



Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 29th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Secret Santa:

Our fabulous PTA are arranging a Secret Santa for Thursday 16th December – this is an opportunity for your children to buy a secret present for a member of their family and have it wrapped all ready for Christmas. If your child would like to take part in this activity, please send in £2.50 in a sealed, named envelope ON Thursday 16th December.

Christmas Outfits:

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF MBS & BEYOND

👤 Are you sick of buying new Christmas outfits/jumpers/nativity outfits for your kids each year??

👤 Have you or your friends/family got any Christmas jumpers/outfits/nativity outfits that no longer fit collecting dust at home??

★ Well, we have the answer here at MBS! ★
Please bring in any unwanted Christmas jumpers/outfits/nativity outfits to the school foyer by FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER

We will then have a sale on FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER in the playground where you could bag your child a "good as new" outfit ready for

★ Santa walk round Mylor

★ Christmas nativity

★ Christmas lunch

ALL donations will go to our AMAZING school.

Let's all try to do our bit for our planet 🌍, for our school and for our bank balance too 💰

Thanks

MBS helpers/PTA

Last Week for Clubs

Next week is the LAST week for clubs. There will be no clubs from WB 6th December – please note that intervention with Mrs Hamilton will continue to run until the end of term.

Christmas Plays

We are still monitoring the situation and guidance on large gatherings in school and as soon as we have reached a decision on how we will present the plays, either live or recorded, we will let you know.

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Movember

Our amazing male staff have been proudly growing out some incredible facial hair for the very worthy charity supporting men's health - in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Mr Collier even started from scratch which was the first time in decades he had seen his chin! Every penny counts and we'd love to reach £500 by the end of the month. We also can't wait to see (some of!) them clean shaven again! Please copy the link below into your browser if you would like to support this fantastic effort.

<https://movember.com/m/14617057?mc=1>

Covid 19 Update:

We wish to inform you that we are noticing a rise in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the school.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school continues to ensure confirmed cases of COVID-19 do not attend until the end of their self-isolation period; contact tracing within the school setting no longer takes place as standard.

"NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.' (DFE Operational Guidance Nov 21)"

In order to prevent avoidable spread in school, we encourage all staff and parents to continue with the twice-weekly LFD testing, to report all positive test results to us and to follow-up a positive result with a confirmatory PCR test. (LFD test are available to order for free from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or you can collect LFD tests from any of these walk-in shops <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/#/location/TR11%205SE>)

At school we are seeing the effect of COVID19 on staffing numbers, please be aware that we are doing everything in our power to ensure that your children are receiving a full educational offer, however there is a national shortage of supply teachers which is causing us some logistical difficulties; we may be forced to merge KS2 classes on occasion to ensure that all children can still attend school. This may need to be actioned without prior notice to parents due to the nature of COVID19 presentations and contact tracing.

Thank you for bearing with us through this continually tricky time.

Online Safety – ideas to keep your children safe online this Christmas holiday

Many of your children will be using apps and websites after school and through the Christmas holidays – many of them will also have new devices for Christmas, with this in mind, please see the following links to help you

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set parental controls, monitor apps and set up devices to ensure that your children are safe and you are able to see, monitor and reduce the content that your child can access on the internet.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parental-controls-xbox-one>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/step-by-step-tips-to-set-up-your-kids-iphone>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parental-controls-playstation-4>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-set-parental-controls-on-the-amazon-echo>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-set-parental-controls-on-netflix>

How to understand and support anxiety caused by social media

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/practical-tips-for-easing-kids-social-media-anxiety>

What apps should I be concerned about

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/11-social-media-red-flags-parents-should-know-about>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Finally, did you know that there is a kids youtube which filters online content to only that which is appropriate...?

To find out more, see:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-kids>

As ever, please catch me on the gate if you have any questions or queries.

Have a great week,

Vicky Sanderson

INSET Dates for 2021-2022

Friday 11th March 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022 (additional Jubilee Bank holiday for Mylor Bridge CP School)

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th December – Whole school to Cinderella at Hall for Cornwall, return approx. 4.30pm

13/12/21 and 14/12/21 – KS1 Christmas Play

14/12/21 and 15/12/21 – Y5/6 Christmas Play

WB 14/12/21 – Santas on the Run event

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch – party clothes

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

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