

Date: 27 November 2020



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



GODREVY Hannah
FISTRAL Reuben W-C
MOUSEHOLE Arabella
TREEN Connie

JIGSAW GIANTS

'Including others when working and playing'

GODREVY Harry
FISTRAL Jorja
MOUSEHOLE Macie
TREEN Finley



Safety Message

Please can we ask that if you need to make a three-point-turn outside school that you do this when the pavement is totally clear. Alternatively, you are welcome to re-verse into the school driveway to turn.



Blackbird Pie Magazine - Follow the link below to the winter issue of BlackbirdPie online magazine! Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows. Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as Covid-safe as possible. We have searched out quite a lot of free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers, free entry at PK Porthcurno and The Box Plymouth, stories, videos and art activities to download, interesting winter walks and historic sites to explore.

As well as the new online format we will be doing more on Facebook and Instagram, so please seek us out for regular activities, ideas and updates in between issues. Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue.

Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>

Family Support Worker

Our family support worker, Christine King, will be available on Tuesday, 8 December between 11 am and 1 pm for an informal telephone chat to discuss with you any issues you may have. Christine is able to signpost a multitude of support services available through the Early Help Hub such as school nurse, parenting support and Child and Adult Mental Health Services.

If you would like to book an appointment let us know and we can pass your details on to her so that she can phone you during that time.

CHRISTMAS

We have finalised our Christmas arrangements and are sending home a separate letter today giving you full details of all that will be happening in school. We will send a paper copy too so that you can pin it up to refer to in this busy period. The children have also been given a Christmas lunch choice slip - please return this next week.

School Admissions September 2021

The online application system is still open for applications to our Reception class for next September (this will be for children born between 01 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Please visit the Cornwall Council website:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Christmas Giving

This year St Erth School is partnering with a local organisation, Penzance Street Food Project, to spread a little extra festive joy to support local families who are struggling at this time of year.

If you would like to add another small gift to your Christmas giving we are collecting presents for children aged from 6 months to 15 years old. A simple gesture can make such a difference on Christmas morning. A new pair of warm cosy socks, a notepad and pens, some funky gloves...

If gifts could be wrapped and labelled with age and who you think the gift would suit: (boy/girl/neutral). We will send out more information about how to drop off your gift in the last week of term. Thank you for your support.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child's water bottle into school every day. This is particularly important at the moment when we are trying to avoid sharing any resources. Whilst we obviously wash school cups, this is still not as safe as a child using their own.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM

Don't forget to apply for income-related free school meals if you think you might be eligible. Don't wait until your child is in Year 3 as you could miss out on additional funding for your child. It is easy to apply; follow this link:

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<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

This additional Pupil Premium funding is for all children in receipt of free meals or who have had them within the last 6 years. The funding is also available to children in service families, and those adopted from care. We sent letters home yesterday to those who are entitled. If you didn't receive one and think you might be entitled please let us know.

Breakfast club—Don't forget that if you wish to use the breakfast club you need to book a place—Just give us a ring .

Childcare only costs £2 and is free for children in receipt of income-based free school meals. Breakfast costs £1 each.

Parenting Support

Cornwall Council Parenting Team provide several parenting programmes, all of which are currently available online. Full details of these are being sent alongside the newsletter this week and will also be added to our newsletter page on our website.

Alternatively, you can get in touch with any questions by emailing Myra Whitney, Area Parenting Lead, myra.whitney@cornwall.gov.uk or call 01209 310000 and leave a message mentioning 'Parenting Worker Advice Line' with your contact details and the best time for them to contact you. A member of the Parenting Team will contact you back by phone within two working days.

Drop off and Pick up

Our revised drop off times seem to be working well and late arrivals have also decreased. Thank you all for adapting so quickly and adhering to the amended timetable.

Group	Drop off	Pick up
Families with children in Key Stage 1 only (Treen & Mousehole)	8:40 – 8:50	3:00 – 3:10
Families with children in both Key stage 1 & Key Stage 2	8:50 – 9:00	3:10 – 3:20
Families with children in Key Stage 2 only (Fistral and Godrevy)	9:00 – 9:10	3:20 – 3:30

What happens if there is a suspected case of Covid-19 in school?

It is essential that children are not sent to school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or are at all unwell. It is essential that this is strictly adhered to. Symptoms are:

- A high temperature—this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)
- A new continuous cough—this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste—this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

The school library has been allocated as a dedicated space for children who become unwell whilst in school. The space will be used for children to be isolated until they are collected and thoroughly cleaned after use.

If a child is sent home with suspected symptoms of Covid-19 there are a clear set of procedures in place:

- A Covid-19 test must be booked and carried out immediately. Parents are responsible for organising this and communicating with the school subsequently.
- While awaiting the results of a test all members of that household need to self-isolate.
- Parents and the school will engage with NHS test and trace.
- Pupils and staff in the same bubble remain in school while test results are pending.
- If the test is negative then the pupil may return to school. Please email us a copy of the result.
- If the test proves positive the school will work with the Local Health Protection Team to carry out a rapid risk assessment and ensure those who have been in close contact are asked to self-isolate. Please also email us a copy of the result.
- Those asked to isolate follow the stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD THE NHS COVID 19 TRACK AND TRACE APP TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS