



CHRISTMAS

This year Christmas will certainly be different in so many ways but here at School we hope to give the children as many Christmas experiences as we can. Set out below are the various activities happening over the next three weeks.

Friday, 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day – We will be supporting this annual event to raise funds for Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their normal school jumper for a donation of £1. We will collect donations at the school gate on arrival in the morning.
Friday, 11 December	This is our posting deadline for any cards that the children are sending. In order to make this as Covid-safe as possible, each class will have their own 'post box'. Children should post all their cards in the box in their own classroom and these will then be taken out each day and quarantined. After the final posting date and the weekend's quarantine period, cards will be sorted out, quarantined again and then distributed to the children.
Wednesday, 16 December	Christmas Lunch – David will be serving a traditional Christmas roast. This will be either roast turkey or parsnip and sweet potato loaf, both served with roast potatoes, sage & onion stuffing, gravy, carrot & pea medley and Brussel sprouts. This will be followed by either a Christmas gingerbread biscuit or fresh fruit. We do need to know numbers in advance and the main course choice. Each child has been given a reply slip to make their choice – please return next week.
Thursday, 17 December	As we are unable to visit the cinema this year as a Christmas treat, we will be showing an online Pantomime . This will be viewed in class bubbles and should be great fun for the children. School will provide snacks and a drink.
Thursday, 17 December	Fistral and Godrevy Christmas parties. Each class will be having their own party, with drinks and a snack provided by school. Children just need to wear school uniform on this day.
Friday, 18 December	Mousehole and Treen Christmas party. The KS1 bubble will have a combined party in the afternoon and the school will provide snacks and a drink. Fistral and Godrevy classes will both have Christmas quizzes in the afternoon. ALL CHILDREN CAN WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ON THIS DAY BUT PLEASE NOTHING TOO SPECIAL AS THEY WILL BE PLAYING OUTSIDE AND ONLY SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR PLEASE.
Friday, 18 December	Last day of term – A full day today.

Christmas performances – Both Treen and Mousehole classes will be performing Christmas plays and KS2 children will be performing a Christmas song. We want to be able to share these with you and will be recording the performances. We still have the logistics of this to finalise and need to ensure that downloads are secure (we may use SeeSaw) and do not breach data protection. We will send further details and permission slips next week.

Christmas gift – Every child will receive a gift from Open the Book and the Church community; this will be a book telling the Christmas story. These will be sent home in the last week of term.

Christmas Fayre – You will remember that last year the Friends group organised a fantastic Christmas Fayre for the whole village to enjoy. Sadly, their plans have been scaled back this year but they do have some ‘pocket money’ items and more to sell. We will be posting details on SeeSaw.

FSM Vouchers - £30 worth of vouchers will be available to children in receipt of Free School meals. Families will be notified individually.

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.

We are also supporting the Hayle Food Bank who will be sending Christmas hampers to families in need. If you wish to send in a food donation (non-perishable) we will collect these at the gate in the mornings – more details to follow.

Cards for the community – The school are very pleased to be working with St Erth Feast Committee to bring some Christmas cheer to Elderly members of our community. The Feast Committee will be distributing hampers to households in the village, alongside these will be Christmas cards and messages from the pupils.

Presents for Teachers – If children are intending to give a present to their teacher, please remember that these will have to be quarantined so will need to be sent in a couple of days before the end of term.