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Hot meals - Week 1

### Bring an Orange on Monday!

Please can your child bring an orange to school on Monday. I know that circumstances are different for everyone at this time, so if you feel able to send in a spare orange for a child who may not have one that would be much appreciated.

All the other bits and pieces we need to make the Christingles have been donated to us by The Children's Society and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to them if you wish to next week.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December is our Christingle Day! All the children will be making a Christingle in school which they will be able to bring home. The children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit the local church with their Christingles for a special service led by Father Peter and all the other children will have a special virtual assembly at school in their bubbles. As opportunities for the community to come together at this time are very difficult, we would like to take the opportunity to invite everyone to light their Christingles at 6pm that evening (SAFELY) and take a moment to remember each other, reflecting on how important the support of each other is at this time. Father Peter has also invited everyone in the village, to join with us in making their own Christingle and lighting it at this time if they wish to.

### Class Dojo

Just a reminder to everyone, about remembering to login to Class Dojo at least once a week, especially if like me, you switched of the notifications and may miss an important message! I really do appreciate how busy everything can get, but trying to get into the regular habit of just quickly checking the app each day helps keep everyone up to date with what is going on in school. Lots of you are getting very good at liking the posts and leaving us little messages which we really appreciate. Please remember that if you would rather leave a private message, this can also be done using the app.

### Pupil Progress update

Your child's progress report will be emailed home to you between Tuesday 15th and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will include the assessments for your child in Reading, Writing and Maths and their targets for the end of the year. There will also be a comment from the Class teacher about how your child has settled back into school and important ways you can support your child at home to achieve their target. If after receiving the report you wish to arrange a telephone appointment with the Class teacher in the New Year, please leave them a message on Class Dojo.

### Healthy Schools

This may not be the best time of year to bring this up! However, we would just like to remind all parents about the importance of a healthy lunch each day. This is always a hot topic and I am under no illusion about how tricky it can be to find things that children will eat (especially for those more fussy eaters). In the New Year we will be providing some top tips and good ideas for easy, healthy lunch boxes and some reminders about what to include or maybe leave out.

We would also like to remind all parents that the children should bring water to school in their drink's bottles and that they may bring a separate bottle or carton of juice if they wish for lunch time. I appreciate that most children would rather choose juice to drink, but it is important to continue to encourage them to drink water whenever possible. Our insistence on water in drinks bottles also stems from accidental sticky spillages on school books which are far more difficult to sort out than water spills!

### Well done Year 5

Some of you may have spotted Year 5 arriving at school in non-school uniform or pyjamas today! They have been working hard all term to achieve their class treat and they voted to be allowed to wear their own comfortable clothes and to play games for the afternoon. Well done and well deserved.

And that just leaves me to wish you a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you Monday.

Mrs Craig.

## School Dates

Thursday 10th December - Christingle Day

Friday 11th December - Deadline for Christmas Cards

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!)

Friday 18th December - Last Day of term - Early staggered Finish

Monday 4th January - First day of Spring Term

### Last Day of Term

Early collection times for the last day of term,  
Friday 18th December

Years 2, 4 & 1 can be collected at  
1pm

Years 5, 3 & F2 can be collected at  
1.15pm

Year 6 can be collected at 1.30pm



### Blackbird Pie

#### Winter Edition Magazine

Please find the link below:

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

## Sumdog Advent Competition!

From the 1st of December, the weekly Sumdog school competition will change. Instead of having 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class each week, I will be running a Sumdog Advent Competition.

Every day will be its own competition, with its own winner. The child from across the whole school that answers the most correct questions each day will win the daily prize from my Sumdog Advent Calendar (all properly isolated of course). Every day from the 1st to the 18th of December there will be a fresh chance to be a winner and win a prize!



The Sumdog Advent Competition starts on Tuesday 1st next week.  
Good luck!

Mr Buck



### Exciting Learning at Pencoys

The children have had great fun in their classrooms this week. From palaeontologists digging for fossils in Year 1 to mummifying tomatoes in Year 3!



### New Arrival in Pre-School

This amazing cosy willow pod arrived this week. The money was raised by the Pre-school fundraising committee and now the children have a new quiet space to snuggle into.

