

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter

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Term Dates

There have been some rather unhelpful and conflicting messages in the media this week claiming that schools will be closing early for Christmas. The DfE have not given schools a directive to close early but they have advised that some schools may want to have the end of term as an INSET and start the term earlier in January.

Given our current Covid-19 context, we will **not** be closing earlier for Christmas or moving any of our published INSET days.

To confirm we will finish this term on Friday 18th December as originally planned.

Miss Pridmore

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

December 2020

- 14th Return all Christingles candles to school by this day
- 15th Live streaming of The Mousehole Cat
- 17th Christingle Assembly in class
- 18th Christmas Lunch and party day

January 2021

- 4th ALL children to return to school

June 2021

- 7th, 8th & 9th – Closure Days (School closed to everyone)

Attendance

Topper, Fusion & Dart Class reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done!

Oppie – 95.27% 2 - late

Topper – 100% 0 - late

Pico – 93.94% 0 - late

Fusion – 98.54% 0 - late

Dart – 98.75% 2 - late

Well done Topper Class for having the highest attendance this week.

Thank You

Thank you so much for helping us to support Save the Children. We are delighted to share that we have raised **£154.37**.



Christingle Candles

Our Children's Society Christingle candles were distributed earlier this week.

The candle is a moneybox that we'd love you to fill up with coins to donate to the Children's Society. Please could the candle moneyboxes be returned by **Monday 14th December**.



Thank you for your kind donations to the foodbank.

MAWNAN SCHOOL NATURE GARDEN



A HUGE thank you to all our supporters so far. Since January 2020 we have made enormous progress in building our school garden - all thanks to your generosity. We have raised a whopping £15K of our £21K goal! We hope you enjoy these photos and one day we hope to welcome you into the garden to show you the completed design. The children are already enjoying using the space and are very excited to see further progress!



Setting out paved paths, January 2020



Pendennis volunteers laying aggregate, Feb 2020



Slate paving completed June 2020



Planting onions, Sept 2020

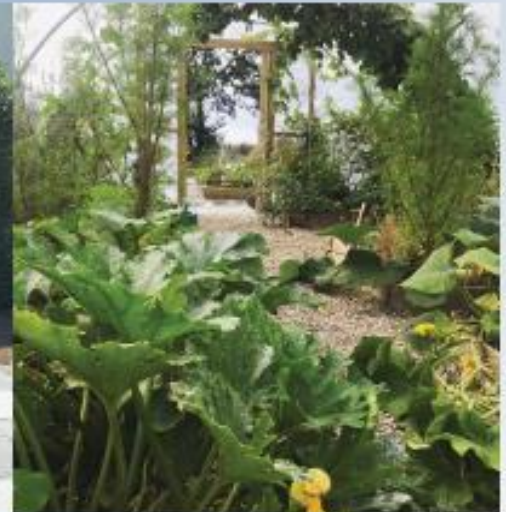


Our new compost bays already in use!



Tasting our produce, Sept 2020

Celebrating the successful close of our Crowdfunder campaign, July 2020



For updates please follow our social media - facebook and instagram @mawnanschoolnature

THANKYOU!!

Some highlights for our final week of term

<p>Tuesday 15th December</p>		<p>Each class bubble will be watching a live steaming of this brilliant show.</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th December</p>		<p>This year we will be constructing our own Christingles ahead of the service on Thursday 17th December.</p>
<p>Thursday 17th December</p>		<p>Each class bubble will have their own Christingle service in school hall with Rev Johanna.</p>
<p>Friday 18th December</p>		<p>For our last day of term, we would like all of the children to come into school in their sparkliest clothes. We will also be having our class parties on this day.</p>



Father Christmas and his elves will be doing a remote visit this year to ensure that they are not isolating on 24th December.

Covid-19

We are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and the opportunity to see our families. We'd like to remind everyone that it is essential that we continue to follow government guidance to keep our school community safe. **Please take special care this weekend because if any class bubbles close next week then the children and staff will be isolating on Christmas day.**

To keep us all safe please continue to follow our safety plans:

- If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or awaiting the outcome of a test, do not come to school - you must self-isolate the whole household during this time
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from other families and staff whilst at school (if this is not possible wear a mask)
- Do not come into the school building
- Arrive at the correct staggered time for drop off and pick-ups (only one parent to drop off)
- Swiftly exit the school grounds
- Do not gather in groups
- Follow the government's guidance outside of school at all times

If your child is isolating because they or a family member have Covid symptoms please ensure that you phone the school office. Please **do not** message teachers on Class Dojo in case messages are missed.

Internet Safety at Christmas



Many children receive gifts that require going online (smartphones, gaming devices, tablets, etc.). We have compiled a short checklist to help keep your children as safe as possible whilst using their new devices.

1. Research the device, make sure you have an idea of how your child will be using it. [Parents' Guide to Technology | Safer Internet Centre](#) is a very useful website which provides helpful information about different devices (smartphones, tablets, games consoles etc.)
2. Have a look at the device before Christmas day and set up security and privacy settings - paying special attention to location settings. If you can't set it up before Christmas ensure you sit with your child and set it up together. [Checklist - Setting up your child's devices](#) is a helpful guide.
3. Look into the parental controls, the website below is a helpful guide to these. [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides](#)
4. Finally, take time to play on the new device together with your child, talk about what the child is using it for and what they know about staying safe online.

How to report an incident

If your child tells you or shows you something inappropriate that they have seen online please report it. It could help prevent this happening to someone else.

The first place it needs reporting is to the APP/ Website/Game it happened on.

If you are worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online let CEOP know. You can report it by visiting www.ceop.police.uk/ or by clicking the button on



our website. The website will guide you through how to make a report.

For further advice visit the School's website or visit the [Childline](#) website or call 0800 1111

Be Internet Legends - Family Adventure

Google and Parent Zone have released new resources for families to access at home, including 3 episodes of their new cartoon 'The Legends Family Adventure'. The episodes cover scams, and how to spot them; being careful about what information you share; hacking and passwords. Each episode has a short activity to complete as a family.



These episodes are linked to Google's 'Be Internet Legends' online safety lessons, there is an iso game called 'Interland', which has several lands and tasks to complete around online safety.

There is further information on their Parent page, where you can learn about their 5 rules:

- Be internet sharp
- Be internet alert
- Be internet secure
- Be internet kind
- Be internet brave

Ollee

Ollee is a new App from Parent Zone and funded by Children in Need. Ollee is a digital friend, designed to help children and parents reflect on feelings and experiences. It offers advice on a range of subjects, including: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world. Look at Parent Zone for more information.





Reception 2021

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2021/starting-school-september-2021/>

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 15th January 2021.