

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had another very busy and exciting week in school, with a variety of visits and our EYFS/KS1 Nativity performances taking place.

### Choir – Pine Trees Residential Home

On Thursday afternoon, the choir members from Years 3, 4 and 5 walked up to Pine Trees to sing to the residents. The children sang a range of traditional carols and more modern songs. The children performed amazingly and did themselves and Connor Downs Academy proud. Mr Foulds and Mrs Crease are very impressed with how hard they have worked, and the residents and staff were very thankful for our visit and enjoyed the performance.



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# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

## Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Multiskills



A group of children from year 1 and 2 had an amazing time at a Christmas themed multi skills session at Hayle Academy this week, they spent time taking part in lots of different games with children from other schools. Great fun was had by all.



## Sponsored Reading Event

We would like to thank all the children and their families and friends for the amazing response to our Sponsored Read event.



We have so far raised a fantastic £1,453.00 which, when matched by Usborne Books, equates to **£2,906.00** worth of books.

We would like to send a huge thankyou to everyone for all their efforts. This amounts to an incredible addition to our library resources which will benefit each and every child.

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## Year 5 – Minack Theatre Visit



Wednesday 7th December 2022

On Wednesday \*Me and my class went to look around ~~at~~ and perform at the world famous Minack Theater. First we packed our bits and left at around 9:00 I went in a car with Me, Cooper, Jack, Max. When we got there we put our bags down and got into groups of three. A woman called Rowena built the whole Minack by herself bear hand with a screw driver. It is cool because the stone seats had the name carved in it and the year it was performed in. The first play that was performed was the tempest in 1932. The minack had a new back stage and it was three stories and had a boiler it was that big it went through 2 stories. There used to be a rehearsal place at the back of the minack but it broke and fell into the sea. They also played a part and they built a throne but it was useless so they kicked it in to the sea. They also have tannoy so they can tell them when to go on stage. They have a beginners call 30 minute call and a five minute call. They had two rooms to get dressed in so it was men in one room and women in the other. \*The also ~~too~~ We acted ~~about~~ the titanic in our groups and I was the Turkey. Finally we

played some Theater games. We left ~~at~~ around 12:00 and ate our lunch back in the class.

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## Christmas Post Box – Final Week!

A reminder that the Christmas post box is available until the end of Thursday next week for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

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 when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

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, 12<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.

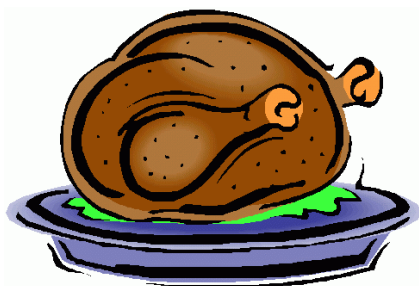
## KS2 Carol Concert

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in their carol concert at Phillack Church, next **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6:00pm. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 5:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform, thank you.



*Silent Night, Holy Night*

**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

Christmas dinner is being held on Wednesday next week, the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, all Christmas lunches must be booked by Monday morning on ParentPay to allow the kitchen time to prepare. If you do not book by this time, please ensure you send your child/children to school with a home packed lunch.

**Please note, Christmas dinner is the only option available on Wednesday.**

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## End of Term

A reminder that the final day of term is **Friday 16<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.



## EYFS / KS1 Nativity

We would like to thank all the parents/carers, Grandparents, Friends and other family members that came to support our EYFS and KS1 children this week in performing their Nativity, Christmas with the Aliens! We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our donations box. We raised an incredible **£213** which will support the children with additional resources.

We will share some pictures on next week's newsletter along with pictures from next weeks Christingle.



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## Christmas Reminder

A little reminder this Christmas that Christmas is made, not bought!

Many of us struggle at this time of year, and this year in particular is likely to be a difficult one for lots of people for lots of reasons. Be mindful, be grateful and be supportive of others around you. Christmas is a time that everyone should enjoy - we need to teach children that it's not about mounds and mounds of presents, but about family, friends, memories and laughter! This kind of stuff can't be bought!

If families are struggling to access food, there is community support available for them. Cornwall Council Help with Food map links below to see what support is available in Cornwall.

[View the Food map on Lets Talk Cornwall](#)

You can also find your nearest foodbank and information about opening times and donation points on the Transformation Cornwall Website

[Visit Transformation Cornwall Website](#)

Families might be eligible for Crisis & Care Award

[View the Crisis & Care Award page](#)

**If you would like to speak to someone, please contact Cornwall Council by calling 0300 1234 121 (choose option 2 for benefits and support).**



**SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Coast**  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**December**  
19-22

**Hayle Academy**  
**St Ives Leisure Centre**  
**Helston Community College**

**£15 for Half Day**  
**£25 for Full Day**

**FREE** • **Free Half Day Places for FSM Children**

**ACTIVITIES**  
Swimming  
Dodgeball  
Tennis  
Football  
Cricket  
Rugby  
Cheerleading  
and so much more

**AGES 5-16**

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## Dates for Diary – Spring Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – First day of spring term

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 2

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 3

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 4

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Final Session

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Meeting – 3:30pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Last day before half term – FINISH at 3:15pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friends Disco's

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – **INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – HALF TERM**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – First day back after half term


## Cornish Pirates Sessions – Year 5 and 6

In the Spring Term, Sam Teasdale from the Cornish Pirates will be coming into school to deliver six sessions to our Year 5 and Year 6 students. The sessions will take place on a Thursday afternoon and will be in addition to the normal PE day. The dates are as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (Festival TBC)



Kind Regards,



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