

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter



29th January 2021

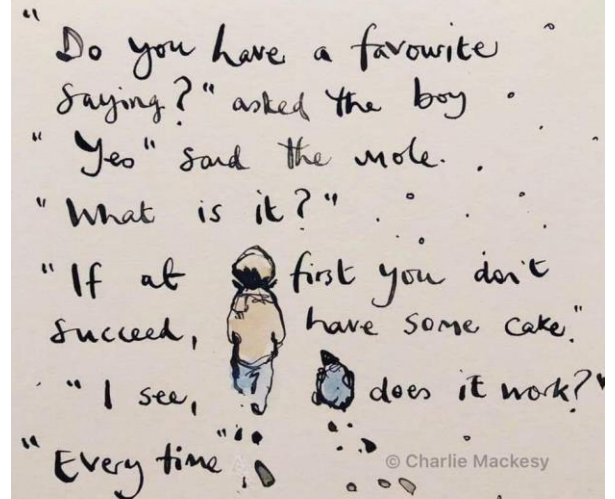
Congratulations on another successful week of home learning. Please rest assured you are all doing an exceptional job!

Thank you again for your amazing support, the Mawnan community is a community like no other and we continue to feel blessed to be working with such polite, talented and engaged children and such incredibly supportive families.

We have also survived another week of government announcements and speculation about when all children will return to school. We will be in contact when we have more information and we look forward to having a full school when it is safe to do so.

Next week is 'national mental health week' please read on for more details. Please keep in touch, if we can do anymore to support you let us know. Stay safe, be kind to yourself and eat cake!

Miss Pridmore



Attendance

Average for the week	In school	At home
Oppie Class	100%	90%
Topper Class	100%	96.8%
Pico Class	100%	99.7%
Fusion Class	100%	92.7%
Dart Class	100%	98.7%

Children's Mental Health Week 2021!



From 1-7 February 2021 we will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. **As a school, we are offering a range of quality activities to encourage the children to be open and have conversations about how we feel about life.** This year's theme is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity.

For more information about Children's Mental Health week, please go to: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

What are we doing?

- **Dress to Express** – On Friday 5th February 2021, we will Dress to Express! This day will be a non-school uniform day. The children and adults, both at home and in school, can dress to express themselves! It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.
- **Mawnan Wellbeing Grid** – The children need to choose and complete at least one wellbeing activity each day. This can be found on your child's Google Classroom.
- **Family Foggy Time** – Complete at least one Family Foggy Time during the week. Information about Family Foggy Time will be on your child's Google Classroom.
- **Conversation Starters** – Use these questions to help prompt discussions with your children and family. These can be found on your child's Google Classroom.
- **Art project** – Our whole school art project is inspired by a book called, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy. This whole school art project will be shared by your child's teacher on Google Classroom. Once your child has completed the art project, please could one photo be emailed to Mrs Shepherd by Wednesday 10th February. All photos sent to Mrs Shepherd will be put into an online art gallery and therefore must not contain any children's faces. Mrs Shepherd's email - ashepherd@mawnanschool.com

February Half Term – 15th – 19th February 2021

Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are **not** expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

Free School Meal Vouchers for February Half Term

Cornwall Council has stated its commitment to use the Covid Winter Grant to fund the provision of Free School Meal vouchers for eligible pupils over the February Half Term holiday. As at Christmas, we will issue vouchers to a value of £15 per pupil to all eligible pupils on the benefits-related Free School Meal lists by the end of this half term.

If your circumstances have changed and you wish to apply for free school meals you can apply at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

You can apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support.
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based).
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- The 'Guaranteed Element' of Pension Credit.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance benefit

Covid Winter Grant

Many families are facing financial hardship due to the impact of the pandemic and many are struggling to put food on the table, stay warm, and buy essentials. Cornwall Council has secured a government grant to provide additional financial and practical help to our families.

The Covid Winter Grant can be used to provide financial help to any households who are facing financial hardship and who would benefit from this support.

The fund is £1.8 million from central government and 80% of the cash will go towards families with children while the remaining money will go to other households struggling because of the pandemic.

Over £650,000 of this funding has already been allocated towards funding Free School Meals provision during the Christmas holiday period and February Half Term.

The conditions of the grant specify that financial help can be given in the following areas:

1. Food
2. Energy and water bills for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, and sanitary purposes) and sewerage.

3. Other essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens, etc.)

All grants must be allocated by the end of March. To apply for the Covid Winter Grant, please use the contact information below.

- For items relating to home heating such as fuel bills or breakdown in heating equipment such as oil tanks or boiler repair please contact Community Energy Plus by emailing advice@cep.org.uk or phoning [0800 954 1956](tel:08009541956).
- For help with food and other essential household items visit our website here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>