

MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS

11th December 2020

HEAD OF SCHOOL NOTE

Wow, despite everything that's going on in the world, we managed 100% attendance this Wednesday – certainly something to celebrate! Well done everyone! As always, a big thank you to you as parents/carers and the pupils for continuing to respect our systems of control and procedures to ensure that we all remain safe and healthy.

With only one week to go, we are going to be celebrating the joys of Christmas and the end of a very different and hard-working term next week. We are very much enjoying all the tales of those pesky elves in some children's houses; the stories are keeping us very entertained!

As you may be aware, the DfE have announced that school may close for INSET on Friday 18th December. Mawgan-in-Pydar School will be remaining open as planned, with an early closure of 1.10pm (see below for more details regarding pick up times).

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The whole school will be taking part in a virtual Christingle service on **MONDAY 14th DECEMBER** at the invite of the Methodist church.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The children will be enjoying a virtual Christmas pantomime, Jack and The Beanstalk on **TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER.** The whole school will then have a live Teams call with Peter Duncan at 11:30am this day! Peter Duncan, ex-Blue Peter presenter, writer and director, decided to use his own 'giant' back garden to film Jack and the Beanstalk – a socially distanced pantomime compete with ingenious set, fabulous costumes and even a real beanstalk.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE-CHURCH

The children will be going to church (in bubbles) on **THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER** to enjoy a socially distanced Christmas service and a virtual visit from Father Christmas (parents will **not** be able to attend this due to current restrictions).

CHRISTMAS PREFORMANCE-ONLINE

In place of a Christmas Play to parents this year, the children will be producing a Whole School Virtual Christmas Service where all our children will be featured. You will be able to watch this service in the comfort of your own home with your child from the launch date of **THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER.**

The performance will be available to watch on your child/ren's Google Classroom page. All Google Classroom logins and passwords are in the front of your child/ren's reading records. We hope you enjoy it! The weather this week has tested our filming capabilities, but the children have remained upbeat and full of festive cheer despite the freezing cold, pouring rain and howling winds!



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Next week the cards will be sorted and delivered to each class by a member of staff.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CHRISTMAS GIFT DAY

do help to support us any way you can. Thank you.

The children have been busy making some high-quality Christmas gifts with an ECO edge. These gifts will be shown on our website/Google Classroom via a virtual gallery from Friday 11th December.

Unfortunately, this year our PTA have not been able to do their usual Christmas fundraising activities due to current restrictions. We are very sad about this as they raise a huge amount at this time of year which all goes towards the extras for our children, such as school trips, visitors to school, Forest School and purchases of special items such as our picnic benches. This year we are asking you to donate an amount of your choice towards the Christmas gifts that your child/ren has/have made. Some of the money raised will be used to fund a request from the School Council for outdoor beanbags for their quiet area. Please

On **WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER**, the children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The children and staff are invited to share Christmas lunch on: **WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER**. Everyone should have placed their orders by now. This meal will be charged as normal on ParentPay.

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GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons will only take place on the Wednesday next week. They will start back on 6th and 8th JANUARY.



CHANGE OF CATERING COMPANY-ASPENS

From 4th January 2021, our catering provider will be moving to Aspens. Bridget will remain in the kitchen; however, an exciting new menu will be introduced. Aspens plan to run a 3-week menu then review and tweak the menu depending on the take up from the children so it would be really great to encourage your child/ren to try the new menu and give us feedback.

The new menu's will be sent out to you next week. Forms for children with special dietary needs will be sent home separately.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-PARTY TIME

The last day of term is **FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER**. Please note we will be finishing at the earlier time of 1:10-1:30pm (1:10pm: A-H; 1:20pm: I-P; 1:30pm: Q-Z). A bus collection has been arranged for 1.15pm. Each class will be having a Christmas party with a special Christmas surprise for the children. Children can come in non-uniform for this morning. Unfortunately, this year pupils will not be able to bring in party food, however, Bridget will do each child a 'party plate' from the kitchen if they are having a school dinner.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The last after school club will be on THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We no longer hold school uniform in school (except caps, book bags and PE bags). You are able to purchase uniform from following this link: https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Mawgan-In-PydarCommunityPrimarySchoolTR84EP Alternatively, you can visit www.schooltrends.co.uk. Simply go to the website address, then select 'Find My School' (use our postcode TR8 4EP) and follow the order instructions. There are no minimum order quantities, and your uniform will be delivered direct to your chosen address.



TIKTOK UPDATE PARENTAL CONTROLS WITH FAMILY PLANNING FEATURE (SWGFL)

This feature is aimed at parents and children. However, the checklist might also be useful for staff. Print off a copy for your staffroom wall. TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than that 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

- Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

To find out more information about TikTok's Family Pairing feature and to download a helpful poster to share with pupils and parents and staff. Click on the link https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/tiktok/#resource and download the checklist.





WELCOME TO ASPENS

We are delighted to be the chosen caterer for your school.



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

ur food is freshly oked from raw gredients every day, or recipes are free of ificial trans-fats and ner additives, such artificial colours and rourings and we nose healthy cooking inniques.

Great tasting healthy food

Great food begins with great message of how we source back our clients and customers. people, cooking fresh food using quality ingredients -that's Aspens!

An honest and successful British owned and operated company, we specialise in providing catering services to schools and colleges across the UK and pride ourselves in strong relationships with students, parents and school teams.

We are one team, with the same goal - to provide a great catering service to our customers and enjoy what we do. We share a commitment to quality, a concern for the environment and a belief in the importance of people and teamwork.

Our approach to food sourcing focuses on sustainability, seasonality and provenance, underpinned by food safety and due diligence. We have built great relationships with our regional supply chains; this ensures that we source the best quality products at a competitive price. By utilising robust suppliers we can ensure we have the right products available, that they are ethically sourced, traceable and safe.

We engage with our fresh food suppliers to ensure that we promote the use of British seasonal produce, understand who our growers and farmers are and cascade the



Research increasingly demonstrates the need for good nutrition across all age groups and a balanced diet reduces the number of nutrition-related illnesses in young people.





Marketing, Engagement and Promoting Uptake

The most powerful communication tool in any company is it's people, so we ensure that our teams are fully trained and feel confident about answering questions and promoting our service.

We keep in touch with parents via school newsletters and website links with key information, menus and any forthcoming theme events or promotions. We also offer the Aspens App so the menu is available at all times.



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DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

If you are in need of help, what ever your background or employment status, please get in touch:

- Via Facebook
- Email Newquayfoodbank@gmail.com
- Call 07810271202.
- Website www.newquayfoodbank.co.uk

SESSIONS

- St Columb Minor Church, TR7 3EY

- St Michael's Church, Newquay, TR7 1RA

- Oasis Centre, St Columb Major, TR9 6RH

Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

Fridays 12noon – 2pm

Saturdays 10am – 12noon



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This year, as we are not able to hold our traditional Messy Church Christingle session, we are providing Christingle bags containing items for you to make your own Christingle at home. There will also be a short Christingle Messy Church live online here and later on our Messy Church YouTube channel which you can watch once you have made them.

If you would like a Christingle bag, please either send us a message here, email admin@lannpydar.org.uk, or call 01637 880252 leaving your name, no. of bags required and at which of our four churches you would like to arrange collection (St Columb, St Ervan, St Eval or St Mawgan).

Collection will be by the main church door in each of our four parishes, St Columb, St Ervan, St Eval and St Mawgan on Saturday morning 19th December. The closing date for booking is 12.00 noon on Wednesday 16th December so do get in touch now!!

St Columb Church St Ervan Church St Eval Church St Mawganin-Pydar church



BAD WEATHER

With the weather getting colder we wanted to update you:

Information for parents regarding bad weather and school closure

1. All school closures will be announced on:

Pirate FM 102.2FM, 102.8FM Radio Cornwall 103.9FM, 95.5FM, 96FM

So please put the radio on if the weather looks at all doubtful for further details.

 A list of schools closed can also be found on the following websites: <u>www.bbc.co.uk/cornwall</u> <u>www.piratefm.co.uk</u> <u>www.cornwall.gov</u> (all these are updated at regular intervals)



- 3. The school website will be updated to inform you of a school closure.
- 4. If the weather looks as if it is closing in, please feel free to collect your child from school.

Please keep this somewhere safe for future reference.

COVID-19 TEST

A reminder on how to report a positive case of Covid to school. If it is during the school day, please contact the school office on 01637 860491. **For out of hours or in half term**, please use the following link.

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https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQQk5YNIFGS0RKWUFVRVVZRi4u

For more information on this, please look on: http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

