



13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

What a great week we have had in school with World War II Day and also a dress down day in aid of Children in Need and Remembrance Day. All the money collected today has been quarantined for 72 hours so we will let you know the total raised in the next Newsletter. I would also like to thank the Friends of Mullion who are busy collecting gifts for a Christmas Raffle to help raise funds for the school. I understand they have already received a great response from generous businesses and people in the village, so thank you.

This year the school is helping the Lizard and Helston Foodbank by collecting food on Christmas Jumper Day. As you can imagine their services are even more in demand so any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Can I please remind parents and carers that we are in Lockdown so please do not congregate in the playground and outside the school. We have staggered start times to try and avoid overcrowding so can you please come at the correct time to drop off and pick up your children and leave the area promptly.

Thank you  
Duncan Ratcliffe

## Christmas Arrangements

**December 9<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Lunch** - Christmas lunches need to be pre-booked by **Wednesday 18th November** by completing the below Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/tbZrGB1bK8CuCzhJA>

The cost of the lunch for KS2 children will be the usual £2.34 payable via Parent Pay. There will not be alternatives on this day so if your child doesn't want Christmas lunch can they please bring a packed lunch.

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day** - Children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school in return for bringing in a donation of food for the Helston and Lizard Foodbank.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> - Class Christmas Party** - The PTA has kindly agreed to help with the cost of snacks and drinks and each class will have a party in their classroom. A letter from each class teacher will be sent nearer the time with the arrangements.

**December 18<sup>th</sup> - School closes at 1.15** - Lunch will be served as normal.

**January 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> - Children back in school.**



## Friends of Mullion

Unfortunately The Friends of Mullion are unable to host their usual Xmas Fayre this year but they are organising a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the school. If you are able to donate a prize or help please contact Jodie Wells or Kerry Ward on: friends@mullion-jj.cornwall.sch.uk

## School Meals

Can you please ensure you pay for your child's school meals on Parent Pay by the end of each week. The cost of a school meal is now £2.34. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please follow the below link. If you are entitled to FSM and therefore Pupil Premium your child will receive other benefits in school.

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

The Helston and Lizard Foodbank is at Mullion Methodist Church every Friday from 10am to 12 noon. The foodbank helps people who are in crisis by providing emergency food supplies. Mullion CP School is also a foodbank agency and able to provide vouchers to families in need.



We are also collecting non-perishable, in-date food on December 11th - Christmas Jumper Day. The Foodbank have said they are short of the following items although any donation will be greatly received: tinned fruit, custard, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, long life fruit juice, instant mash, sponge puddings, table sauces. They are also in need of toilet rolls and basic toiletries.

For more information on the Foodbank visit their website at the address below:

<https://helstonhelizard.foodbank.org.uk/>

# CLASS NEWS

## Pebbles



Pebbles have had a great week learning all about Space. Marvin, the class monster came to visit and told us all about his missions to Space. The children can name all the planets and talk about key facts. They have been busy splattering paint to make a background for our Space research and have made some great paper mache planets. Next week we are going to learn about the Space Race.



*Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner and Miss Gearing*

## Shells

Shells have shown their curiosity for space this week. We have been learning about the first man to set foot on the moon, Neil Armstrong and the children came up with interesting questions they would like to ask an astronaut.



Shells were patient and respectful on Wednesday during our 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day. It was lovely to be part of the thoughtful and kind discussion the class had about people who help us.

*Miss Bradley and Mrs Griffiths*

## Footprints

Footprints have been working really hard to become brilliant mathematicians! We have just finished a unit on addition and subtraction, which saw us subtracting 3-digit numbers from 3-digit numbers and solving problems involving thousands numbers – phew! We learned how to exchange from the next column if the whole number was smaller than the number on the bottom. We have now started a new chunk of learning: multiplication. The children's enthusiasm for TT Rockstars has been amazing and I can see their times table knowledge improving week by week. As the children become faster and more accurate, they will begin to progress through the stages.



In writing we have produced some great stories, and are now tackling a new challenge by writing a non-fiction explanation. We had fun writing jokes to include in our writing... What is black and white, black and white, black and white and green? Three badgers fighting over a pickle. I can hear you laughing from here!

Our topic has been 'Extreme Earth' and we have really enjoyed learning about tectonic plates and what happens when they bump into each other, overlap, or pull away from each other. The children can explain how earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes and tsunamis occur. We enjoyed making our own volcanic eruption by creating a chemical reaction, and even made a tornado in a bottle. Well done Footprints. Keep up the hard work!



*Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Miss Francey, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Reid and Mr Barco*

# CLASS NEWS

## Waves



The children have been relishing their writing around Rose Blanche, a German girl living in Dachau during World War II who witnessed a young Jewish boy being taken from the town. They have been using our new and improved approach to writing to share her story. Whilst the history of WWII is fascinating to them, there are also some tough truths of war that they have managed well. This was brought to a peak on our topic day on Monday - the children looked fabulous and it really helped them to get into the mindset of a child during WWII. In maths, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction learning but will continue to practice these skills in morning maths. We are now moving on to multiplication and division so please make sure you are practising at home using TT Rockstars. There are lots of children not accessing it and they must!

**Mrs Read, Miss Harding and Mrs Morris**



## Surfers



We've had a wonderful week in Surfers class this week. Our World War II evacuation experience day on Monday was thoroughly enjoyed by all! The children were incredibly enthusiastic to experience what life was like in the 1940s: from exploring the role of an ARP warden in their session with the RAF Museum in London to learning what to do in the event of an air raid. We explored various WWII artefacts, practised preparing for an air raid (with multiple air raids throughout the afternoon – the siren is still echoing in our heads!) and learnt 'We'll Meet Again' by Vera Lynn, singing together tunefully.

In other news, we have ALL cracked long division this week in maths and I am exceptionally proud of all of the children as this is a tough part of the Y6 maths curriculum. We're also enjoying our new class reader, 'After the War' by Tom Palmer and have been fascinated and truly moved in learning about the plight of the Jewish people throughout the Holocaust.



**Mrs Savage, Mrs Wood, Mr Benton and Mrs Sloper**

## Virtues

**Sapphire Hawley - Enthusiasm and Kindness**  
**Ellie Goode - Enthusiasm and Kindness**  
**Catherine Read - Helpfulness**  
**Alfie Blake - Curiosity**  
**Noah Coombe - Joyfulness**

**Bobby Wilkinson - Confidence**  
**Jack Cornes - Purposefulness**  
**Thomas Hendy - Curiosity**  
**Finn MacKenzie-Buller - Creativity**  
**Florrie Goy - Creativity**

# Children in Need



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Thank you to everyone who has been able to support our Amazon Wishlist curriculum books. We have been thrilled with the books that have arrived in school and they are already being used in classes. We had a huge delivery in the first few weeks and have had a few trickled in recently (without names - so thank you whoever you are!). We will be continuing this and adding to the list so please keep checking and helping out when and where you can. The books are all so fabulous - it's well worth a look for books that might interest your children as Christmas gifts at home!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ESH4JY393QJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ESH4JY393QJ?ref=wl_share)

Cornwall council have produced a series of Podcasts that you can easily access by clicking on the link below

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=0DHJ7BJUrsI>

In the podcasts they cover a range of subjects including:

- how to pick our battles, the importance of encouragement and the benefit of nature on our health.
- the importance of routines, ADHD and the importance of keeping active.
- a focus on getting back into a routine, why teenagers need so much sleep and the importance of sleep.
- good ways of keeping calm, more about the teenage brain and also the 'C word' - CHRISTMAS!!

