



Newsletter 7
30th November—18th Dec
2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our final newsletter of 2020!

A massive well done to all our pupils and staff for their hard work this academic term. There have been a lot of changes to school life but it is great to see how quickly as a school community everyone has adapted and supported one another. Thank you!

A further letter will follow next week regarding 'track and trace' information for parents over the Christmas period.

I hope you all have a lovely peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton

Merry Christmas everyone!

As our autumn term and 2020 draws to a close, I have been reflecting on how much we have accomplished together. We have had to find new ways to make school safe and ensure the children are happy and continue to learn, and in true St. Mary's style everyone has been brilliant. Thank you so much for all your support and understanding during what has been a challenging time for everyone.

We are looking forward to our Christmas dinner days next week. Don't forget to wear your Christmas party clothes on the day for your bubble as there will be more celebrations in class in the afternoon. Next week we will also be presenting you with our alternative Christmas production! It has been great fun putting this together and I would especially like to thank Mrs. Austin-Smith, Mrs. Titheridge and Mr. Boyes for spending lots of time on the technology to piece it all together! We hope you enjoy what we have made.

We finish school on Friday 18th at the usual time and we will be back on Monday 4th January. With very best wishes for a restful but merry Christmas and a very happy 2021!

Mrs. Draycott
Head of School



**Don't forget your class Christmas Dinner
and Christmas Parties next week!**

Tuesday 16th Christmas Dinner for Reception, Y2, Y3 & Y6

Wednesday 16th Christmas Dinner for Y1, Y4 and Y5





Y6 have taken part in Falmouth's Virtual Christmas Tree Festival this year.

The theme was 'journeys' — Y6 chose to celebrate the traditional aspects of Christmas with the journey of the Mary and Joseph and the Three Kings.

Breakfast Club

Please let the office know if you still require a Breakfast Club place next year

Thank you



Congratulations
to our
wonderful
Stars of the Week!

30th November-4th Dec

Reception—Ella C
Y1—Isaac B
Y2—Josh V
Y3—Thea S
Y4—Evie J
Y5—Lauren M
Y6—Nellie O

7th-11th Dec

Reception—Amelia
Y1—Max
Y2—Phoebe
Y3—Julian
Y4—Euan W
Y5—Logan
Y6—Una



ADVENT CHARITY 2021

Please bring your donations in for Falmouth and Penryn Food Bank
penrynfalmouth.foodbank.org.uk/

Thank You

CHRISTMAS ITEMS
TINS OF MEAT
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED SWEETCORN/GREEN VEG
TINNED CARROTS
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GRAVY GRANULES
STUFFING
CHRISTMAS PUDDING
MINCE PIES
TINNED CUSTARD/TINNED CREAM
TINNED FRUIT
PACKETS OF CHRISTMASSY BISCUITS
BOX OF CHOCOLATES
SAVOURY NIBBLES
CHRISTMAS CAKE OR CHOCOLATE LOG
SOFT DRINKS (NO ALCOHOL PLEASE)



Don't forget to post your Christmas Cards!

CAN YOU IMAGINE SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR EVERY NIGHT ?



It's hard to believe that in this day and age, there are children who do not have a warm and comfy bed to sleep in every night ! In fact, one in five children living in the south west are living in poverty, and in parts of the region poverty is even more severe. Some areas in our Diocese actually fall into the top 10% of the most deprived areas in England.



As part of our Good Shepherd programme, this Christmas The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is asking children living in our Diocese to think of children less fortunate than themselves by putting themselves in their shoes just for one night. We are asking children living in Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset to give up their bed for one night to sleep on the floor.

If 100 children could raise £10 each in sponsorship, CCSP could buy beds and mattresses for 10 children, so they never have to sleep on the floor again.

If you would like to join in our sponsored 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' please complete the sponsor form and start collecting your sponsors before the Christmas holidays. The sponsorship form can also be downloaded from our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk **Thank you !!**

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BLING YOUR BIKE, SPARKLE YOUR SCOOTER, OR TINSEL YOUR TOES!

Go for a decorated winter adventure & win a JD Bug scooter!

Send a photo of your child (or whole family!) getting active to Sustrans: cornwall@sustrans.org.uk

Closing date: **Wednesday 6th January**



Make sure you include:

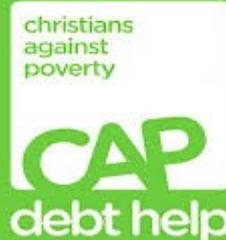
- Your child's name, class and school*
- Photo(s) of your child and/or their bike/scooter, decorated for a festive adventure
- A few words about what you did, where you went & how much fun it was!

If your photo includes your child's face, please state whether or not you give permission for it to be used anonymously to promote the project in reports and/or on social media.

Safety & stuff

- Attach decorations to scooters and bikes firmly using tape, string, wire or cable ties, (or safety pins on clothes) being careful not to do any damage.
- Ensure that decorations and their fastenings will not come loose and tangle in moving parts such as pedals, wheels and feet
- Make sure that your 'bling' will not affect the steering, jam brakes, or obscure lights
- Why not upcycle some old tinsel and fairy lights? You don't need to buy anything special – just be colourful and festive!

*Each entrant from our project schools will win a reflective slap-band; these will be sent out via the school next term.



Christians Against Poverty is a debt counselling centre in partnership with St Budock Church, in association with other local churches in Falmouth, Penryn & Surrounding Villages.

CAP's debt counselling service focuses on providing a service which works well for those who are more vulnerable and who need support to help them gain freedom from their debts. Their service is completely free.

Due to COVID – 19 they are currently temporarily replacing their face to face home visit debt counselling service with a telephone service, or a face to face church based appointment. Their service is holistic and they give clients the time they need over the phone or in person.

To access their church based face to face appointments, clients need to be able to travel to the appointment venue and bring their documentation with them.

Their local service will cover the following main postcodes in the area:

TR10, TR11 & TR3 7

CAP would be delighted to speak to anyone suffering with debt locally. Any prospective clients from the above postcodes should call 0800 328 0006 (our lines are open 9.30am-5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am-3.30pm on Fridays.

CAP's service is so much more than just Debt counselling, and I would be really grateful if we could meet together virtually or by phone to talk about how we help clients and how we could work together.



We raised a whopping £195.42 for Save the Children!!