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Heads Hello,

Next week, we will be producing a photo newsletter so this will be my last Head's Hello of the Autumn Term. This term has come with many challenges but the pupils and staff have risen to them. We have adapted to the new normal to ensure the children have been able to be happy, healthy and enjoy their learning. We appreciate the support that you have given to your children and the school and we are looking forward to 2021!

During the first 6 days of the Christmas break I will be available for parents to contact me on head@lostwithielsch.org or on the school mobile 07821645720 for track and trace purposes. Please see below for further information from the Department of Education about what to do if your child has a positive test over the holiday period.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. I will see you all on Monday the 4th of January.

Natalie Simmonds
Headteacher

My child has tested positive – what do I do?	Guidance
If they have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school <i>i.e. if the symptoms begin any time after 6pm on Saturday 19th December</i>	DO NOT contact school. You must follow <u>contact tracing</u> instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
If they have tested positive for coronavirus within the first 6 days of the holiday (until 23 rd December), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school <i>i.e. if the symptoms began between school closing on Thursday 17th and Saturday 19th December and the test was taken anytime up until 23rd December</i>	CONTACT the school using the out of hours email: head@lostwithielsch.org Write 'Positive Covid test' as the subject and include the child's name, class and a contact number for parent/carer. This email account <u>will be checked daily</u> at 10am until 23 rd December.
If they have been required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term (<i>i.e. after 23rd December 2020</i>) and so will not be in school on Monday 4 th January 2021	Phone/email the school on Monday 4 th January to inform us of their absence
What if there is a positive case confirmed within 6 days in my child's class/bubble?	
If we need to notify you of a positive case within your child's bubble during the holidays, we will send a text message and email informing you of the positive case. This message will contain information from Public Health England (PHE) and if you have any questions regarding the details in the message, you need to contact our Regional Health Team for more information.	

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THIS WEEK'S STAR LEARNERS



- APPLE George and Harrison for trying hard with their name writing
- CHERRY Ellie and Luna for excellent progress in their maths
- OAK The whole class for being brilliant in the nativity
- BEECH Ruby Mae and Brody for a fantastic attitude with their tests this week
- MAPLE Daniella for excellent improvement in her maths and Louie for such a positive attitude to learning
- CONKERS Noah for such positivity throughout assessments and Charlie C for showing kindness & support to others

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term will now be Thursday 17th December. This will be a normal school day, breakfast club and after school club will take place as usual. Pick up times for bubbles will be as normal. Friday 18th December will now be an inset day and school will be closed to pupils on that day. Please note the original inset day on Friday 12th February 2021 will now be a normal school day. The inset week beginning the 7th June 2021 will remain unaffected by these changes. We have updated our school calendar to show the change of inset day.

AMENDMENT TO ATTENDANCE POLICY

Our school attendance policy has been updated and attendance letters have been sent home this week with your child. This letter will also be sent via email and dojo early next week to ensure that all our parents/carers have received it. We will be issuing these attendance letters on an annual basis. The updated attendance policy will be on our school website before the end of term.

ABSENCE DURING COVID 19

Following the absence procedure letters sent out via your child this week, we wanted to clarify that any absence related to self-isolation or Covid 19 is not counted or calculated in your child's attendance figures. Please be reassured the attendance letters sent out to all parents/carers were as a guide to procedures and were not referring to a Covid related absence.

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Christmas Lunch and School Lunch menu for Spring Term 2021

If you have booked a Christmas lunch for your child this Tuesday 15th December and they do not receive a Free School Meal please check Parent Pay to ensure there is sufficient money to cover the cost of £2.32 for their meal. A copy of the two week menu with dates for week one and week two for the Spring Term has been sent via dojo to parents/carers this week. The menu choices remain unchanged. If you have an existing order for lunch for your child this will be carried forward to the new term, starting with week two for the first week back; week commencing Monday 4th January 2021. If you would like to make a new order or amend an existing order please contact the School Office by dojo or email, giving at least 48 hours notice. It is a CELT policy that all school meals are paid for in advance. We kindly ask that your child's Parent Pay account is in credit with sufficient funds in advance of them having lunch for any day. The cost for a lunch remains at £2.32.

NEWS FROM THE LSA IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

Who would like to win one of our amazing Kevin the Carrot prizes, donated by Aldi in Bodmin? Only £1 a number :

1st prize—Giant Kevin

2nd prize—Kevin and his family

3rd prize—Pilot Kevin and his turkey

If you would like a number in our draw please either donate via Paypal to sbevington84@gmail.com (sent as a gift with a note letting me know names for the numbers) You can buy as many or as little chances as you like. The draw will take place by the manager of Aldi Bodmin on Thursday 17th December and prizes arranged for collection or delivery.

All this information is on the LSA Facebook page :

Lostwithiel School Association 2021



YEAR 3 GO TO THE STONE AGE

Mrs Kriskovic and Year 3 dressed up as Stone Age citizens this week as part of their class topic. There were some amazing costumes!



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This
December



WHEAL MARTYN
CLAY WORKS

Festive events at Wheal Martyn



Join us throughout December for some festive family activities in the woodlands! Booking essential.



- **Reindeer Hunt: 3 - 23 December**
Find all the reindeer hiding in the woods!
- **Elves and Rein-dog Weekend**
12 - 13 December - Dress up your children and dogs in festive gear!

Charity No. 1001838 St Austell PL26 8XG

www.wheal-martyn.com

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The normal menu choice will be replaced on Tuesday 15 December with the Christmas lunch menu.

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK ONE (2nd Nov, 16th Nov, 30th Nov, 14th Dec)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Hot Dog Or Veggie Hot Dog	Cheese Or Tuna Sandwich	Southern Baked Chicken Or Quorn Nugget Wrap	Steak Pasty Or Cheese and Onion Pasty	Fish Fingers and Chips
SIDE DISH	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Peas
DESSERT	Banana Oat Bite	Chocolate Brownie	Fruity Flapjack	Frube Yoghurt	Shortbread

WEEK TWO (9th Nov, 23rd Nov, 7th Dec)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Beef Burger Or Quorn Burger	Tuna Or Cheese Wrap	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll	Fish Fingers and Chips
SIDE DISH	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Peas
DESSERT	Fruity Flapjack	Strawberry Sponge	Chocolate & Apricot Brownie	Iced Sponge	Oatie Cookie

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU SPRING TERM 2021

WEEK ONE 11th Jan, 25th Jan, 8th Feb

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Hot Dog Or Veggie Hot Dog	Cheese Or Tuna Sandwich	Southern Baked Chicken Or Quorn Nugget Wrap	Steak Pasty Or Cheese and Onion Pasty	Fish Fingers and Chips
SIDE DISH	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Peas
DESSERT	Banana Oat Bite	Chocolate Brownie	Fruity Flapjack	Frube Yoghurt	Shortbread

WEEK TWO 4th Jan, 18th Jan, 1st Feb

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Beef Burger Or Quorn Burger	Tuna Or Cheese Wrap	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll	Fish Fingers and Chips
SIDE DISH	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Crudités & Fresh Fruit	Peas
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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

8th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Lostwithiel School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances. However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's request form and must be completed by all adults with parental responsibility.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold set by Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT). For all CELT schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Lostwithiel School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Simmonds
Headteacher

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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020/2021

SEPTEMBER 2020							OCTOBER 2020							NOVEMBER 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	1	22	29		Tues		6	13	20	27		Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	1	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	1	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29	
DECEMBER 2020							JANUARY 2021							FEBRUARY 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tues	1	8	15	22	29		Tues		5	12	19	26		Tues	2	9	16	3		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31		Thurs		7	14	21	28		Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun	7	14	21	28		
MARCH 2021							APRIL 2021							MAY 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues	2	9	16	23	30		Tues		6	13	20	27		Tues		4	11	1	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		5	12	1	26	
Thurs	4	11	1	25			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		7	14	21	2	
Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	3	10	17	24			Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
JUNE 2021							JULY 2021							AUGUST 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29		Tues		6	13	20	27		Tues		3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	1	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	4	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

BANK HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day	25th December 2020
Boxing Day	26th December 2020
Bank holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28th December 2020
New Years Day	1st January 2021
Good Friday	2nd April 2021
Easter Monday	5th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	3rd May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31st May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30th August 2021

AUTUMN HALF TERM

26th to 30th October 2020

SPRING HALF TERM

15th to 19th February 2021

SUMMER HALF TERM

31st May to 4th June 2021

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)

1 day: Wednesday 2nd September 2020
1 day: Friday 18th December 2020
5 days: Monday 7th to Friday 11th June 2021

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