



St Mary's Catholic School

'Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love'

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents,

Where has that term gone? With only two weeks to go until the Christmas holidays, staff and children are finishing their final preparation for nativities and carol services and are looking forward to some little treats along the way.

PTA members are doing a brilliant job of organising events throughout the year, in order to pay for special treats. I won't spoil it for the children by saying what it is, but there is a PTA treat for them all on the last day of term! Thank you for supporting the disco; your next event is on 10th December at 1.30pm for the grand Christmas fair.

As it stands, we are still ok to hold our Christmas celebrations. Fingers crossed it stays that way, but I will be in contact with you all if anything changes. There has been some confusion about what we are asking parents to do before they come to watch performances. We are NOT asking anybody to do a PCR test. We ARE asking you to do a lateral flow test before coming into school and to wear a face covering in the hall. It is recommended that everybody does a lateral flow at least twice a week anyways, to help stop Covid from spreading when you go to work or bring your children to school. You can order free boxes online or collect them from local venues. Test yourself and only come into school if the result is negative.

Finally, for those families on free school meals, please check your email over the coming weeks. Cornwall Council is once again issuing a food voucher to support you over the holiday period.

Best wishes,

Miss Teixeira



STARS OF MONTH

RECEPTION : *Mitchel, Ava, Megan*

CLASS 1: *Logan, Piper*

CLASS 2: *Leila, Kayla*

CLASS 3: *Marcus, Kelsey, Austin, Thomas, Kaitlyn*

CLASS 4: *Oskar, James, Anastasja, Kaitlyn*

CLASS 5: *Louisa, Dominykas, Matas, Lottie, Ellie*

CLASS 6: *Michael, Matthew, Mehdi, Lily-Rose*



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

Please make a note of our inset days. School will not be open to pupils on the following days.

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

AUTUMN TERM CLASS ATTENDANCE

Reception =	91.64%
Class 1 =	92.39%
Class 2 =	95.26%
Class 3 =	91.13%
Class 4 =	93.15%
Class 5 =	91.82%
Class 6 =	91.40%

Congratulations to Class 2 for having the highest attendance percentage this Autumn Term



REPORTING ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents of the following procedures:- If your child is absent from school, please call 01736 330005 and leave a brief explanation on the absence answerphone before 9.15am.

As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents/carers of those children who are not present for registration.

Diary dates

Tues 7th Dec: Nursery & Rec Nativity, 2pm

Wed 8th Dec: Yr 1 & Yr 2 Nativity, 2pm and 5.30pm

Fri 10th Dec: School Xmas Fayre 1.30pm—3pm

Tues 14th Dec: Yrs 3-6 Carol Service, 2pm and 5.30pm

Wed 15th Dec: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Thurs 16th Dec: End of term Mass in the hall 9.30am and party food menu for lunch

Fri 17th Dec: Last day of term, 3.15pm finish

'Together For Families'

Each Family Worker at the Early Help Team is allocated a school/nursery setting to work with and support.

Christine King is our link worker & currently offering advice over the phone to parents. Christine has scheduled in 3 time slots over the next 3 months, where parents are able to book a phone call with her.

If you'd like any advice, please call the school office and give your name, number and very brief reasons for the request for Christine to call you, (for example 'having issues with child's behaviour at home').

Dates scheduled for telephone calls below:-

09/12/2021 – 9.30am -11.30am
20/01/2022 – 9.30am-11.30am
17/02/2022 – 9.30am -11.30am

Regional sponsor:



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Celebrating

30
years

Santas on the Run goes freestyle

eden project

Raise festive
cheer in your
Christmas
gear!

Join us at the Eden Project
on Sunday 5 December 2021

www.chsw.org.uk/santas

Or take part virtually, anywhere!

Registered Charity No. 1003314

PENWITH COLLEGE

New Year, new career? Want to work with children, return to education or develop a career with children?

New Part
Time Level
2 Courses

Starting January 22

- * Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health
- * Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

FIND OUT MORE CALL THE CHILDCARE DEPT AT PENWITH COLLEGE ON 01736 809000.





FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering **FREE** weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Carn Brea Leisure Centres.

Please visit:

www.activecornwall.org/children-young-people-families/familys-provider-hub

Supported by Contain Outbreak Management Fund.

Find out more:





Party Time

Drakes Den has 3 fabulous party rooms for birthdays & other celebrations



**Virtual Wall
Party Room**

(can accommodate 15 guests)



(can accommodate 15 guests)



**LARGE
PARTY
ROOM**

(can accommodate 30 guests)

All parties at Drake Den include the following:

- 1) Party Invitation
- 2) 2 Hour party & play, with use of a chosen party room for the whole 2 hours
- 3) Childrens hot meals
- 4) Unlimited squash
- 5) Free entry for all adults associated with the party.

Additional extras are available upon request.

To enquire about our parties please contact us via email drakesden@yahoo.com or by finding us on our Drakes Den Facebook page and contact us via messenger.



From
£10.99
per child

01752 79 44 44

www.drakes-den.co.uk

UNIT 22, DRAKE MILL BUSINESS PARK, ESTOVER ROAD, ESTOVER, PLYMOUTH, PL6 7PS



Height/age restrictions will apply. Play area is independently safety inspected
Full security systems of play centre - CCTV and gate access. Socks must be worn at all times



DRAKES DEN

Adventure Play Frame

Baby Area

Rope bridge

Mini 2 level toddler area with a Vortex Slide

Wave Slide

3 Themed Party Rooms

Themed Toddler Play Village with Little Tykes

Free Wi-Fi

Free Parking

Spiral Slide

Café with an excellent range of hot meals, drinks, sweets and treats

Opening Times

Monday to Friday

9am - 5:30pm

Saturday & Sundays

9am - 4:30pm

After School Meal Deal

£7.00

Monday to Friday from 4pm

(term time only)

Meal deal includes entry, a hot meal from the children's menu and a cup of juice.

Last orders 1 hour before closing

Entry Prices

Weekdays EXCLUDING
School & Bank Holidays:

Under 12 months (0-11 months) - £1

1 to 2 years - £2.70

2 to 4 years - £5.70

5 to 10 years - £6.95

Adult - £1

Weekend, School &
Bank Holidays:

Under 12 months (0-11 months) - £1

1 to 2 years - £2.95

2 to 4 years - £6.70

5 to 10 years - £7.95

Adult - £1

£1 discount per additional child
over the age of 1

TO BOOK PLAY SESSION, PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE WWW.DRAKES-DEN.CO.UK

Private venue hire available, please contact us for more information

01752 79 44 44 drakesden@yahoo.com

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