



**Newsletter wb 13th November 2023**

**Everyone is welcome at our school.**

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

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

## Rain, rain go away!

How lovely to have some clear weather this morning—at last—which gave us the opportunity for our Active Mile on this Children in Need In Need Day! Thank you very much for your donations. I'll let you know the total when I have one.

In assembly this week, we used Tom Percival's book 'Invisible' to explore what it might be like to feel invisible and how we wouldn't want anyone in Team St Minver to feel that way. And how if we are all committed to making a positive difference, we can ensure everyone feels their worth and their place in our team.

It was good to see some families at our parent forum meeting on Tuesday afternoon, although no-one was able to join us at the evening meeting, unfortunately. We look forward to our continued partnership with you all, gaining your feedback and working with you to find ways to make any meeting time as effective as possible.

Thank you for the unwanted Christmas jumpers that we have received so far and it's been good to see the same items being bought from the PTA rack, too. Let's keep trading up, so that everyone is ready for the first of our three Christmas jumper days on Friday 1st December.

Please do remember that medical appointments should be made for your child outside of the school day and that routine dentist and doctor visits should not be in lesson time. We appreciate your efforts in this.

We are fast approaching crazy December and all that this magical month in school brings! There will be lots to remember each day at this busy time of the year, so please do keep an eye on newsletter communications.

**Mrs J Rodwell**

**Head of School**

### PTA Christmas donation dates

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



If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

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



- **WEEK 3 of the menu next week**

## Important Dates

**23/11/23—School Nurse to take height and weight measurements from children in Reception and Year 6**

**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**

**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**

## Is my child well enough for school?

**Respiratory infections**—Children should not attend school if they have a high temperature and are unwell. If your child has mild symptoms such as runny nose, headache and cough who are otherwise well, **can continue to attend school**.

**Coughs and colds**—It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

**Covid-19**—Children that have tested positive for COVID-19 should not attend school for 3 days after the day of the test. After three days, children can return to school, providing they feel well and do not have a temperature.

**Ear infection**—If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature, keep them off school until their temperature goes away.

**Diarrhoea and vomiting**—Children with vomiting or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

**Chickenpox**—If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared. **We have children in school that are immunocompromised, this puts them at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles, you should let the school office know immediately if you suspect your child has measles, chickenpox or shingles.**



# Stars of the week!

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



**Cowie:** Alice and Freya for working really hard on writing the beginning of their story.

**Daymer:** Lenny for fantastic work in maths lessons and at exploring time. Theodore for amazing concentration and beautifully coloured art work.

**Greenaway:** Annabella for setting a wonderful example to the rest of the class and always working hard to produce her best work. Florence for fantastic work in history and being a great detective when looking at different sources of evidence linked to the Great Fire of London.

**Lundy:** Heidi for being very kind and helpful. George for always being on task and trying very hard with his learning.

**Porthilly:** Milo for great problem solving in maths and Edith for always being an honest, kind and thoughtful member of the class.

**Rock:** Eva and Grace for some fantastic gymnastic sequences.

## Contact us

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

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Email: [hello@stminver.org](mailto:hello@stminver.org)

You can also find us on:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMinverSchool](https://www.facebook.com/StMinverSchool)

Website: [www.stminver.org](http://www.stminver.org)

**Christmas LUNCH**

St Minver School Christmas dinner

Wednesday 13th December 2023

*Roast Turkey with all the festive trimmings:*

*(Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake, Stuffing, Mini Sausages & Gravy)*

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*Homemade Vegetable Nutless Roast (Vegetarian & Vegan )*

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*(All served with the festive trimmings)*

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*Hot Tomato Pasta or Jacket Potato*

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*Decorated Festive Biscuits*  
*Fresh Fruit or Jelly*

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

JOIN US FOR

*Supper with Santa*

Friday 1st December 2023

**5.00pm | Santa's Arrival**  
Gather outside the club house, as we welcome Santa to The Point in style!

**5.30pm - 7.00pm | Supper**  
Children : 2 Course Set Menu £15pp  
Includes, table activities, meet Santa in his grotto and receive a small gift from Santa himself

Guests accompanying children to the event can choose from a select menu on the night

Booking will be required - Please head to our website to book or call 01208 863000

## Priceless Playtimes!

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

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

**Rocco** for playing a great game with a friend.

**Finn** for being super-helpful in the hall when a friend dropped their tray.

**Finlay** and **Izzy** for always being so helpful.

**Johnny** for being very kind and caring towards others at playtimes.

**Stanley** and **Theo** for great sharing at playtime.