



**Newsletter wb 20th November 2023**

**Everyone is welcome at our school.**

**Everyone is different, but everyone is equal.**

**There are no outsiders at St Minver School**

## More busy times!

Another busy week has passed, with lots of sporting activity taking teams out of school. Daymer class were first, with their Multiskills Festival on Tuesday. And today we wait to hear progress reports from our footballers in Truro and netball team in Bude. The cost of transport to get out of school has become such an issue in recent years, especially in rural areas, and we are so very grateful for our ever-supportive families who always come together to help make these events happen for the children—THANK YOU!

With Mrs Baines soon to move on to the next step in her teaching career, we are delighted to let you all know that we have successfully appointed Mrs Rebecca Jones to teach Lundy Year 3 class from January 2024. Many of you will know Becky as part of our parent community.

Mrs Jones is also an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher, having taught locally for many years, and we look forward to welcoming her to Team St Minver's teaching team.

We have been so fortunate over the years to receive significant support and help from the PTA's fundraising—not only for those routine things that happen every year like swimming transport, Christmas Crafts and subsidised trips, but also on major projects such as Year 1's outside area, the top playground and Early Year's gross motor climbing equipment.

It is clear from the conditions report that within the next few years, our playground equipment (slide, monkey bars, etc) will need replacing, at significant cost. Our hub councillor Matt Hawcroft would love to hear from you if you have expertise, access to grant-funding streams or event/marketing experience that we could tap into to make this long-term fundraising project viable. Please do talk to Matt—or email him at [matt.hawcroft@aspireacademytrust.org](mailto:matt.hawcroft@aspireacademytrust.org) if you can help.

First Christmas jumper day next Friday—we can't wait to see them all!

**Mrs J Rodwell**  
**Head of School**

## Open Classrooms

We have moved next week's Open Classrooms to the beginning of the day, in the hope that a different set of parents might be able to make it this time. If you can, please do stay for Wake and Shake on Friday 1st December (we will run later when you have all left!) then pop into your child's classroom to have a look at this term's learning with them.

- **PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL**



- **WEEK 1 of the menu next week**

# Important Dates

**30/11/23 Clubs End**

**01/12/23 Nursery Parent Consultations**

**01/12/23 Christmas Jumper day (and every Friday in December)**

**01/12/23 Open Classrooms 8.55am**

**05/12/23 Christmas Fayre**

**12/12/23 1pm KS1 Christmas Performance**

**12/12/23 2.15pm & 5.30pm KS2 Christmas Performance**

**13/12/23 5.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance**

**13/12/23 Christmas Dinner**

**14/12/23 Christmas with the Little Cowries**

**14/12/23 Secret Room**

**18/12/23 Whole School Cinema Trip—further information to follow**

**19/12/23 Term ends**

**04/01/24 Spring Term Starts**

## Parent Pay

Could we ask that you please log into your ParentPay account and check that you are up to date for school meals. We are currently owed £379 for school meals taken and not yet paid for. Thank you

## PTA Donation Dates

1st December—for hamper donations, please. Chocolates, biscuits, wine, mince pies—anything you think would be perfect for the hampers.



Our wonderful PTA will be taking secret room donations from Monday 11th December, to create the Secret Room ready for children to visit on Thursday 14th December. We need lots of gift donations so that we can give the children the opportunity to buy and wrap a gift for their loved ones. (We are always in need of gifts for men). We are also in need of wrapping paper if you have any spare, please, thank you!



## Class Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Class Fundraising, the estimated commission raised from your orders is **£351.89**

**Remember every penny raised goes back to the children!**



# Stars of the week!

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



**Cowrie:** Oliver for a fantastic retelling of the story 'A bit lost' by Chris Haughton and Charlotte for excellent concentration and enthusiasm during 'Let's Explore'.

**Daymer:** Fin and Johnny for wonderful independent writing to describe the setting in our class story.

**Greenaway:** Thomas for beautiful neat writing and making a huge improvement on the presentation of your work. Charlie for excellent maths work and solving addition problems brilliantly.

**Lundy:** Ollie for always being a fantastic member of our class and a great friend. Anna for simply blowing us away with her audition and her awesome maths work.

**Porthilly:** Demelza for taking great care to produce accurate work and Isabelle for always offering to help and being kind.

**Rock:** Oscar, Pandora, Eva, Grace, Alfie, Emily T for being such lovely company when the rest of the class were off on sporting adventures.

St Minver Church are holding a Crib service on Christmas Eve at 4.30 pm,

with a nativity play. Afterwards we are walking up to the Perceval institute to share mince pies and mulled wine around the Christmas tree. Warm apple juice will be available for the children. If it's pouring with rain, we will be inside the hall.

Our play needs some young actors and if anyone is interested in taking part, please contact Sue Ferguson whose details are below. Some of the Mums and Dads may remember Sue's dramatic nativity plays in the past with a real donkey and other noisy live-stock! Unfortunately, the donkey is too old to perform any more, but lambs may still be a possibility.

Not only do we need young actors to play the major roles but there will be opportunities for many shepherds and angels to take part too. Dress up and enjoy the fun!

Potentially, there will be short rehearsals at 10.00 am in St Minver Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

If any child would like to take part, please contact Sue Ferguson:



Meet Father Christmas



## Priceless Playtimes!

Our school motto is "Be brave, be kind, belong"

Who has been a great ambassador in demonstrating these values this week?

**Christian** for being kind and thoughtful at playtime.

**Lewis** and **Ethan** for amazing, entertaining play all week!

**George H** for helping Mrs Hutley at lunchtimes.

**Otis** for making sure the nursery children were playing safely.

**Heidi** for taking care of a classmate and always making sure everyone is happy.

## Contact us

If you wish to get in touch please contact us in one of the following ways:

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