



Newsletter 16th October 2020



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### Remaining Vigilant

The last 7 days have seen even more changes in the coronavirus climate in our country and indeed, in positive cases at schools across Cornwall. Thank you for adhering to guidelines both at school and in your social lives, in order to maximise the chances of keeping ALL our school bubbles open. We are working together to this end.

### October is Black History month

We have been learning about the Windrush Generation in assemblies this week. Why did people from beautiful places like Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago choose to come to Britain to start a new life on boats such as the MV Empire Windrush? Were the people of Britain always grateful to those who came to help rebuild our country after the Second World War? While we are glad that at St Minver School differences in the colour of our skin, hair or eyes are something to celebrate, we know that some still face racism in our country and that we must challenge this mistaken view.

We also learnt about Floella Benjamin—what can your child remember about her?



### Padstow Harbour Commission Card Competition

Don't forget, if you would like to enter a Christmas Card with a 'Christmas Harbour' theme, A4 designs need to be with us by **Wednesday 21st October**. On the back, please clearly write your child's first name, age and class.

### Children in Need 2020

As usual, we will be fundraising for Children in Need on Friday 13th November with a red/yellow/spotty non-uniform day. Accessorise or go 'all in', bringing along donations for a coin collection, please.



**IMPORTANT:** because of cross-infection risks, we will not be selling any Children in Need merchandise at school this year, so please look out for these at Asda and other outlets if you wish to buy lovely Pudsey ears, etc.

Mrs J Rodwell  
Head of School

## Dates

**26/10/20-30/10/20—Half Term Holiday**

**02/11/20—School Closed (Training day)**

**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 1 OF THE MENU NEXT WEEK PLEASE

# Parent/teacher meetings

Next week the Parent/Teacher meetings (telephone calls) for Year R-5 will take place.

Please ensure that you have booked your slot with your child's teacher using Arbor. The booking windows **CLOSE on Monday 19/10/20** so that the teachers have time to prepare their lists for the telephone calls.

Year 6 telephone parent/teacher calls will take place in the week after half term, these are bookable on Arbor now.

Please remember that we finish for half term on Friday 23rd October 2020 at the normal time for the end of the school day.

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

## BlackbirdPie magazine goes virtual!

"The virtual magazine is filled with great things to do, videos, links and interactive stuff. There are lovely places to see, wonderful walks and museums and galleries to visit (with safety measures in place).

### [BlackbirdPie 2020 Autumn](#)

This is our first attempt at an online magazine so please let us know if there are any glitches.

The format has chapter headings and then you can flow down into each section for more information.

Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue.

Happy reading, keep safe and well and have a great autumn.

Simon, Vanessa, & the Blackbird"





# Stars of the week! **Mathletics!**

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

**Class R:** Coco, Harper, Harriet and Issac for always trying their best and working as hard as they possibly can

**Class 1:** Isla Radford for working hard and going for it with all her work this week & Connie French for being a kind, well-behaved member of the class

**Class 2:** Sam Meneer for excellent phonic work and answering lots of questions & Demi Mably for super effort with her reading and working more independently

**Class 3:** Eve Felstead for always contributing and helping her friends during lesson time & Logan Buta for making a huge improvement in his maths and writing

**Class 4:** Rupert O'Donnell for helping other children when they were unsure how to make their Egyptian necklace. What a kind and thoughtful young man you are Rupert & India Toogood for being a SUPER wake and shaker. What a mover!

**Class 5:** Travis and Izzy for fantastic newspaper reports. Super writers!

**Class 6:** Grace Dally for great science work particularly observation skills & Jake Wills - for awesome reading progress



A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, especially to Year R who showed real consistency and together earned 10,550 points and to Lola Merriman in Year 5 for scoring a whopping 3,067 points. I wonder who will get a mention next week?



## Priceless Playtimes!

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

A huge well done to: Sebastian Richards and Charlie Wills in Yr 1 for showing kindness when a friend got upset because they dropped their lunch; Noah Brewer Yr 3 for being so kind and supportive towards his friend who was worried about the nasal flu immunisation spray and to Noah Biggs Yr 6 for joining in with football very enthusiastically during playtimes.



## Covid protocol!

In these uncertain times, should you need to report a positive COVID case for your child or a close family member, 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=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQQk5YNIFGSORK-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.**

## Sponsored by LINK MAGAZINE Childrens' Christmas Decoration Competition

Open to children 11 years and under.  
Design a Christmas decoration that can be hung on a tree, using predominantly recycled materials.  
MAXIMUM SIZE - 30 X 30 cms.

Please send a photograph of your entry with your name and age to

[nici@stminverlink.org](mailto:nici@stminverlink.org)

Entries to be displayed in the Rock Institute.  
The winner will receive a voucher for themselves and 5 friends to attend an after school keepsake workshop at Kilncraft.

Deadline for the competition Thursday 29th October.

Full details on the LINK Facebook page