

# Guyhirn Church of England Primary School & Pre-School



## December 2020

It has been an unusual Autumn term as we have learnt to adapt to the new restrictions. I would like to express my thanks to you all for your adaption to the new school restrictions in order to minimize the risk of infection to our school community. Under Government Guidance Schools will remain open. We have a rigorous Risk Assessment in place that can be accessed on our website and we will continue to do everything we can to minimize the risk in school.

**Please adhere strictly** to the drop off and collection times, a teacher will be outside from 8:30am

**Lions: Drop Off 8:30am    Collection 2:55pm**

**Tigers Drop Off 8:40am    Collection 3pm**

**Cubs : Drop Off 8:35am    Collection 3pm**

Please can I remind you to drop your child off and then leave the school premises, **do not** congregate outside of the school grounds and please be mindful of other people having to pass along the path and remembering about social distancing and mixing of households.

At the end of the day we ask that you keep your children close to you and do not allow them to run around the playground or mix with others. Please continue to wear facemasks on school grounds.

The Government have stated that If your child is self isolating or a bubble closes ***your child will be expected to complete daily remote learning provided by the school*** . In order for us to provide remote learning we need your child to have access to Google Classroom. We have previously requested this on a number of occasions and it is extremely important if you have not already done this to ensure this is organized immediately . We need to ensure that all of our children continue to receive their education.

At this point in the term, school is usually heading into organized chaos as we enjoy Christmas at school. It is a time when we get together as a community to enjoy the Christmas period.

Things are going to be different this year but we are trying to give the children everything that they are used to doing but with slight differences.

Thank you for continuing to support us in these challenging times and please ensure that you keep yourself and your families safe and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mrs Milnthorpe

### **Google Classroom**

If you have not already please ensure you have signed up to Google Classroom . In the event a bubble closes children will be expected to register every morning and will have live and pre-recorded lessons which will only be available on Google classroom. **ALL** children are expected to complete remote learning on a daily basis as if they were at school.

### **Tigers Class**

Please ensure that your child/children have a pair of wellingtons or boots in school as they will be having their lunchtime play on the field . If they do not have boots please send in a change of shoes/trainers to avoid them having wet feet for the remainder of the school day.

### **Water Bottles**

***The water fountains have been removed***, therefore can you please supply a water bottle that the children can refill in school. These will be sent home daily, please wash and return.

### **Playtime Snacks**

Healthy Snacks can be brought in for playtime or purchased from the snack trolley costing 10p per item. Please send 50p in on a Monday for the week so we can reduce the amount of money changing hands.

### **Breakfast Club**

The children will continue to be offered breakfast in their classroom when they arrive at school.

### **PE**

PE Lessons with Mr Lester are on Wednesdays and dance sessions with Miss Whyborn on Thursdays.

### **PE Kit**

As a school we usually attend sports events throughout the year and it is nice to see all the children dressed the same at these events, therefore please can we ask that PE kit, where possible is: black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white Tshirt and red sweatshirt. In the current climate we ask that you send in PE kit on a Monday morning and it will be sent home each Friday to be washed .

### **After School Clubs**

Clubs will finish on 10th December. Information regarding Clubs for next term will be sent out shortly.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We have a great selection of second hand uniform for 50p per item– this is on sale in the school entrance.

### **Visitors to School**

Only essential visitors and contractors will come into school and where possible this will be either before or after school. Unfortunately Parents/Carers are also not permitted in school, therefore Zoom meetings will be offered instead.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need we raised an amazing **£75.00**

### Christingle Service

This year the children will be making Christingle's in school and then joining other schools within the Diocese of Ely to take part in a Christingle Service online.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Friday 11th December** and all donations will go to Save the Children.



### Tombola

If you would like to purchase tickets to win one or more of the wonderful tombola prizes that have been kindly donated they are on sale now priced at 5 for £1. Please send in money for tickets in a named envelope. This will be drawn on **Friday 4th December** and the winning tickets will end in '0' or '5'.

### Christmas Raffle

We have some fantastic prizes for our Christmas Raffle so don't forget to buy some tickets to be in with a chance to win. Tickets are on sale now, 5 tickets for £1. Please send money in to school in a named envelope and your tickets will then be sent home. The winning tickets will be drawn on **Wednesday 16th December**. Please encourage family & friends to buy tickets too.

### Christmas Performance

This year each class including Pre-School will be performing their own production via Zoom. Zoom links will be sent out the week prior to the performance. Please can we ask that you do not share the link with anyone else, record the performance or take any photographs. To ensure that this request is agreed to we shall be sending a link to Survey Monkey for you to complete. If you do not complete this you will not receive an invite to the event.

**Pre-School** will be performing Christmas Songs on **Monday 14th December at 6pm**

**Lions** will be performing 'A Christmas Toy Story' on **Tuesday 15th December at 6.15pm**

**Tigers** will be performing 'What a Star' on **Wednesday 16th December at 6.15pm**

**Cubs** will be performing 'The First Nativity' on **Thursday 17th December at 6.15pm**

### Christmas Lunch

Don't forget to order your child's/children's Christmas Lunch via Survey Monkey by **Friday 4th December** .



### Christmas Cards

If children wish to send cards or gifts please can we ask that they are not given out by hand and that they are placed in the Christmas Post box in school by **Monday 14th December**. They will be left and then distributed on Friday 18th December .

## Online Safety

We have been made aware of a disturbing child-abduction horror film that is currently going viral on 'Tik-Tok' and 'You Tube', some 9 years after its initial release.

Children and young people are naturally curious, especially when influenced by their peers to go online, however the content of such films contain violence, abuse and can be extremely distressing to viewers. Our advice to parents/carers is to sensitively check in with your children, particularly if they have been showing behavioural changes or seem upset or withdrawn. Do this by having an open conversation and suggest that you've heard there is some disturbing content being circulated online or via TikTok and ask if they've heard of anything like that? This is the best way to open an indirect conversation that enables your child to talk to you about any concerns without inciting them or their friends to seek out the actual content. Please ensure that children and young people in your care know who they can talk to if they come across something that upsets or distresses them online.

## Term Dates

Autumn Term Closes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## 2021

*Staff Training Day*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January*

Spring Term Opens

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Spring Term Closes

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

*Staff Training Day*

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March*

Summer Term Opens

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Half Term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Term Closes

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July