the weather has turned cold and VERY wet, we are setting the expectation that all children must have a coat in school each day. We will be expecting children to wear their coats out in the playground, and this will be a non-negotiable. Please could you support us at home by ensuring that your child has a named coat in school each day.

Best Wishes



Sue Cox and the team



Key Dates

Our term dates can be found on our website using the following link
https://www.tintagelschool.org/web/term_dates/336794

Friday 18 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Term 3
Monday 22 nd February – Friday 19 th March	Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 10 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 19 th April	First day of Term 5
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 10 th May to Friday 14 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 28 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 7 th June	First day of Term 6
Monday 7 th to Thursday 10 th June	Y6 London Residential
Friday 11 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 28 th to Wednesday 30 th June	Y4/5 Porthpean Residential
Thursday 8 th July	SJS Y6 Transition Day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6