



**Newsletter 4**  
**12th-23rd October**  
**2020**

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Dear Parents/Carers  
Thank you for all of your support this half term. I have been hugely impressed by the children's resilience in adapting to the changes in school, they are a credit to you all. I would like to wish you a happy and safe half term break

Warmest wishes

Mrs Bolton

Hello everyone,  
What a colourful end to our half-term! Thank you for dressing in your bright colours today and for your donation for CAFOD, who reach out to people living in poverty with practical help. You have also been very generous with your donations for the Foodbank- thank you for helping to support local people in crisis. Father Brian's Mass with Class 6 last week gave us the opportunity to think about how fortunate we are to have delicious food every day and to give thanks for all involved in the growth and production of food. I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. The children have worked so hard and are ready for a week's rest. The staff have also been amazing during what has been an extraordinary half-term. Don't forget that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day, so we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Draycott

Dear Friends,

I do hope you are all safe and well. In the last few days, myself and others have been giving some thought to our Christmas celebrations. First some good news; without compromising on the required social distancing we have managed to increase the capacity of the St Mary's, Falmouth from 40 to 60, at the moment the capacity at Mawnan Smith remains at 30. To remind you our planned Christmas Masses are as follows:

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm at Mawnan Smith and 9 pm at Falmouth

December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 am at Falmouth.

In the coming week there will be forms available for you to complete with your choice of Mass, you will also be asked to give an alternative date/time just in case your first choice is full. To make the most of the seating capacity you will be allocated a named place in the church. You will also be able to seek a place through the phone by calling the parish office. I do hope that these plans will enable as many people as possible to attend the Christmas Masses.

My thanks to John and Sean Pinhay who have kindly offered to continue to assemble the outside crib at Falmouth. Unfortunately, our usual crib inside the church will not be possible this year. However, a much smaller crib will be in place on the sanctuary.

The churches at Helston and Mullion will have their own plans put in place by Father Paul Andrew. Our Christmas celebrations will be very different this year but the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ will still be celebrated with great joy and thanksgiving.

Have a good and safe week.

With my prayers and blessing  
Father Brian

## Need ideas for Half Term....



[blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/](http://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/)

Blackbird Pie is filled with great things to do, videos, links and interactive stuff. There are lovely places to visit, wonderful walks and museums and galleries to visit

## A reminder for Y6 Parents...

The deadline for admissions for your child's secondary school place is

**Saturday 31st October**

**Website:** [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

**Email:** [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

**Post:** School Admissions Team, Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

**Telephone:** 0300 1234 101



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for social distancing when you are waiting outside of school, and for wearing masks.

We really appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

## Remember School starts on Tuesday 3rd November!

### Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term  
3rd September-18th December  
Half Term 26th-30th October

Spring Term  
4th January-1st April  
Half Term  
15th-19th February

Summer Term  
19th April-23rd July  
Half Term  
31st May-4th June

Inset Days  
3rd September  
4th September  
2nd November  
22nd February  
7th June

Dear Friends,

I pray that you are all safe and well. The year is passing rapidly; the nights are closing in and the clocks go back on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore, my thoughts are turning to Christmas and how to celebrate the Masses. I am assuming at this stage that the current restrictions will still be with us. With this in mind my first thoughts for Masses are as follows:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6.00 pm Mass at Mawnan Smith and 9.00 pm Mass at Falmouth

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30 am Mass at Falmouth

Because of the restrictions and limitations placed on Places of Worship I do not feel it would be reasonable or practical to celebrate a Midnight Mass. For the Christmas Masses only there will be a booking system put in place to make sure we do not exceed the capacity of our churches as it is essential we keep social distancing. Details of how to book a place will be given by the beginning of November.

I am aware that Father Paul is giving some thought to the Christmas celebrations at Helston.

Unless the government lift some of the current restrictions in time for Christmas our experience of this special time will be different and challenging this year. I know my plans are not ideal and will disappoint many, however, I do hope it will enable many of you to celebrate the Mass at Christmas safely at this very difficult time.

With my prayers and blessing

Father Brian

Christmas activities

It is probably no surprise but the Christmas Lights Switch-on event, Live Nativity, Falmouth's Festive Weekend, Harmony Choir on Christmas Eve and NYE Fireworks have all had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

The Town Team are pleased to announce a virtual community Christmas event with choirs, community and volunteer groups involved, songs sung and video messages of support and well wishes played.

The Falmouth Virtual Community Christmas event will take place on

**Thursday 26th**

**November starting at 6.00pm** and be broadcast live on **Falmouth's official Facebook page,**

**@Falmouth Cornwall UK**

• Santa along with his helpers, will be in attendance!

• Falmouth's Christmas lights, will be switched on during the virtual event along with a couple of surprises, weather permitting!

• What's more, you can get involved! Perhaps you have a friend, loved one or family member living or working away from Falmouth this Christmas? If so, maybe you'd like a Christmas message to be aired for them?

Or perhaps you'd like a song played or your choir or music group have been rehearsing? If so, then do get in touch with the Town Team via [emma@falmouth.co.uk](mailto:emma@falmouth.co.uk) as



**World Food Day**

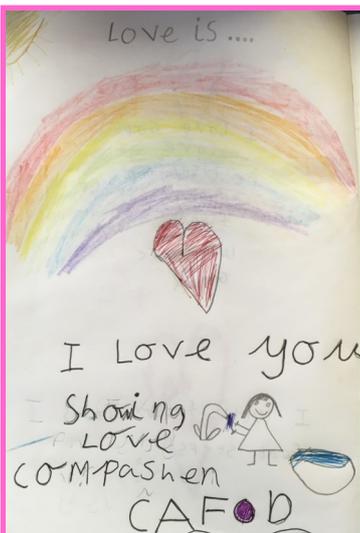
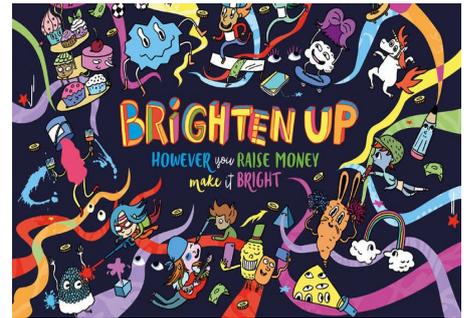
**A short excerpt from a message sent by Pope Francis**

Pope Francis sends a message to the Director General of the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) on World Food Day, and thanks the UN organisation for their work to eradicate the tragedy that is human hunger. (The Nobel Peace Prize was recently awarded to the UN's World Food Programme.

In his message, Pope Francis said hunger is caused, "to a large extent, by an unequal distribution of the fruits of the earth, in addition to the lack of investment in agriculture, the consequences of climate change and the increase in conflicts in different parts of the planet, as well as by the tonnes of food that are discarded". Faced with this reality, he continued, "we cannot remain insensitive or paralysed" because "we are all responsible." The Pope underlined "the urgent need for everyone to act together so as to 'promote hope' in all people." Pope Francis went on to note that the current crisis shows us that we need concrete policies and actions to eradicate hunger in the world.

**BRIGHTEN UP** this <sup>and</sup> **HARVEST** and **BUILD** a **BRIGHTER WORLD**

**CAFOD**  
Just one world



**Evy's Poster (Y2)**

Thank you to everyone who

**'Brightened Up' for CAFOD**

We raised a whopping

**£190.81!**



**Amelie's poster (Y2)**





# Y5 Roman Day



Class 5 have ended their half-term with a 'Roman Day'. They have enjoyed a Roman battle, played Roman games and entertained each other at their Roman banquet!

A message from Mrs. Mills:

"The children have had a great day and really impressed us with how much they have learnt in this topic. Thank you to all the parents for their efforts in making the children's costumes."

