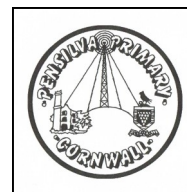


Pensilva Primary School Newsletter

To Live, To Love, To Learn

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Friday 4th December 2020

Christmas at Pensilva will obviously be very different this year. We are trying to do as much as we possibly can to keep as much of the festive spirit as possible. Our Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 16th December and as always, children will make hats for the day. In the last week of term every class will have a Christmas party. Teachers will let you know which day your child's party is.

Party Food: We want the children to have as normal a Christmas party as usual. It would be great if this included party food. If you wish your child to bring in food for the party, please could this be food that is pre-packaged/wrapped and not homemade. The food part of the party will be supervised by an adult so that children are not taking things and putting things back!

Christmas Nativities: This year Wrens class will be performing in a whole class performance of "The Sleepy Shepherd". They are all really excited and can't wait to share this with you!

Puffins and Buzzards classes are recording an 'advent' style pantomime called "Panto Pandemonium". Each class will be filming separately in their classrooms and by the magic of Christmas, a talented elf will put it all together wrapped up in a Christmas link for you to watch! Watch this space for the links to both videos.

Christmas cards—if any children are going to send Christmas cards within school this year, can we please ask that all cards have been bought into school and posted in their class 'post box' by Wednesday 9th December, we will then be able to distribute to the children the following week.

Staff changes and updates—Miss King will be returning from maternity leave on the week of 14th December and she will be teaching in Wrens class with Miss Thomas. Miss Thomas will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss King on a Wednesday—Friday. Mrs Palfrey will be teaching full time in Puffins class from January and Mrs Noblett has been appointed to teach alongside Miss Johnston in Buzzards from January. She will be teaching Wednesday—Friday.

Dates for your



Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper day—voluntary £1 donation.

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas lunch

Thursday 17th December—last day of term

Friday 18th December—INSET day. School closed.

Monday 4th January—Spring term begins

Thursday 21st January—Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Over recent months many people's circumstances have changed and some find themselves in financial hardship. Did you know that if your income is below a certain level you can apply for free school meals?

For more information or to apply visit <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

If your application is successful not only will your child get a hot meal each day but the school will receive an additional tranche of funding called pupil premium. This is used to support children with their learning .

Emergency Closures

With this week's newsletter you will also get a copy of the emergency information should the school need to be closed for snow or something similar. In the event of an emergency closure we would text all first contact parents/carers. Please also listen out for information on the radio stations detailed on the attached sheet. We will also add closure information onto our facebook page and website. Cornwall Council also has a dedicated webpage <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schoolsand-colleges/school-closures-in-emergencies/> which is updated constantly.



On Friday 11th December we will support Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. Children are able to come in non-uniform and wearing their Christmas jumpers! There is a voluntary contribution of £1 which we will collect on the day.

PSA News and Updates

As the Christmas shopping season fast approaches the Pensilva PSA would like to encourage everyone to shop through our Amazon Smile account. It is exactly the same as shopping through Amazon, except that every time you shop, Amazon donates to the PSA! It's that simple. Just going to smile.amazon.co.uk signing in and selecting Pensilva PSA as your chosen charity can help us raise funds.

As well as AmazonSmile, the PSA are now set up on Easyfundraising. It's the same principle as AmazonSmile but covers a much broader mix of online retailers. Please see the link below. Our lovely parents and supporters can shop through either or both - it all means extra funds for us at no extra cost. [Www.easyfundraising.co.uk/pensilvaparentstaffassociation](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk/pensilvaparentstaffassociation)

If anybody is able to donate beauty products such as creams, bath smellies, hair products for our Xmas hampers, or raffle prizes, chocolates/biscuits, teddies, bottle of alcohol, mince pies or Christmas cake. We have had some amazing prizes already donated and there are still plenty of tickets left! All proceeds go back into the school for items for your children so the more money raised the more resources we can purchase. If you would some more tickets, please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support and good luck!



Advent Windows Christmas Trail



You may have seen our posters and Facebook adverts about the PSA Christmas Advent window fundraiser. Every evening a new window is lit up in the village and remains on until the 24th. If you would like to buy a map and treats for £1, please send the money into school and your child/ren will bring their map home.

Pensilva Stores

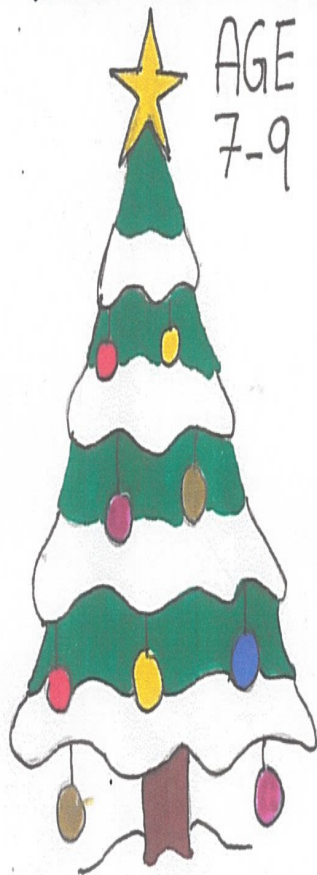


Design a Christmas Card Competition

NAME, AGE, AND CONTACT NO ON THE BACK OF CARD



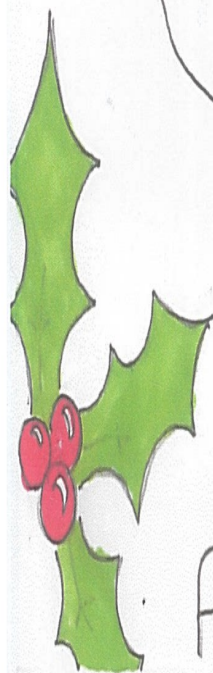
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One Entry Per Person

2 Winners From Each Group Will Win a Prize

All Entries Must Be In By 18th December

All Cards Will Be Displayed In The Shop