



# NEWSLETTER

## 10th December 2020

Dear Parents

We seem to have come to the end of term very quickly. I would like to thank all our families, the staff and all our children for their support and encouragement as we continue to cope with the Coronavirus pandemic. I have been delighted with the progress that the children have made this term and am confident that they will continue to improve through the school year. Thank you also for making me feel so welcome at the school.

I'm sorry that we had to delay the opening of the school on Tuesday at such short notice. It was not a decision that I took lightly, especially knowing that some children were already on their way to school. However, the ice was so bad that many staff were unable to get to school at their usual time and so the only safe solution was to open at 10.00am. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and for also sharing the information with others.

We are sad that Mrs Harrison has been unable to be in school recently. We send her our best wishes and hope to see her back with us soon.

Finally may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Marc Wheeler  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES .....to cut out and keep!

<b>December</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup>	Online Nativity and Carol Concert
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mini Fayre & Toy sale for children only
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School
<b>January</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to pupils

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Our Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. This year, we are assuming that the majority of children will have Christmas dinner and so there is no need to pre-order. Allergies and dietary requirements will be met if required.

The usual price of £2.50 will apply.

All Dinner Money should be sent to the office in an envelope, clearly marked with each child's name on it. Please do not send loose cash if possible. Cheques should be payable to Trekener School

### Christmas Lunch

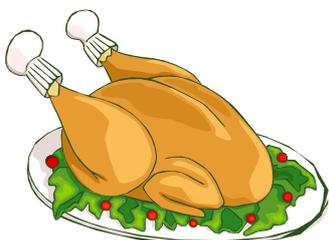
Fresh Roast Turkey with Cocktail Sausages or Quorn Roast

Sage & Onion Stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Carrots, Peas & Sprouts

Shortbread Biscuit & fruit



## Christmas at Trekenner

Our Christmas preparations are progressing well. We appreciate that this year will be different in our approach but we are keen to celebrate as best we can.

We are starting with Christmas Jumper day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Instead of a monetary donation, please could the children bring a small donation of sweets, chocolate or individual sealed cake which can be sold at the Mini Fayre on Thursday. Thank you

We intend to hold a Squirrels Nativity plus a Badgers & Owls puppet show and carol concert. Both of these will be made available to parents online. We are also happy for children to write Christmas Cards. To ensure that we are observing safety measures, cards will be kept in the Post Box all week and over the weekend. They will then be distributed on Mondays before new cards are added. Cards should be posted before end of school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December for distribution next Monday.

We will be having a Mini Christmas Fayre on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, which will include a toy stall. We would love to receive donations of toys that your children no longer need. Can we please ask that all donations are sprayed/ cleaned before they are brought into school and are brought in a plastic bag. As an additional measure, we will also isolate them for 72 hours. In order for us to be able to do this, we would need any donations by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Although we are always appreciative of any donations we receive, can we please request that any donations have all of the parts and are in good working order. Unfortunately, we will not be able to let parents join us as we normally do, but please send some pennies in with your child for them to purchase a few items.

As part of the Mini Fayre, we are also hoping to have a cake stall. However, all cakes donated must be purchases, sealed and within sell by date. Very sadly this year we are unable to accept any homemade cakes as we have to adhere to cross contamination rules.

We are also grateful to FOTS who will be distributing presents to the children, again observing quarantine rules. Unfortunately this year the school will not be able to receive our usual visit from Father Christmas.



## Starting School in September 2021

Do you have a child who was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2016** and **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**? If so, you must apply for a school place for that child by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

All applications must be made online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Please pass this message on to any friends or neighbours who do not have an older child at the school.

## Friends of Trekenner School

Thank you to everyone who saved clothing for our recent Bag 2 School collection. We were donated a huge amount which resulted in us receiving a payment of £213.00 from the company. This is most certainly the highest amount we have ever earned. Thank you to everyone who helped support the school in this way.

Even though we are in strange times, we would like to maintain our tradition of having a hamper raffle, which we hope to complete online. Please could you give any donations to Kelly or Helen. The boards are available at the school gate for parents to purchase numbers. Thank you. The draw will be made live on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We were delighted to receive a Jo Downes glass bowl before lockdown, which we started to raffle. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances, we could not complete the draw. However, there are still numbers available should anyone like the chance to win it. Helen Coombe will be able to show parents a picture of the glasswork and sell raffle tickets for £1. This is a beautiful item which would be well worth winning.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our school lottery. This is helping to raise essential funds for our Revitalize Trekenner School project which will help us to transform our learning environment investing in new furniture, giving the interior of the school a much needed face lift and purchasing new resources to enrich our children's learning. We have currently sold 65 tickets. There is a guaranteed prize of £18 per week for one lucky member of our community, a chance to win a jackpot of £25,000, plus a range of other prizes such as a Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle. It is not too late to sign up for this lottery.

Just visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/trekenner-primary-school> and follow the instructions. The more players we get, the larger our prizes will become!

We have established an online auction from our Friends of Trekenner School Facebook page – please have a look <https://www.facebook.com/groups/380684456536624/?ref=share> in case there is anything of interest.

Don't forget with Christmas approaching that we have joined **easyfundraising.org.uk**. This is a simple way for us to earn money for very little effort. Please try to remember to use this site for **all** your internet purchases. Please tell your friends and family. Search for Friends of Trekenner School with our postcode **PL15 9PH**.

Finally FOTS would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support in this challenging year.

**Next Newsletter during week commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**VOUCHERS / TOKENS / PRINTER CARTRIDGES:**

Your help with these collections will be very much appreciated.....

<b>Store / Product</b>	<b>What we Get</b>	<b>Scheme Ends</b>
<b>Printer Cartridges</b>	A new scheme run by The Recycling Factory is now operating. However, only small inkjet cartridges can be recycled mainly Hewlett Packard, Epson, Dell Kodak, Samsung and Canon	Open ended

**Equality** To keep up with the constant changes in current legislation, we are asked to measure the impact of our equality schemes. If you would like to be involved in this process, please contact me. If you feel that you or your children are ever treated unfairly in any way, please make sure that I know about it. I would also like to remind you that if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time, appointments can be made with the teachers at the office.

**Safeguarding** If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or young person, there is a new telephone number at Cornwall Council – 03001231116. All calls will be handled by a professional social worker who will listen to the concerns and decide what action needs to be taken. Alternatively, please speak to Mr Wheeler who is our designated Safeguarding Officer.

***If you have any comments concerning the school, please enter them in the box below and return it to Mr Wheeler. Thank you.***

***Should you wish to contact the school the telephone number is 01579 370435 or email [secretary@trekenner.net](mailto:secretary@trekenner.net)***

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All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor Cornwall Council will accept any liability arising out of those events.