

St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Families

There is certainly a feel of Christmas about the School!

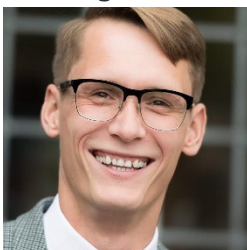


Every class has been busy designing recycled decorations, which are on display throughout the village. We hope you enjoy them! Please see the information attached about the Christmas Lights competition - if you are interested. Christmas plans are afoot down in the woods... More to follow at the end of the week...



As you are aware, Mr Hayes will be leaving us at the end of this term. On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to thank Mr Hayes for his contributions to our school and we all wish him well in his future endeavours.

Mr Hughes, our new Year 3 teacher, has been 'zooming' in to read the class a story and is beginning to get to know everyone ahead of January. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Hughes to our School.



Hello. My name is Mr Hughes. I am very excited to be joining the wonderful team at St Day and Carharrack as Class Topaz teacher. I love outdoor learning and growing unusual plants. My latest attempt is a banana tree! I will let you know if I have any success. I am really looking forward to meeting all the children and becoming part of the school and wider community. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you in the New Year.

VIRTUE: DETERMINATION

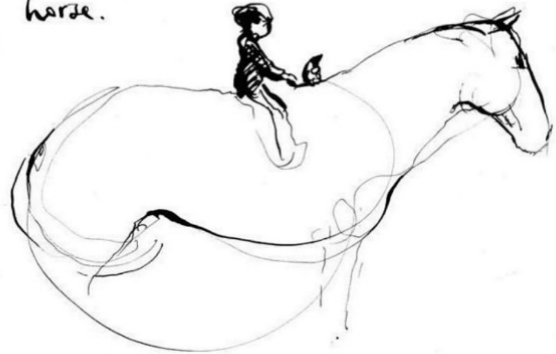
We are using the virtue of 'determination' to help us to be successful with our learning. Many children are consolidating their topic learning by publishing their very own books. We hope to share these outcomes with you very soon.

Virtue: DETERMINATION

I will use my will power to do something when it isn't easy. I will focus my efforts on completing a task. I will stay focused and ask for help when I need it. With determination, I can achieve and make my dreams come true.



"We have a long way to go" sighed the boy.
"Yes but look how far we have come" said the horse.



DATES, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

KEEPING WARM: Please encourage your children to wear additional warm layers under their school uniform. A hat and warm fleece/coat can be worn in school, as it can get chilly with the windows open!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

- 7th -11th December - **Santa Fun Runs** throughout the week!
- 11th December - National Christmas **Jumper Day** – or a comfortable, favourite jumper.
- 16th December - **Christmas Dinner** and Christmas/Comfy Jumper Day.
- 17th December - **Aladdin Christmas Pantomime and Popcorn on the big screen** in classrooms.
- 14th - 18th December – This year staff are collecting donations for 'Man Down' – a local charity supporting men's mental health. If you would like to donate, please let the office know.

Christmas Jumper Day will take place alongside Christmas Dinner Day this year on Wednesday 16 December. If children would also like to wear their favourite jumper on December 11th, we will support this.

We are asking for voluntary donations in aid of Save the Children on the day, which will be collected in a Covid-secure way. The recommended donation is £1.00.

We are looking forward to seeing students dressed in their festive jumpers!

- **18th December – Last day (same staggered end times)**
- **5th January – Tuesday – Return to School** – Until further notice, the same risk assessment remains in place with staggered times and Friday early closing. This will be reviewed in the middle of January once there is a clear local picture.
- **SAVE THE DATE: January 28th 2021 at 5.30pm - FRIENDS OF ST DAY AND CARHARRACK AGM**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our special celebration assembly online, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals and virtues.



With best wishes, Susannah Storey, Headteacher

ST DAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

St Day Christmas Lights Committee and the Day-Light Group are organising a **Christmas Lights** competition this year and we hope you will want to take part.

- Your display should be based on the 12 Days of Christmas **but you don't have to choose more than one day! Eg your display could just focus on a partridge in a pear tree**
- Displays will need to be in place by 12pm on Sunday 20th December, ready for judging that evening.
- Cash prizes of £25 (1st), £15 (2nd) & £10 (3rd) will be awarded for the 3 best displays.
- We will be looking especially for displays which incorporate home-made decorations (recycled where possible) rather than bought decorations.
- Displays must be visible from the street but should not cause an obstruction on the pavement.
- A window or front garden is ideal. Please ensure any outdoor displays are secure and weatherproof.
- Judges will be looking for displays that are:
 - Bold
 - Family friendly
 - Home-made/recycled
 - Show a creative interpretation of the theme
 - Make good use of light
 - Make good use of the available space
- Entries will be accepted from any property in St Day and displays will be numbered to create a trail around the village. You will be able to collect a trail guide from local shops so it would be ideal if the decorations were lit (if applicable) from 20th Dec until the 2nd Jan.
- This is a 'just for fun' competition to brighten up St Day this Christmas as we are unable to decorate as usual. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into!
- The judging panel will be made up from members of the Christmas Lights Group and the Day-Light Group.

NB Please tick the box if you prefer us not to photograph your display for use on social media

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NB Please tick the box if you would prefer not to be listed as part of the Christmas Lights trail

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If you want to take part – and we hope you will – please fill in your details below and return this slip to the Post Office by 5pm on Friday 18th December.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SIGNATURE: