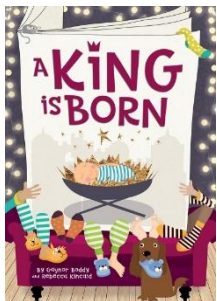




Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week in school has been very busy with lots of excitement and anticipation for the two nativity performances that took place in school and the upcoming Christmas events taking place over the next two weeks.



## EYFS/KS1 Nativity – A King is Born!

We would like to thank all the parents/carers, Grandparents, Friends and other family members who came to support our EYFS and KS1 children this week in performing their Nativity, A King is Born! We would especially like to thank all the children for showing such amazing resilience during the performance on Thursday where there were multiple power cuts due to the weather



and they happily continued on with their performance. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our donations box.

A total of **£60** was raised which will support the children with additional resources.



## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

A reminder that the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in their Christingle, being held at Phillack Church. This will take place **next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5:00pm. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform and to have long hair tied back, thank you.



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## KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



Children from KS2 will be taking part in their carol concert **next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**. This year we are offering two performances, one starting at **2:00pm** at school. A single ticket will be sent home with each KS2 child on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**. No additional tickets will be available. A donations box will be available should any parents/carers wish to give a contribution to use for resources for the children.

The second performance will take place at Phillack Church on the same day, at **5:00pm**. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform, thank you.

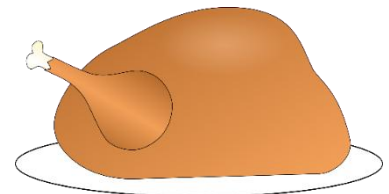
We are requesting **all KS2 children to attend** the service at Phillack Church as this is a wonderful event that makes very special memories for all the children and their parents/carers/grandparents.

**There will be a retiring collection at both events with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, Thank you!**

## Christmas Dinner

A reminder that Christmas dinner is being served on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Today is the final day to make bookings for Christmas Dinner. Any bookings made after 8am on Monday morning will be deleted and you will be notified that your child will require a packed lunch on Christmas Dinner day.

Children will be able to replace **only** their school jumper on this day with a Christmas Jumper if they wish to. This is not a non-school uniform day. Thank you for your support.



## Christmas Post Box

A reminder that the Christmas post box is now in the main corridor in the KS2 building. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. **Last Day for posting will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 prefects when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



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## End of Term

A reminder that the final day of term is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – this is a non-school uniform day.

Classes will hold their Christmas parties in the morning and children are invited to wear their own party clothes/Christmas jumpers.



Please note as previously advertised, we will be **finishing** school at the **earlier time of 2:00pm** on the last day.

## After School Clubs

A reminder that next week is the final week for school led afterschool clubs. Due to the EYFS/KS1 Christingle, Around the World Club will not be running on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

ELDA Dance will not be running on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, due to the KS2 Carol Concert, but will return for the final week on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Details of Spring clubs will be shared at the beginning of next term, thank you.

## Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

### Name The Elf!

In conjunction with our Christmas Fayre taking place from 3:15pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have an Elf to name!

For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the Elf names on the board next to the elf. The winner will be chosen at the Fayre on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and they will be able to take the Elf home with them!

The Elf is on display in the front office with a board full of names to choose from, so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on the board under the names you choose!

Good luck to everyone – you could be the lucky of winner of the Elf!



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## Christmas Fayre – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Card Payments

**PLEASE NOTE, WE CAN TAKE CARD PAYMENTS AT THE FAYRE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN TOKENS TO SPEND AT THE VARIOUS STALLS TO THE MONETRAY VALUE OF YOUR CARD PAYMENT. THANK YOU!**

A member of the Friends committee will be available in the main school entrance at 3pm on the day of the fayre to take your card payments and issue you with tokens. This facility will also be available in the school hall next to the Raffle and Name the Elf! Tokens are valued at 50p each and every stall will take these tokens.

### Requests for donations for the Christmas Fayre

We are looking for any donations to help with this year's Christmas Fayre.

- ❖ **Cake Sale:** Are you a home baker who would be willing to provide us with some homemade cakes/buns/traybakes/cookies to sell at the Fayre? To be allergy aware, **an ingredients sheet must be completed** to go alongside your baking. Please note, **NO NUTS**.
- ❖ **Teddy Tombola:** Do you have any good quality teddies that your children no longer want and are happy to donate?
- ❖ **General Tombola:** Any items suitable for a general tombola.
- ❖ **Chocolate Tombola:** Anything suitable for a chocolate tombola, including chocolate suitable for Dairy Free/Gluten Free/Vegan/Vegetarian.

Please can any donations be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher, anytime between now and the morning of the Christmas Fayre.

For any cake donations, please can these be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher on the morning of the Christmas Fayre ONLY.

Thank you in advance to our parent/carer community for all their generosity and support.

### Christmas Raffle

A reminder as well of our fantastic Raffle. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have purchased raffle tickets already. We still have plenty available and will be selling more at the Fayre. We have some incredible prizes this year, donated by many local businesses and we would like to say a huge thank you to them all.

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Prizes Include:

- ❖ Cream Tea for Two from Sunset Surf Café
- ❖ A beach towel from Gwithian Surfing Academy
  - ❖ Penwith Pitch and Putt vouchers
  - ❖ Carvery for 2 at The Turnpike Inn
- ❖ Large Biscuit Tin from Richards Farm Shop
- ❖ 2 x Cinema Tickets from The Angarrack Inn
- ❖ Sweet Box, Chocolates and Prosecco from ABL
  - ❖ 2 x Dog Toys from Polstrong Feed Store
  - ❖ 12 Cupcakes from The Cake Occasion
- ❖ Escape Room Voucher for £20 from Enigmas Escape Rooms
  - ❖ £20 Gel Nail Polish from Suzie's House of Nails
    - ❖ £35 Hamper from Dobbies
    - ❖ 3 x Jackets from First 4 Safety
    - ❖ Books from Early Help Hub
- ❖ Free visit and ride from Penny Red Cliff Kingdom
  - ❖ Pony Ride from Poldice Riding School
- ❖ Giant cuddly Golden Retriever Toy – parent donation
- ❖ £30 meal voucher for High Lanes Fish and Chips
  - ❖ 5 x Swimming tickets for St Ives Leisure Centre
    - ❖ Vouchers – Phoenix Gym
  - ❖ £20 voucher from The Cornish Company
- ❖ 2 x Afternoon Tea vouchers for Penventon Hotel
  - ❖ £10 voucher for Trevaskis Farm

Please note, all raffle tickets purchased will be included in the draw and are eligible for a prize. You do not need to be at the fayre when the raffle is drawn to win a prize!



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**FRIENDS OF CONNOR DOWNS ACADEMY  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**3:15PM – 4:45PM**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVE  
FUN!**

- ❖ **CLASS CHRISTMAS STALLS**
- ❖ **VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS GAMES**
- ❖ **SANTA'S GROTTO TO INCLUDE A GIFT  
FROM SANTA (£3.50 per child)**
- ❖ **BRASS PERFORMANCE FROM YEAR 4**
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (TO BE DRAWN AT  
4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE**
- ❖ **HOMEMADE CAKE SALE**
- ❖ **HOT FOOD**
- ❖ **NAME THE ELF (WINNER TO BE  
ANNOUNCED AT 4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**

## **Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising**

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

**Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.**

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**Pre-Loved Uniform**

We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.

**Parking**

Please can we remind parents/carers to drive and park courteously when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Please do not obstruct, even for a few moments, residents driveways or entrances to lanes off Mutton Hill and the surrounding roads. Thank you for the ongoing support and understanding shown to our Connor Downs Community.

**Attendance**

<b><u>Attendance</u></b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 6	97.5 %

**Shine Celebrations**

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.





## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Thursday 12th December 2024** to see their child receive their certificate.

Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:

### Year R – Isaiah

For his effort and enthusiasm in all activities this week. Isaiah is making fantastic progress. Well done, Isaiah!

### Year 1 – Conor

For always trying his best and never giving up in every lesson. Conor's confidence has developed this term and he is keen to share his knowledge with his peers. Conor is a kind and helpful member of our class. Well done, Conor!

### Year 2 – James

For being conscientious and hardworking. James is making great progress this term. Well done, James!

### Year 3 – Oliver

For his super effort in reading comprehension to find accurate vocabulary words to answer questions. Well done, Oliver!

### Year 4 – Aubrey

For showing such kindness in class this week and always and being a friendly, caring member of the class. Well done, Aubrey!

### Year 5 – Joseph

For his amazing addition and subtractions of fractions. Well done, Joseph!

### Year 6 – Seth

For all the help he has given around school setting up assemblies and helping with the animals. Seth is always so polite and thoughtful. Well done, Seth!

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### **Writer – Sophie (Year 4)**

For use of some fantastic descriptive vocabulary in her story opener to an adventure story. Well done, Sophie!

### **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Remi (Year R)**

For her amazing progress in phonics and when reading her reading book. Well done, Remi!

### **KS2 Reader – Dari (Year 6)**

For doing her best in her reading assessment. Dari never gives up and shows great determination. Well done Dari!

### **Mathematician – Missy (Year 1)**

For her great understanding and explanation to the whole class when focusing on tens and ones in teen numbers. Well done, Missy!

### **Numbots/Rock Star – Ollie V (Year 3)**

For a super, consistent effort to improve his skill and speed and achieving 2,715 answers correct this week. Well done, Ollie!

### **Performer – Theo (Year 5)**

For the amazing pride he shows and the performance he gives during every rehearsal for the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. Well done, Theo!

### **Character – Isaac (Year 2)**

For being an amazing role model in the classroom and on stage during the EYFS/KS1 Nativity rehearsals and performances. Well done, Isaac!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

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TR9 6NT 10AM - 2PM**

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**Festive Football Fun @ MBFDC**

**Date**  
Monday 23rd December 2024

**Soccer Tots, 3 - 6 Year Olds**  
School Years Reception & Year 1  
10am - 12pm  
£7.00

**Soccer Pros, 7 - 13 Year Olds**  
School Years 2 - 8  
10am - 3pm  
£18.00

**Venue**  
Mounts Bay Football Development Centre (MBFDC)  
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

**Other Info**  
All children are welcome to attend from any school or club  
The MBFDC coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified & DBS checked

**Register**  
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