

Date: 4 December 2020



## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



GODREVY Callum  
FISTRAL Grace  
MOUSEHOLE Macie  
TREEN Mhyla

## JIGSAW GIANTS

'Including others when working  
and playing'

GODREVY Sydney  
FISTRAL Gabby  
MOUSEHOLE Sammy  
TREEN Evie



## Mrs Golder

You may have read in The Cornishman about Mrs Golder's (our SENDCO) daughter and her recent brain operation. We are pleased to say that her recovery is going well but it will be a long process of rehabilitation. We send them our very best wishes. The family has also set up a Go-FundMe page to raise funds for food and accommodation as they travel between Birmingham and their son back in Cornwall. If you wish to contribute you can [donate here](#).

**Is it on the Trolley?** . . . Weather permitting we will have a trolley outside school for drop off and pick up from Monday. This is for:

**POCKET MONEY TOYS FOR SALE from Friends of St Erth** —Please have correct money. Some items have limited stock and all will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Individual photos on the website and-SeeSaw. All proceeds to support the school.

3D Snowman dot to dot pack - £1.50  
Usborne first colouring book - £1.50  
Grow your own magic Christmas tree- £1.50  
Gingerbread Interchangeable Crayons- £1  
Christmas view prisms - £40p  
Christmas Stampers - 40p  
Matchbox games (various different ones)- £1.50  
Make your own cross-stitch Christmas decoration - £1.50



**DONATIONS** - We will be able to take donations for both the Penzance Street Food Project (small gifts) and the Hayle Food Bank (Christmas Hamper non-perishable items) at the start and end of each day.

## Health Screening Checks

The regular school-based Health Screening checks had been put on hold due to Covid restrictions but have now been given the go ahead to resume. In anticipation of this, we are sending home booklets with Reception and Year 6 children which tell you about these checks and include an opt out form. If you are happy that your child is included in these checks you do not have to return the form, unless you wish to provide medical information for the school nursing team.

The hearing screening for **Year 1** is due early in the new year and Year 1 parents will receive a separate letter about this today. Please make sure your child gives you this and that you return the reply slip next week.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

With the weather now turning colder there is a possibility that we may have conditions forced upon us that mean we need to close the school, such as snow or storm damage. We have certain procedures in place if this happens. If we know that the school will not be able to open the following day, we will notify the Council who in turn notify local radio stations. So if the weather is bad please listen to either Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM. We will also send an email and a notice via SeeSaw and one of our Governors will be at the gate in case you miss the announcements. If we are already in school the above will also happen but once we have sent messages, we will then start to telephone parents to ensure you have seen the message and are on your way to collect your children.

## 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.

**Christmas jumper day** - Don't forget that next Friday is Christmas Jumper day, raising funds for Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation which will be collected on arrival.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS.

A reminder that the deadline for posting Christmas cards in school is next Friday,  
**11 December**

**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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## St Erth Church

### Children's Christmas Trail Wednesday 9 & 16 December 3.15-4.30pm



Come to the Lych Gate by the Old School Hall and search along the path for Santas, angels and elves. Discover the nativity characters and then follow the stars to the crib and a chocolate surprise. All Covid guidelines will be strictly followed and there will be a collection for Truro-based St Petroc's Society.

## 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: -

<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.

## 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.**

Symptoms are: A high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

If a child develops these symptoms whilst in school the library has been allocated as a dedicated space for them to be isolated until they are collected. It will then be thoroughly cleaned after use. You must then book a Covid-19 test to be carried out as soon as possible, sending us a copy of the result. While awaiting the results of a test all members of that household need to self-isolate. If the test is negative then the pupil may return to school. 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.

FULL GUIDELINES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE.

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