



Wednesday 7th December 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a slightly earlier update this week in which I hope you'll find all the information you need for the busy and festive days ahead.

Christmas Concerts

Once again, the dates for our Christmas Concerts are below. As in previous years, we very much hope that all children in Years 3-6 are able to join us for the evening performance wherever possible please. This is often a particularly special event and a full complement of pupils makes it all the more meaningful. On Tuesday afternoon, please can children be collected from school as usual and arrive at St Elwyn's by 5:45pm. Thank you for your support.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend whichever of the performances works best for you. We are hopeful that, in running three events for Key Stage 2, we will have the capacity we need to comfortably seat all.

Christmas Dates			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday 12 th December	10am	Key Stage 1 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	2pm	Key Stage 1 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
Tuesday 13 th December	9:30am	Reception Sing Song	School Hall
	2pm	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	2pm	Reception Sing Song	School Hall
	6pm	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
Wednesday 14 th December	10am	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	5pm	Christmas Fair	Penpol

Forest School Stay and Play



This Friday sees the next of our Forest School Stay and Play Sessions. At **2pm**, all children starting school next September are welcome to join us, along with parents/carers. Our Forest School Lead, Lesley Allen, will lead a fun session exploring our onsite forest. If you would like to join, please do let us know by emailing at my address below. Thank you.

Important Reminders:

- This **Friday** is our **Christmas Jumper Day** for Save the Children. Your child is welcome to wear a Christmassy or favourite jumper, with any donations to Save the Children gratefully received.
- Our **Bereavement Café** is taking place at Birdies Café at 2pm **tomorrow**. No need to book – please just turn up!
- The term finishes to pupils at **2pm next Friday** 16th December, with no after-school club running that day. Children return to school after the Christmas break on **Wednesday 4th January**.

Christmas Lunch



Children across the school looked fantastic in their hats as they enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch today. Thank you very much indeed to our wonderful kitchen and lunchtime support teams for making it a resounding success.



Public Health update

As you will know, there are higher than usual rates of Strep-A infections reported around the country. We expect to hear further public health advice in the coming days and will share this with you when it is available. In the meantime, **if your child has a fever (temperature over 37.8°), please do keep them at home until they are better.** A useful summary of information and advice on when to seek further support can be found here: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/>

Our Chickens Need You!



Legacy, Sandra and Eggbert are currently looking to be a little lonely this Christmas. If you are keen to help them out on any days over the holidays, please follow the link here. <https://bit.ly/3uoyVwe>
If this is your first time as a chicken volunteer, please contact Tiffany Pope on chickens@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk for further instructions. Thank you.

Free Training for Parents

The team at Dandelion Learning are providing **free training** for parents on the topic of **grammar**. The next event takes place on January 30th. Please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>



Adults Learning to Read

If you struggle with your reading skills as an adult, you are not alone. Many parents in every school community have not yet become confident readers themselves and we were delighted to learn that help is now available. Read Easy is a charity through which volunteers support adults to learn to read. It is free and accessible to all. Please do share with any friends or family members who may find this useful. More information can be found here: <https://readeasy.org.uk/>

Clubs for the New Term

We have been thrilled with the uptake of our enhanced offer of activity clubs this term. Activity clubs have now finished for the year with the exception of Y5/6 girls' activity club, with more information about clubs for the spring term on its way soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

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