

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter

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Christmas Festivities

We have had a great week of Christmas festivities this week and we're really looking forward to our final week of fun before the holiday. Thank you very much for joining us on Wednesday evening for our first Christmas Carol Service at Mawnan Church. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful children and have been overwhelmed by your positive feedback.

Please make sure your children have a good rest this weekend as next week is going to be packed with festive fun. On Wednesday Father Christmas and his helpful Elf will be visiting us. We are very grateful to the PTA for arranging this and for supporting Santa with sourcing the presents. On Thursday it is our last day of term and our party day plus we'll be enjoying our Christmas dinner together. We would like to wish Class 1 and Class 2 good luck for their performances of 'Christmas is Special'. The children are really looking forward to sharing the nativity story with you.

Best wishes,
Miss Pridmore



**Class 3 & Class 4
Carol Service at Mawnan
Old Church.**

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

December

17th Year R & Year 6 'Heights & Weights'

Dates of the Class 1 & 2 Nativity:

18th 1.15pm – Dress rehearsal

18th 6pm – Evening performance

19th 1.15pm – Afternoon performance

19th 6pm Evening performance

20th School Christmas Lunch

20th last day of term

January 2019

7th Back to school

11th Term 3 curriculum information session for parents

Attendance

Well done! Class 2 & 4 reached our attendance target of 98%. Please keep up the great work.

Class 1 – 97.58% - 7 lates

Class 2 – 98.28% - 4 lates

Class 3 – 96.84% - 11 lates

Class 4 – 98.39% - 1 lates

Well done class 4 for having the highest attendance this week.

New Devices for Christmas

Over Christmas many children receive gifts that require going online (smartphones, gaming devices, tablets, etc.). We have compiled a short checklist to help keep your children as safe as possible whilst using their new devices.

1. Research the device, make sure you have an idea of how your child will be using it. www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology is a very helpful website which provides helpful information about different devices (smartphones, tables etc.)
2. Have a look at the device before Christmas day and set up security and parental controls—paying special attention to location settings. If you can't set it up before Christmas ensure you sit with your child and set it up together. pwxp5srs168nsac2n3fnjyaa-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IM-SetUpSafe-Checklist-24Jan.pdf this is a helpful checklist.
3. Look into the parental controls on your home internet. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider> this website provides helpful information on different service providers. For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network .
4. Finally, take time to play on the new device together with your child, talk about what the child is using it for and what they know about staying safe online.

Smart Toys (Internet Connected Toys)

In recent years new smart toys have been developed that access the internet, this might mean that the toy collects data and could possibly be accessed by other people.

It is important to research the toy and find out about:

- The type of information the toy collects
- Will it take photos or videos and where they are stored
- If it uses location services
- Who can interact with the toy and does it require a password
- Are there parental controls

nationalonlinesafety.com/christmas-gadgets-keep-children-safe/ provides helpful information on setting up your smart toy, for example turning off location services and changing any default passwords or pins.

Games and Apps

Along with new devices, children will also be receiving new games and downloading new apps. Some of these will not be appropriate for your child. There are several ways that you can check the games/apps to ensure your child isn't exposed to inappropriate content.

1. Look at the PEGI rating. This is an age rating used for games and apps, it will also give an indication of the type of content the game has.
2. Check the game/app on www.commonsemmedia.org/ this is a great source of information about games and apps and what to expect from them.
3. Play the game yourself, this is a great way for you to experience the game and any issues your child might encounter.
4. Use YouTube to watch videos of the games/apps being played.
5. Spend time with your child while they're playing the game and see for yourself what they are seeing. Ensure all chat functions are turned off.

Christmas
Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper Day

Well done everyone, you raised £106-30 for Save the Children.

Breakfast Club

Monday - Welsh cakes, Ready Brek

Tuesday - Omelette rolls & beans

Wednesday - Sausages & scrambled egg

Thursday - Christmas breakfast. Smoked salmon, salami, brioche, pain au chocolate & luxury hot chocolate

Children joining Reception in September 2019

Do you have or know a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015? If so we'd love them to join us at Mawnan School. The primary applications have now opened at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.

Mawnan Panto

Mawnan Panto are recruiting for the tinies dancers in the panto which this year is Little Red Riding Hood. This is open to children in Year R, 1 & 2.

Please contact: Gill on 01326 250688



Change of menu

Our school Christmas dinner is being served on Thursday, 20th December 2018.

Due to Christmas dinner being served on the Thursday, Thursday's menu will be served on Wednesday.

Don't forget, children can come to school in their party clothes.



MAWNAN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Nativity service on the
23rd December 2018
at 11am.**

Coffee and mince pies after.

All welcome!

If there are any children who would like to be part of this Nativity, please call Caroline on 01209 860955 or 07935411575.

Friday 21st December
Mawnan Memorial Hall 9.30 am-12.00.

Ready Steady



Christmas

Fun, games and crafts
for children (reception to Year 6)

Please obtain permission slips from the school office and
return them by 19th December.

For further details please contact tel. 250726

Mawnan Mothers' Union
And Mawnan Church

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Christian care for families

Mawnan Christmas Boxes

Here's a picture of Mawnan's Christmas boxes filling up an office at the Falmouth Children's Centre. There were 44 collected from the Red Lion, of which at least 9 or 10 were from school (a couple were delivered directly to the pub). Even while we were unloading the boxes into the centre, a couple of social workers took a box each to a family, so they're already finding their way to families in the area.

Thankyou! Austen.





Class Curriculum Information



Class 1

English: We will all be consolidating the phonics we know and using our handwriting very purposefully for secret things! We will also be writing "Christmas wishes" (not "I wants") to decorate a tree outside.

Maths: Our Christmas inspired maths this week will be comparisons of weights and measurements.

Class 2

Maths: Next week we will be covering subtraction in maths in the mornings up until Thursday.

English: In literacy we will be writing our instructions for making dragons eggs. This will follow on from Dragon egg making on Monday. Please could you help to supply materials that your child would like to be able to make the eggs from?

In the afternoons we will be leading up to Christmas by looking at advent and performing our Christmas Play. At the play we will have our handmade clay decorations that the children have created. These will be for sale at £1 each and the money will be set aside for a school trip.

On Thursday we will do our annual walk to the beach where we paint pebbles with Christmas motifs and leave them for the enjoyment of others. If you would like to join us that would be lovely.