

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

Dear All,

December is upon us and the school is looking suitably festive. Along with the many Santa hats and antlers, we are seeing more **masks** than ever at drop off and collection which is very much appreciated. Thank you all for taking these extra steps to keep our community safe and our school fully open up until the Christmas holidays.



Three pupils in the school have recently tested positive for COVID-19, across Years 3 and 5. I am pleased to say that each are on the mend and we look forward to seeing them very soon. This remains very much reflective of the rates in the local community and our school remains open as normal. As ever, if you or your child experiences possible symptoms of COVID-19, please do isolate at home and arrange for a **PCR test** as soon as possible. Lateral flow tests are a precautionary measure and should not be used where any symptoms are present.

**Thank you** all for your many generous donations to the Hayle Food Bank. All of this will reach families who need it and will make a huge difference this Christmas time.

Like all schools at present, we are noticing a worrying drop in **attendance** across all years. Whilst much of this cannot be helped, it is important that children are in school as much as safely possible. If you are not certain whether your child should be in school or we can offer any help at all, please do contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming **carol concerts at St Elwyn's church**. As things stand, we very much expect that these will go ahead as planned and will keep you updated with any changes. In order to keep these as safe as possible, we are asking the following:

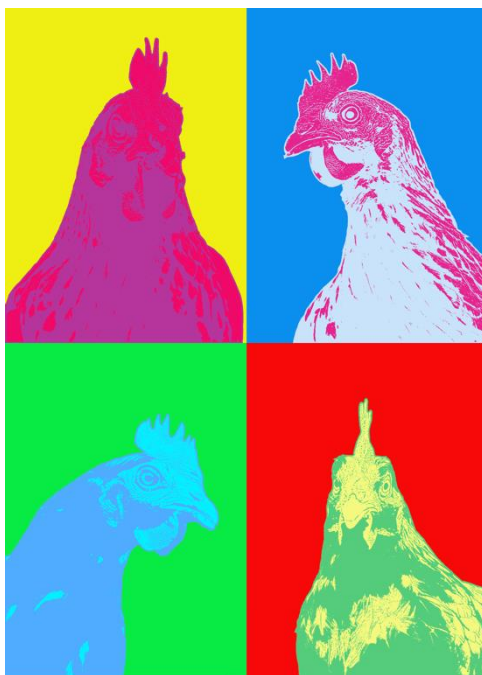
- Please could a **maximum** of two adults per household attend, at either the morning **or** afternoon performance. It is likely that the morning performance will be a little lower in numbers so please attend this one if convenient.
- Please follow the **directions of our team** when arriving at the church so that we can maximise our use of space available.
- Please take a **lateral flow test before attending**. Do not attend if you have possible symptoms of COVID-19.
- All visitors are asked to **wear a mask** inside the church please, unless exempt.



Next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. All children (and grown-ups) are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes on the day. Please send any voluntary donations for the charity to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for the entries to the **PFA Christmas Art Competition** so far. Children were invited to design a tree or window hanging decoration. Please send any remaining entries in to school by next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you also for your help in selling **raffle tickets**. Please could all counterfoils, money and unsold tickets be returned to school by next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



**Calling all chicken fans!** If you would like to help look after our feathered friends during the holidays, there are some days free on our calendar at present. Please follow this link and do please ask if you have any questions at all. <https://calendly.com/chickens-1/chickens?month=2021-07>. Many thanks.

Finally, our last day of term will be **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. In keeping with previous years, we will **finish at 2pm** please.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

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