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## Newsletter 5



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Dear all,

What a term that has been, it seems to have whizzed by in the blink of an eye. The children are all very excited about their performances, Christmas parties, Christmas dinner and just the whole next two weeks, It is so lovely to see them all so happy.

We know that attendance has taken a dip over the last few weeks due to ongoing illness in pupils; please do get advice if you feel that your child is very poorly. We are finding that the whole south west region are experiencing increased sickness in children with Chicken Pox, Strep throat (various), flu and Scarlet fever.

We had a very positive parents forum and it was lovely to talk through some of your concerns and also think about ways we can improve the school in the next few months and terms. We hope to be able to offer a further meeting later in the year. I will add the minutes to Dojo later today.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs McDonald and the team

### DECEMBER

Mon 5th 2pm Reception Play

Tues 6th Y1 & Y2 Play 9.30am & 2pm

Weds 7th Y3 & Y4 Play 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 8th 9.30 & 1.45 Open Day

Thursday 8th Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12th Y5 at Nexus, Camborne

Monday 12th Reception and KS1 Treasure Island

Tuesday 13th KS2 Treasure Island

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

9.10am Whole School Mass (all welcome)

Thurs 15th Carol Concert CANCELLED

Fri 16th Last day of Term!

PTA Tuck Shop

### JANUARY

Tues 3rd Term Starts

Tues 10th Meet the Teacher (times tbc)



### Wraparound NEWS

We are delighted to report that our Wraparound provision will continue permanently after Christmas.

We will be limited to 12 places per day so please can you make sure you pre-book as we cannot guarantee a place otherwise. If we can recruit for the one hour vacancy we will be able to have more pupils in the club. Please spread the word :)

Please note Wraparound will only be available for one hour on Wednesday 7th December due to the Christmas Plays



## FOOTBALL DAY 2022!







Our Parish Port Chaplain John Pinhay has been delivering Christmas gifts to seafarers this week and the cards our Mini Vinnies kindly wrote out are in their gift bags.

These gifts have already gone to seafarers from Russian, Croatia Ukraine & Philippines. The photo is of 3 seafarers on board a ship called Celtic Freedom. The crew were all Polish except one from Russia.

The captain is on the right, with the Chief Officer in the middle and a Able Seaman on the right. In the photo they are thanking our Mini Vinnies for writing out their cards.

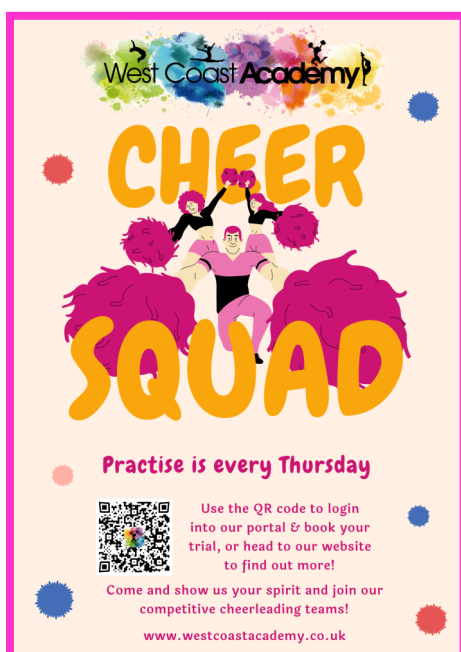
A BIG THANK YOU !!

Thank you to our PTA who have raised so many funds for us this year with their Pub Quiz, pre-loved sales and tuck shops .They have really helped us keep the costs down for the school panto trip.

Thanks to the success of the Tuck Shop we raised £60 and it will be running again on the last day of term!



Thank you for your donations to the Food bank for Christmas, our Y6 helpers were on hand to help the Food Bank man load up!



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church, Killigrew Street Falmouth

Christmas Eve

6pm & 10pm

Christmas Day

10.30am

**CANCELLED**

Sadly our Carol Concert has had to be cancelled. There has not been enough time to rehearse because of the Christmas plays.

However, Miss Billingham would like to invite the parents of her singing club to watch them sing the songs that they have been learning.

Details to follow...



**Thursday 8th December for  
Save the Children**

## Take a visit to the Elf workshop this December!

- Write your letter to Santa
- Make Hot Chocolate Cones
- Prepare Reindeer Food
- Meet Mrs Claus and receive a gift
- Enjoy festive music
- Raise money for Charity



**citizens  
advice** Cornwall  
charity number 1040111



**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 7.30pm  
St Austell Brewery, tickets available on Eventbrite.**

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the  
**national**  
**sleep**  
helpline

## Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

**Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?**

**Will your child not sleep in their own bed?**

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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PLYMOUTH**

## GEOLOGY COMPETITION DESIGN A DINOSAUR!



What did dinosaurs really look like?



New research shows some dinosaurs had feathers and others may even have been brightly coloured like some of the reptiles and birds we see today!

Were triceratops really pink?



Were T Rex's covered in feathers?



**What do you think?**

Using your knowledge of animals today and dinosaurs of the past, design us a brand new dinosaur and show us exactly how they could have looked 100 million years ago.

The competition is open until 12.00 on 3rd January 2023.  
Please send your entry to [devoncu@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:devoncu@plymouth.ac.uk).  
The winner(s) will be announced before 6th January 2023 and notified by email.

**Good luck!**





## Hot off the press!

Today we have been informed that we are being supported by Pendennis Shipyard to develop our sensory garden in the upper playground area. This is such good news as I know this is a project that St Mary's has been trying to get completed for many years. Here is a sneaky peak of the design of the sensory garden. A huge thank you to the team who has made this possible.



### Working Garden

To Include....

Wooden work bench  
Children's wheelbarrows  
Willow hedge  
Bug hotel  
Hedgehog hotel  
Compost bin  
Seating



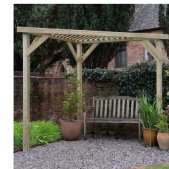
#### How to build a bug hotel

You will need:

1. Place a wooden plank in your chosen location. It should be at least 1m long and 10cm wide.
2. Add a variety of natural materials that you can find in your garden or woodland. These could include: twigs, sticks, bark, leaves, moss, lichen, etc.
3. Place your nest pile in a sunny, sheltered spot. It should be at least 1m high and 10cm wide.
4. Call off the two best birds of your garden. It should be at least 1m high and 10cm wide.
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To Include....

Pagoda  
Climbing Rose  
Forget-me-nots planted under the trees  
Tulips  
Daffodils  
Personalised plaques  
Sculptures  
Personalised memory stones



### Sensory Garden

To Include....

Wooden buddy benches  
Wind chimes  
Painted tyre planters  
Large granite stones  
Bunting  
Windmills  
Pussy willow

Lavender  
Bamboo  
Pampas grass  
Lamb's ear  
Chinese lantern plant  
Feather grass  
Verbena

