

Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Autumn Term - Number 7- 11th December 2020

Happy Christmas

The staff at Calstock would like to wish our families a very Happy Christmas. We'd like to thank you for your support and collaboration throughout the turbulence of 2020. We hope that 2021 proves to be a peaceful, less eventful year for us all!

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Things to Remember

Please arrive for afternoon pick up after 3pm

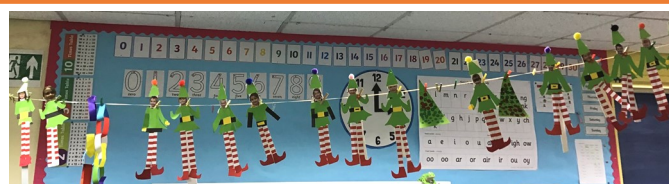
All children must have a coat and suitable outdoor footwear in school each day.

Please ensure all uniform/ coats has your child's name on it.

Water bottles and reading books should also be brought to school each day.

Spring Menu

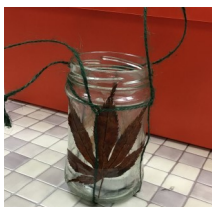
Next term there will be a new school dinner menu. Please find a copy attached to the newsletter email. If your child is in Reception- Year 2, they can have a free school dinner as part of the government funded infant meals programme. Years 3 -6 meals are charged at £2.40 a day.



Class One News

Class One have been getting creative, turning themselves into Christmas elves and making lanterns with willow and tissue paper.

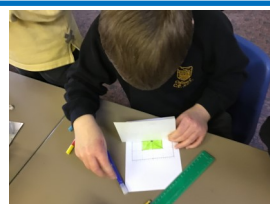
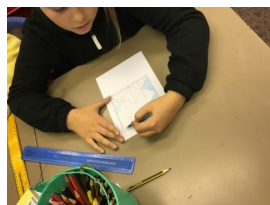
In outdoor learning they have made beautiful natural lanterns from jam jars and leaves. Thank you to all parents who donated jam jars.



Class Three News

Class Three have enjoyed a celebration music assembly to enjoy all the hard work of pupils who are learning to play a musical instrument. We congratulate everyone on their dedication and efforts in music and thank them all for entertaining the class.

We have also had a maths workshop from Matt Mercer of Callington College. He looked at Rangoli patterns and showed us how to make amazing designs using reflection and rotational symmetry.



Class Two News

Class Two have been like little elves designing and making their own Christmas stockings and Christmas tree decorations. Their creativity and attention to detail were very impressive.

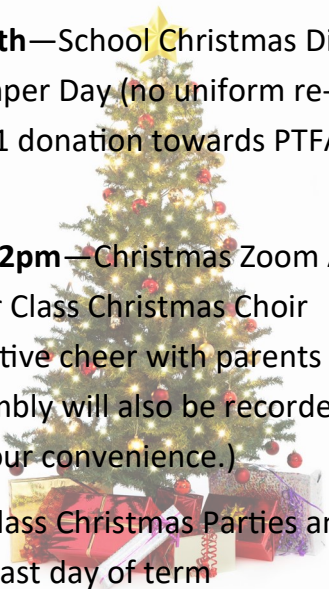


Christmas Plans

Wednesday Dec 16th—School Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day (no uniform required) voluntary £1 donation towards PTFA funds

Thursday 17th Dec 2pm—Christmas Zoom Assembly to share our Class Christmas Choir Songs and some festive cheer with parents and families. (This assembly will also be recorded so you can watch at your convenience.)

Friday 18th Dec—Class Christmas Parties and non uniform day / Last day of term



Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal

Thank You to everyone who donated food for the Christmas boxes. With your generous donations we made six boxes which have now been collected, ready for distribution to families before Christmas.



School Pick Up

Please could we request that when collecting your children from school, you try to avoid stopping to chat in the area around the school gate. If we can keep this area clear of congestion, it gives all families a clear entrance and exit from the site, enabling appropriate social distancing to occur.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



End of term Planning



The Department for Education (DfE) released information on Tuesday regarding arrangements around positive Covid cases during the school holidays. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the below information:

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We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), *having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted*. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), *having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school*.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December.

Please note, our last teaching day is FRIDAY 18 December so there will be no pupil contact tracing beyond Thursday 24 December.

Christmas Tree Thanks

The school would like to say a big thank you to Rob and Sue at Netstokes in Gunislake, who kindly donated the school a beautiful Christmas tree. We are very grateful it has made the hall very Christ-massy.



Calstock Advent windows continue to appear right up until Christmas Eve when the final window will open. At 5pm we will share a socially distanced, outdoor 'meet in the street' outside the Boot Inn, full of festive cheer, carol singing, mince pies, mulled wine and a small raffle.

The advent window locations are published on a map, available for you to buy. Your map also has a trail activity - see if you can spot the gingerbread man hiding in every advent window. Completed trail activity sheets will earn a prize when submitted on Christmas Eve.

Map trail guide on sale for £2 from Lishe, the Lime Kiln Gallery, from Fleur Cousins or the honesty stall outside The Old Post Office on Fore Street.

All funds raised from this event will go to Calstock Primary School and the Tamar Valley Preschool as they develop the outside learning space at school for all the children to use age 2-11.

For any further information, see Fleur Cousins at Providence House or on Facebook or search www.facebook.com/CalstockAdventWindows



Please make your child's teacher aware of any egg products, including food items in lunch boxes, egg boxes and bird nests that have been brought into the school.

Thank you

Diary Dates 2020/ 2021

Autumn Term 3rd September 2020 - 18th December 2020

Half-term 26th October 2020 - 30th October 2020

Spring Term 5th January 2021 - 1st April 2021

Half-term 15th February 2021 - 19th February 2021

Summer Term 20th April 2021 - 20th July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Half-term 31st May 2021 - 4th June 2021

Training day closures are: 4th January 2021, 19th April 2021 and 21st July, 22nd July, 23rd July 2021.