



Diary Dates

December

- 14 & 15 Christmas crafts & lessons
- 16 Christmas Lunch
- 17 Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 **Last day of term, 1.30 finish.**

January

- 4 Inset day
- 5 **First day of Spring Term 1**

ATTENDANCE

Puffin	Lapwing	Kittiwake	Oystercatcher	Cormorant	Curlew	School average
97.7%	98.8%	100%	97.3%	92.3%	93.5%	96%



If you are booking a holiday, please make sure that it coincides with school breaks.

Snowflake the Attendance Owl is awarded to
Kittiwake class
who have achieved full attendance this week!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

The children all enjoyed decorating the tree with their home-made decorations this week. They will bring them home at the end of term.

A few reminders about Christmas events:

Christmas Pantomime—all classes will be watching the Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime online during the last week of term. We'd be very grateful if you could pay the contribution of £1 per child on ParentPay before the deadline of 10th December. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Christmas Lunch—will be enjoyed on Wednesday 16th December. A reminder that we are assuming that ALL children will eat Christmas dinner that day, so you need to let us know by Monday next week if your child will be bringing a packed lunch instead that day. Christmas Lunch will be charged on ParentPay as usual.

Christmas Jumper Day—is on Thursday 17th December. If you would like to donate £1 towards the Save the Children charity that is available on ParentPay now, but there is no obligation to. Jumpers can be old / recycled / home-decorated, no need to buy new.

Christmas cards—a reminder that the Christmas card postal system around school is running as usual this year and children can post cards into the Post Box by the hall up until Monday 14th December to be distributed to all of the classes at the end of the week. Remember to add class names to the envelopes!



Christmas Performances

The children are all busy practising for their class Christmas performances this year!

Puffin, Lapwing and Kittiwake classes are performing a Nativity. This will be recorded by Mrs Bruce and will be available to watch later in the term on both the Tapestry & SeeSaw platforms. We shall let you know when it is available and, in the meantime, please ensure you can log into the platform relevant to your child's class.

The **KS2 classes** will also be performing Christmas pieces such as songs and poetry. This will be filmed as well and available to watch via the Oystercatcher, Cormorant and Curlew class Google Classrooms. Again, we shall let you know when they are available to view and, over the next few days, we suggest you check that you can log into your child's Google Classroom account and email hello@padstowschool.org if you have any problems so that we can help. A reminder that you access Google Classroom via Wonde:

[Wonde](#)

Type in 'Padstow School' and then on the next page click on 'Login with Google' and then enter your child's 'iaspire.org.uk' email address and password (these were emailed to you on 13th May 2020) to log in to Wonde. Once logged in, the front page displays icons for Google Classroom and other online learning sites.

Welcome back Miss Mainwaring!

We are very excited to welcome Miss Mainwaring back to the teaching staff after her maternity leave. She will be here on Thursdays and Fridays in Lapwing class, working alongside Mrs Thomson for the remainder of this term getting to know the class and the children. From January onwards, Mrs Thomson will teach Lapwing class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Miss Mainwaring will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. It is a joy to have Miss Mainwaring back!

Thank you to the PTFA

This week we are again saying thank-you to the PTFA (and the parents and local community who support their fundraising efforts) for their donation of **£500** to purchase non-fiction books for the Library. The books cover a range of topics and ages, from basic maths shapes to computer coding and gardening to a set of colourful encyclopaedias. These will help to ignite a passion for non-fiction reading in our children!



Cornwall Christmas Boxes

A reminder that the deadline for donations of Cornwall Christmas boxes to be handed into Trevisker Garden Centre (or other local drop-off points) is **Friday 11th December** if you are keen to support this local appeal. The staff at Padstow School have brought in donations and filled 2 boxes that will be dropped off today.



Padstow School Golden Rules:

Show respect & good manners at all times
Follow instructions with thought & care
Care for everyone & everything

Padstow Golden Rule certificate winners for this week are:

Puffins: **Freddie**, for showing respect & good manners

Lapwings: **Kitty**, for following instructions with thought & care

Kittiwakes: **Sammy**, for following instructions with thought & care

Oystercatchers: **Jago**, for showing respect & good manners

Cormorants: **Ella**, for showing respect & good manners

Curlews: **Alfie**, for caring for everyone & everything

Padstow School Values:

Aspiration, Spirit, Passion, Integrity, Resilience & Excellence

Padstow School Value certificate winners for this week are:

Puffins: **Charlie**, for Passion

Lapwings: **Micah**, for Excellence

Kittiwakes: **Imogen**, for Resilience

Oystercatchers: **Charlie Mu**, for Excellence

Cormorants: **Oliver**, for Excellence &
Freya, for Resilience

Curlews: **Ethan**, for Integrity

Mrs Whitford's Certificates

This week Mrs Whitford is presenting certificates to the following pupils:

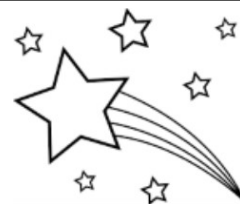
Ben, Lapwing class, for excellent poetry writing

Tommy, Puffin class, for excellent problem-solving skills

Sophie, Curlew class, for Resilience

Lola, Cormorant class, for showing care & respect for everyone and everything

John, Lapwing class, for perseverance and hard work in improving hand-writing



Lapwing Reading Challenge

Lapwing class are currently 'reading' their way from Padstow to Buckingham Palace, at a rate of 100 metres per word. They are plotting their progress on a map and looking at their destinations as they go. Earlier in the week they arrived at Stonehenge, and as at this morning they have read their way to Basingstoke! (257 miles away) - they will be continuing this focus on reading next week. Well done Lapwing class, amazing reading!



After-school Clubs

Unfortunately, the advice for January still remains that we are unable to run any after-school clubs. With regards to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are unlikely to be in a better position in January than we are now, and so we must maintain our focus on teaching within the school day and not take any additional risks. We are hopeful of another smooth term of learning in January and we shall assess again after the February Half-term holiday. We have been notified of a series of local football courses run by 'Pro 20 Sports Academy' (an ex-PAFC youth coach) over the Christmas holidays—see poster attached to this email if you are interested in the details.