



Issue 11



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well.

After 17 years of outstanding service to our school, I have to inform you, with very mixed feelings, that our wonderful School Secretary Tracy will be leaving us for a new challenge at the end of this term. Tracy has been the first point of contact for all of our community and has always ensured the school is welcoming and provides you with all the information you need for a successful partnership with school. There will be more to say in the coming weeks, but for now we will make the most of her talents while we still have them!

I would like to express my gratitude to you for your support over recent weeks. As the nights have drawn in we have experienced an increase in a number of ailments, including a nasty cold virus which has affected pupils and staff. I am grateful because you have responded to our request to have Covid tests in families with a supportive attitude. We know there have been a few Covid cases in our school community, but so far we have avoided it directly in school in recent weeks. I think this is largely because of your diligence with testing and willingness to keep children at home when they are unwell.

As we move forward into the winter I am confident we can maintain this partnership to ensure we protect ourselves, and maintain a fully operational school. One of the measures in place in classrooms is an increase in ventilation. This means windows are always open and we monitor CO² levels to ensure good circulation of air. This can mean classrooms are cooler than we would prefer and so children may wear coats in class if it is too cold.

School life is busy with preparations for a Christmas Film, organising the Christmas events in partnership with FONS, sporting events and a full curriculum. During the last two weeks we have had a specific emphasis on kindness in class and whole school assemblies. The children have responded very positively with a big increase in kind words and actions in class and on the playground. The school is happier and more settled because of this.

In the next few weeks I will be asking staff to share and highlight the activities that are happening in school in the school newsletter. We want to ensure you are aware of all the magic that goes on behind the school gate!

Please remember to send children to school with coats and winter woollies so that we can continue to enjoy our playtimes outside.

thank you,
yours sincerely

Rick Gill

They're Back!!

This year we feel that we can once again run some of our favourite Christmas activities for the children. We will be having a Jam jar Jingle and Elf Shelf!

Jam Jar Jingle

We plan on holding a Jam Jar Jingle for the children on **Wednesday 15th December** and are asking for donations of filled jars which can be brought into school any time between now and 14th December.

For those of you not familiar with the Jam Jar Jingle, all you need is a clean empty jam jar (with any labels removed) filled with lots of goodies - small toys, stickers, chocolates, crayons, sweets, hair things etc, anything suitable for young children.

The stall is run like a tombola where children will pay £1 for a raffle ticket and will 'win' the jar that has the corresponding number on it.

It would be appreciated if jars containing sweets had other items mixed in with them, also avoiding the use of small plastic items if possible.



Elf Shelf

The Elf Shelf is designed to give children the opportunity to do some independent Christmas shopping and purchase a gift or two for family members of their choice. This will take place on **Monday 13th December**.

What is the Elf Shelf?

In order for this to work we need your help! We are asking for donations of items to sell at the Elf Shelf (these can be brought in to school at any time). These must be new/unused inexpensive items e.g. smellies, sweets, boxes of chocolates/biscuits (check use by date), gloves, scented candles, unread books, jewellery etc (have a rummage in those cupboards) and something that you would be happy to receive as a Christmas gift from your child.

The children will then have the opportunity to purchase an item or two (£1.00 each) from the Elf Shelf for a family member(s) for Christmas, wrap it up themselves and bring it home.

Adults will be with the children to help them with their present choice and wrapping if required.

It is worth making your child aware of what you are donating so you don't get it back as a present!

Children will be able to choose a maximum of two presents (£1.00 each).





School Photos

Tempest have confirmed that they have extended the deadline for **online orders to Tuesday 30th November** to qualify for the free delivery to school.

Place your order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Alternatively, you can post your order to Freepost, Tempest Photography so its arrives with them by **Tuesday 30th November**.

Late order charge: Please note that a £5 postage/late order fee will be applied by Tempest for any orders received after 30th November.



Football

I was immensely proud of our football team this week in their match with Alverton School. The team worked incredibly hard to support each other's play and make life difficult for the opposition. At the end of an intense game, we came away with a 2-2 draw. We are the first team this season to be undefeated by a very strong and physical team from the biggest school in Penzance. We play another strong team next week from our arch-rivals - Mousehole School!



Christmas Decoration Competition

All children have been given a letter about this year's Christmas decoration competition (copy also attached with this newsletter).

Please refer to the specifications regarding size etc. All decorations should be handed in to school by **Monday 6th December** for judging and hanging on the tree.

New Books

We will be launching our new reading programme in the New Year with some amazing new books.

We would like to thank The Edge of the World Bookshop in Penzance for providing the books at a heavily discounted price.



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS A WARM COAT TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Carbis Bay Holidays Christmas Card Competition

We have been contacted by Carbis Bay Holidays this week telling us that one of our pupils has won their Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations to Isabelle in class 3 who has been announced the winner! Her design is being used on all of the Christmas cards being sent out by Carbis Bay Holidays to their clients/guests etc, this year, we are very proud of Isabelle. Isabelle will also receive some printed copies of her card and a gift voucher.



Christmas Lunch



15th December

Roast Turkey
or
Roasted Vegetable
& Cranberry Slice



Served with
Roast Potatoes
Carrots
Broccoli
Stuffing
a Mini Sausage
and Gravy

Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard

Christmas Chocolate Brownie


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on the Run
goes
freestyle**



Raise festive
cheer in your
Christmas
gear!

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on Sunday 5 December 2021
www.chsw.org.uk/santas
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