

Dear Families

It really feels that the Christmas season is kicking in. As I type this, children are looking resplendent in their Christmas jumpers, and Mrs Greenaway is loading oranges into car boots for the Christingle service! This will only be a brief note from myself as we're off to Church in a moment again!

I wish you all the best for a restful weekend. Given it is a Christmas shopping season, there's probably not much chance of that!



Upcoming Events

17th Dec : Last Full Day at School 20th Dec - 3rd Jan : Christmas Holidays

4th Jan: INSET Day 5th Jan: Return to School



Health & Wellbeing

The role of the parent and carer is to support children to find out who they are and what they like to do. With this comes greater independence and responsibility, with children learning that they can still ask for help. We have put together some activities to support healthy social and emotional development through creativity, art and play.

Please visit the Hillfort Newsletter online to see a list of creative activities that you can use with your child to support their emotional development at home. Play releases lots of feel good chemicals that help us feel calm, steady and connected. If possible, look to do these activities for as much as 20 minutes or more each day.























Christmas Performances

I want to say how proud we all are – from our Early Years children to Year 6, and everyone in between – I thought that our Hillfort children rose to the event in a wonderful way. One of the highlights of my time here at Hillfort was having a full church with children, adults and many Christingle candles. This was a couple of years ago now, and we can't wait to repeat this experience. In the meantime, I've been touched by seeing lovely comments on Facebook and by parents approaching me on the gate to tell me how much they enjoyed the virtual performances. Thank you!

























Next Week

Next week, our younger children are looking forward to a virtual pantomime being beamed in ("Oh no, they're no..."), whilst Key Stage 2 children will be heading to the public hall for a live performance of the C.S. Lewis classic story of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Whatever age our children are, we believe that they should be lost in the magic of stories and of storytelling! Who knows, perhaps Santa will be loading the stockings with books this year??!!!



School Staff

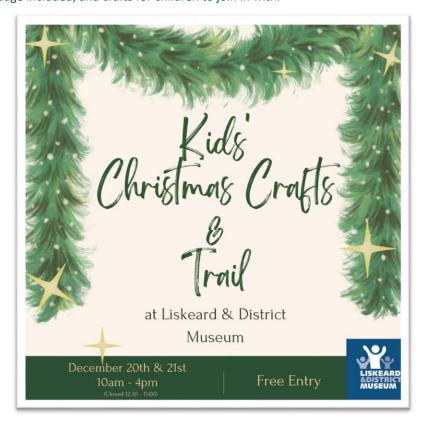
And finally, maybe just a word about all of the adults who work in our school. All term we've been running with significant absence due to amongst other things, covid, seasonal flu, and the multitude of bugs that can go round a primary school in winter. I have been so struck by how colleagues have pitched in and, in many cases, how they have returned from absence at the earliest possible opportunity. As we approach the final week of term, I feel it is really important that you are aware how dedicated our colleagues are to providing a great education for our Hillfort children. I am incredibly grateful to them!

Christmas Event at Liskeard & District Museum

Liskeard & District Museum are running another craft event and trail this month, but Christmas themed!

The event will be running on the 20th and 21st December, from 10am – 4pm (but closed between 12:30-1pm). There will be a trail and activity sheet with some Cornish language included, and crafts for children to join in with.

All are welcome and the event is free!





















Starting school

. 15 January

September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class.
Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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