



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Autumn 2 precept:

It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters. Epictetus

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we are dressing down, wearing our Christmas jumpers and supporting *Save the Children* - pay £1 and wear your favourite funky festive jumper. This is a lovely way to remind ourselves just how lucky we are and also think of others who have so much less. After that, we have 1 week left of this half term and we have decided that we can also wear Christmas jumpers every day next week if we want to. **It's only 15 sleeps until Santa!** A reminder that extra layers (a fleece; hat; gloves; furry boots) are also part of school uniform during the colder weather.

2020 Christmas Performances

This year Marazion School Christmas performances are different - we are hosting our annual Christmas productions for 2020 virtually. Both will be posted on Seesaw next week: **KS2 'Follow that Star'** on Thursday 17th December @ 6pm and **FS/KS1 Nativity 'Hey Ewe'** on Friday 18th December @ 2pm. Although we can't gather together to celebrate, it does mean that we are able to watch the performances in the comfort of our own homes without having to juggle existing work/life commitments. Attached to this newsletter is important safeguarding information - an online performance appendix to our Online Safety Policy. Below is a Parental Notification with details of how you can support us in keeping all children safe:

Marazion School Parental Notification - Online Christmas Performances 2020

This year we plan to share our 2020 Christmas performances online via Seesaw. You can support us in keeping all children SAFE by:

- Remembering images and video should **ONLY** be for our own family's personal use
- Thinking about who has the right to view/listen to the recordings; not only of your own child, but of others as well
- Making sure that you have the permission of other child's/children's parents if you are sharing any images/recordings of other children
- Considering whether or not to share imagery online. If you choose to do so then you must make sure that this is limited to immediate family **ONLY** and is **NOT** made publicly available.

All this information is also available on the school website.

Marazion Family Treasure Hunt Wednesday 2nd - Wednesday 16th December

A reminder that Treasure hunt maps and clues are available NOW. You can order and collect them from class teachers until NEXT Wednesday 16th December. The cost is £1. All correct entries will be put into a draw to win a chocolate treat. All completed clues must be given in to school by **Thursday 17th December**. Proceeds raised will go to Marazion School.

Marazion Zoom Christmas Family Quiz (MZCFQ) - NEXT Thursday 17th December @ 5.30pm

Thank you to all of you who have already sent in your email address and £5 cash 😊 MZCFQ will now take place on Thursday 17th December @ 5.30pm (note the change of time) - this is a brilliant way for us to get together at the end of a very difficult year. We have a few different quizmasters who have prepared a round (including Christmas themes of course). Please join us - remember that this quiz is for the local community so please let your family, friends and neighbours know that they can join us for an evening of festive fun too!

Other Marazion Christmas Events

Christmassy Christmas-ness: As we are unable to go to the pantomime or have groups performing in school, we are having 2 virtual performances in school instead: A performance of *The Mousehole Cat* by Antonia Barber and *Christmas with Dickens* performed by the Globe Players. **Virtual Christingle:** Hope, Faith and Empowerment have taken part in a 'live' online Christingle Event focusing on the environment, led by Canon Nigel, this afternoon. Courage and Love are taking part next week as the service is recorded and available online from this Friday 11th December. Thank you to St Mary's C of E School and Penlee Cluster who have provided Christingle bags for us for FREE - a gift to our community at this challenging time. **Christmas Lunch:** There are Class Bubble Party Bags for Christmas Lunch NEXT Wednesday 16th December. Children are eating in their Class Bubbles as usual.

Marazion School Christmas Cards 2020

This year Marazion School Christmas cards are once again designed by our children. Congratulations to **Hugh; Daisy T; Isla-Rose; Kai and Cameron**. Their designs are attached to this newsletter.

In School

Christmas around the fire: Love are cooking around the fire on Tuesday 15th December. Please can you send your child into school wearing warm, layered clothing with a waterproof coat. Thanks. **One to One Sessions:** Please note that ALL One to One Sessions ARE running for the last week of term. **Class Bubble Clubs (BCs):** Please note that Class BCs restart from Monday 11th January. **Funky Fridays (FFs):** Our autumn 2 Funky Friday sessions have a CHRISTMAS theme. This week the focus is on baking sweet treats for Christmas. The learning will be posted tomorrow afternoon by Mr Mitten in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw.

Doing December Differently

This year, Together for Families and Partners are inviting you to do December differently by downloading their FREE activity booklet. Packed full of ideas for craft projects, tips and recipes, it'll keep you busy over the last month of 2020. More information is available at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/doing-december-differently/>
The booklet is also attached electronically to this newsletter.

Social Prescribing (SP)

Attached electronically to this newsletter is information about SP - a local initiative to provide support for local people. This links to our focus on 'giving something back' to our local community. We are pledging to look out for vulnerable and lonely people in our community this winter.



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Autumn 2020 Class Outcomes

A reminder about autumn Class Outcomes: Love are creating Christmassy loveliness during Woodland School; Hope have designed and created a plastic free shopping bag themselves - these have already been sent home; Love and Hope are also performing the nativity; Faith celebrated this week with a wonderful walk following the Cober river from source to sea; Courage are celebrating next Thursday 17th December - watching the actual moon landing and speaking to a special guest visitor (via Skype) who is in charge of communications between the Moon and NASA; Empowerment celebrated on Monday, changing a blank t-shirt into a work of art using their favourite quote/precept linked to their work on 'What is Freedom?' The Lovely Art Ladies, Emma and Lesley, are also creating a mural based on these designs for the wall outside of the school hall.

Lockdown Memories

A reminder about *In Union*, a new creative project for the community from *Union Chapel*. Would you like to share your experiences of 2020? Share your experiences of the last year, hear and read others, and be part of a wider community highlighting communal stories of the year that was 2020 - reflecting how we changed, what was hard, what we learnt, and what needs to change for the future. More information is available at community@unionchapel.org.uk

Say Thank you to Someone Somehow

Lots of us said THANK YOU to lots of different people during lockdown, including taking part in the NHS Clap for Carers. We want to keep doing this, so every week one class will choose who they want to say thank you to. This week **Empowerment** want to say thank you to all the fire crews who bravely attended and successfully controlled the fire in St Ives. We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

PE and School Sport

Swimming sessions: Swimming sessions will not start this term - we hope to be back at the pool early in the new year. **Fixtures and Events:** In December, we are taking part in Penwith PE's *Activity Advent Calendar* - 60 second bursts of festive exercise each day - as well as taking inspiration from Cornwall Outdoors *Advent-ure Project*. Tomorrow every class will take part in a *Penwith Santa Challenge*. Santa related activities include a Santa Run; a Santa Boot Camp and Santa Races. **Gym sessions:** Empowerment have gym sessions at Penzance Gym on Wednesdays during next half term, starting from Wednesday 6th January. **Intra Sports Days:** The last Intra Sports Day is for Hope NEXT Monday 14th December. Children are outdoors for most of the day so please can they wear warm PE clothes along with hat and gloves. Thanks. **Optional PE Homework:** For December PE homework, we are asking you to think about organising a Christmas Family Sports Event - it could be a winter walk; a festive boot camp or a sea swim.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Love: **Nathan** for being brilliant every day; Hope: **Lilly-May** for fantastic Christmas poetry writing; Faith: **Lola** for showing amazing resilience during Faith's Class Outcome; Courage: **Tallulah** for being simply AMAZING. Empowerment: **Elsie** for great resilience and a super positive attitude. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Orla** for giving 100% in all she does in PE; KS2: **Archie D** for his excellent skills in rugby. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Hugh** for brilliant singing in Funky Friday carols; KS2: **Darcy** for excellent effort recording Christmas songs.

Good Manners @ Lunch Time and Breakfast Club

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Breakfast Club/Lunchtime as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to: **Lamorna** (Breakfast Club) **Emily, Ollie B, Destiny, and Harrison**.



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Certificate Awards

Children are awarded merits for demonstrating a great attitude to their work, friends, adults and the environment. Children who have earned 20 merit certificates **Orla** and **Jack**. Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Josh, Khianna, Logan Ck, Poppy, Winnie, Rory, Frankie, Lugo, Daisy** and **Dayton**.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Alfie** who celebrated his birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 14th December 2020

Wednesday 2nd - Wednesday 16th December: Marazion Family Treasure Hunt

Thursday 17th December @ 5.30pm: Marazion Zoom Christmas Family Quiz

Friday 11th December: Dress Down Day - 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'

Monday 14th December: Hope Intra Sports Day

Tuesday 15th December: Love's Camp Fire Cooking

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December: Courage's Outcome; Zoom Christmas Family Quiz @ 5pm; 'Follow That Star' - KS2 performance posted on Seesaw @ 7pm

Friday 18th December: 'Hey Ewe' - KS1 performance posted on Seesaw @ 2pm

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January: Back to School