

# LADOCK CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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## A Note from Mr Stoyles

The days are now getting chillier and shorter - the countdown to Christmas is well underway. The children have been busy this week rehearsing for their Christmas performances which we look forward to sharing with you via video this coming Wednesday. Please see the following page for more information around upcoming Christmas activities in school.

You may have noticed in the news that schools have been given a choice around using an INSET day to enable an earlier end to this term, we have not chosen to do this and school will remain open as normal on Friday 18th December.

We still have lots of tinned food and long life products that were donated from our recent non-uniform day. These are all located in our 'Ladock School Pantry.' Please feel free to visit the pantry located in the small building to the right hand side of the Cuby drop off exterior gate. Alternatively, feel free to email or send a message through Class Dojo where we will be able to arrange a home delivery for you early next week.

Other updates include the news that Key Stage One assessments will be removed this year but Key Stage Two assessments will go ahead with a more flexible approach by extending the timetable by a week.

I hope that everyone has a good weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

## Ladock School **Vision** & Values

**Loving, learning, achieving together**

Forgiveness, Trust, Compassion, Perseverance, Respect & Truth.



# **Christmas Dates**

## **Thursday 10th December**

Children in Ladoca should bring in a Christmas jumper

## **Friday 11th December**

Raffle numbers sent to parents (2)

Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

(clothes suitable for PE for all classes - donation not required)

## **Monday 14th December**

Raffle numbers sent to parents (3)

Children in Ladoca should bring in a Christmas jumper

## **Tuesday 15th December**

Christmas Raffle draw (shared via ClassDojo)

Last day to bring in Christmas cards for full quarantine period

## **Wednesday 16th December**

Christmas Lunch

Christmas plays sent via email

Film Afternoon (popcorn provided by PTFA)

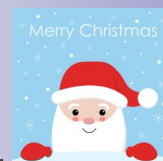
## **Friday 18th December**

School open as normal (taking into account press release info)

Class parties (children do not need to bring in a food donation  
but should wear party clothes to school)

## Christmas Cards

Children can bring Christmas cards into school this year for children/ adults within their class bubbles from 1st December. They will be quarantined for 72 hours before being handed out to the children. If your child wishes to bring in Christmas cards they should do so no later than the 15th December.



## Reindeer Food



Back by popular demand, reindeer food is available to purchase via Parent Pay at £1.00 per bag.

### 2020/21 term dates & Inset Days

End of Autumn term—Christmas break—18th Dec

Start of Spring term 1—4 Jan 2021

End of Spring term 1—12 Feb 2021

Start of Spring term 2—22 Feb 2021

End of Spring term 2—Easter Break—Weds 31 Mar 2021

Start of Summer term 1—19 Apr 2021

Bank Holiday—Mon 3 May

End of Summer term 1—28 May 2021

Start of Summer term 2—7 June 2021

Inset day—Fri 11 June 2021

End of Summer term—23rd July 2021

### Weekly Attendance for week ending 11th December 2020 - 98.36%

St Cuby 100% St Keyne 98.95%

St Ladoca 96.43% St Blaise 98.06%

The Government advises that attendance should not fall below 96%



# PTFA Virtual Christmas Raffle

Ticket Purchase Video Guide— [Click Here](#)

ParentPay Link - [Click Here](#)

It's officially December which means our Christmas Raffle is now LIVE! Tickets are £1 each and are available via ParentPay.

We are delighted to confirm we have lots of fantastic prizes this year:

**1st Prize - £50 voucher for The Falmouth Arms, Ladock**

**2nd Prize - 3 course Sunday Lunch/Brunch with wine at the Scarlett Hotel, Newquay**

**3rd Prize - Family Pass for the Eden Project**

**Other Prizes include: 4 tickets to Lappa Valley Steam Railway, St Newlyn East**

**£30 voucher for Chorley's Restaurant, Truro**

**Afternoon Tea for 2 at The Penventon Hotel, Redruth**

**2 x 30 minute, one-to-one swimming lesson at Fitness 4 U, St Columb Major**

**Family Swim Pass (4 people) at St Michael's Hotel, Falmouth**

**Art workshop for a parent and a friend in the winners home**

**£25 voucher for The Great Escape, Beauty Salon—Truro**

**2 x Aquafit sessions at Fitness 4 U, St Columb Major**

**Tour of Skinners Brewery, Truro, for 2 people**

**£20 Marks and Spencer's Voucher**

**2 x tickets for Newquay Zoo**

**2 Large Dominoes Pizza's**

**2 Starbucks Travel Mugs**

**M&S Flornetyna Body Lotion and Perfume**

**Soap and Glory Gift Set**

**Bottle of Processco**

**All Butter Scottish Shortbread Tin**

**Favorina Gingerbread House Kit**

**McVities Biscuits**

We would like to thank everyone who has donated a prize, see page 4 for some of these. The draw will take place in two-weeks time on Tuesday 15th December so get buying those tickets for yourselves, the grandparents, the neighbours, and anyone else you know!



Thank you so much for the generosity of those who have donated a prize for this year's PTFA Christmas Raffle, both parents and companies.



Starbucks

Domino's



Ladock Post Office & Stores



the Great Escape



*The Hot Stone  
Massage is now  
back by popular  
demand!*

Please find below the support organisations available on the county website:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/results.page?adultchannel=5-1>

The following web-site is very helpful, you can put in your details and it tells you about any advice/support services in your area based on your circumstances.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

## Virtual After School Club

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the step to deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, starting on Thursday 12 November with world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. The After School Sport Club will then run for five weeks until December 18 and children and young people can take part live by visiting our YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. The YST hope that this will provide support, capacity and inspiration to sit alongside the other great work and offers that are available for schools and children and young people to engage in.

## PTFA

# Good News, School Tea Towels Still Available!

We still have a few School Tea Towels left, featuring each child's own portrait.

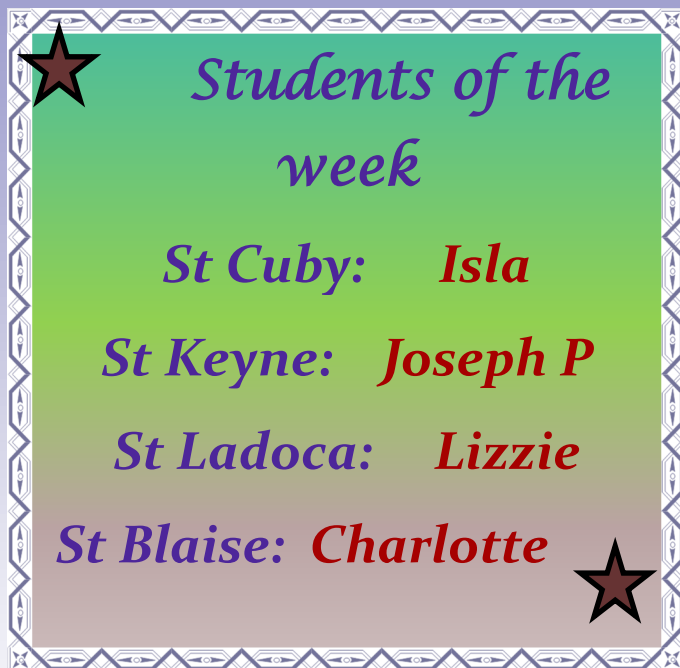
If you didn't manage to grab one of these at the Christmas Fair last year, you can purchase them now at a reduced price of £1.50.

These are a lovely keepsake and also a great little present for grandparents/family.

£1.50 each – To be paid via Parent Pay

All profits raised will go towards, funding something special for the Children.





## Parent Pay booking of lunches and wraparound clubs

As a reminder, please see the guidance for booking meals and wraparound sessions.

[Click here](#)

## TikTok Update Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature (SWGfL)

TikTok is recommended for children aged 13 and over, although there is a section of the app for children under 13 that includes additional safety and privacy features. Use of the new Family Pairing feature allows parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

- ♦ Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags or sounds.
- ♦ Screen time management—Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day.
- ♦ Discoverability—Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

To find out more information about Tik Tok's Family Pairing feature, go to

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-faily-pairing-feature/>



What parents & carers need to know about ...

# AMONG US

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Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

## Inappropriate chat



While Among Us can be enjoyed locally via wi-fi, it is commonly played online. Between rounds, players come together to discuss who they think the Imposter is with a text chat, and it's here where children will come into contact with others. There is a profanity filter on the game as standard, but it can very easily be disabled and (like any unmoderated chat groups) children can be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

## In-game purchases



Among Us is currently available on both PC (via the gaming service Steam) and mobile devices. On the PC, the game costs a flat amount of £3.99 and has some in-game purchases, whereas the mobile version is free to play but contains adverts and in-game purchases. You can pay to remove the ads or purchase in-game cosmetic items. While these amounts are relatively low, there's still the possibility that young ones could accidentally spend lots of money on the game without realising it, as the process is complete in a couple of taps if a card is connected to your store account.

## Risk of hacking



Among Us has been the target of hacking activity. Indeed, only recently the game's developer, InnerSloth, tweeted advice that users play private games or with people they trust, in response to hacking issues. As yet, there has been no breach in player accounts. However, if a big enough hack were to take place and player details were accessed, it could lead criminals to having access to credit card data and other personal credentials.

## Use of external apps



Many players use external apps like Discord to voice chat with each other while they're playing. The problem with this is that it is unregulated by the game. Usually on Discord, players will only talk to other people they know in private chats, but a stranger could add a child on an external app; pretending to be interested in playing Among Us with them, when in reality they could be attempting to bully, groom or extort.

## Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoony but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters must kill off Crewmates one by one and can do this in a number of different ways. Some younger children might find this uncomfortable and could get scared or become upset when an Imposter is chasing them, or if they are the Imposter and are forced to kill. An age rating of PEGI 7 should help guide you in deciding if the game is appropriate or not.



## Safety tips

### Play with your children

Playing with your kids is one of the best ways to understand the game, and what makes it so popular. Among Us is free on mobile and is incredibly easy to pick up and play. It's also a great way to bond with your young ones - unless of course you're the Imposter or vote them out of the spaceship! You can do this by picking 'Local' on the main menu then 'Create Game'.

### Use private lobbies

ENTER LOBBY



Among Us uses private lobbies to let players keep track of who they're gaming with. Using a uniquely generated code that can be given to friends prior to a game starting, it gives parents peace of mind knowing who their kids are playing with. To get a game code, simply select 'Host', choose the game settings, press 'Confirm', then send the six-digit code at the bottom of the screen to friends to invite them.

### Deactivate credit cards



Having your credit card automatically paired with any online accounts that can be accessed by children is asking for trouble. A solution could be setting them up with their own account with no credit card attached. They can still ask you when they want to make a purchase, but it's totally up to you as and when that transaction happens.

### Use an alias

By default, your name on Among Us will be set to whatever name your device recognises you as. If this is your child's real name, you'll want to ensure they change it before hopping into a game. This is really easily done by clicking 'Online' on the main menu, then simply typing in a new name at the top of the screen.



### Talk about the risks



It's a good idea to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when there are chat options and an ability to communicate with others. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child: talk about their experiences of the game and who they're playing with. This will help you to stay on top of how they're feeling and ensure they know they can come to you if ever they feel upset or uncomfortable about anything they've experienced.

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for five years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work - but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



Sources: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.innersloth.spacemafia>

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This  
December



WHEAL MARTYN  
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## 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](http://www.wheal-martyn.com)

## Celtic Cross Education Initial Teacher Training School Direct

### Open Information Sessions

**Have you thought about training to be a teacher?**

**Already have a degree or currently working on one and considering teaching for the future?**

**Want to stay local or within our Trust?**

Then why not find out more about the School Direct process for teacher training offered by CCE in conjunction with Plymouth Marjon University.

Join us on one of our Open Information Sessions and find out what the process entails and what CCE can offer.

The sessions are on:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 10.30 – 11.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email:

[ITT@celticcross.education](mailto:ITT@celticcross.education)

stating which session, you would like to join. We look forward to meeting you.

## Starting School—September 2021

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

**The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021**

Applications may be made via website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Post: School **Admissions Team**, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

If you need help with your application you can contact the Family Information **Service on 0800 587 8191.**

### 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 the website or contact us for more information.

# Parents 4 Parents Cornwall

**Are you a parent/carer of a child with additional needs or disabilities?**

**Do you attend meetings with schools, health services and organisations?**

**Do you lack confidence in attending these on your own and wish you had someone who could go with you?**

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall will accompany you to important meetings, empowering you to ask the questions about your child's needs whether at schools, health, care providers, short breaks, etc.

Parents are trained in

- Understanding and supporting your needs
- Developing Education, Health and Care Plans
- Signposting

They are part of the Parent Carer Council for Cornwall, an independent organisation that enables parent carer voices to be heard through parent participation.

You can access Parents 4 Parents Cornwall and book a trained parent to accompany you to a meeting by calling **07591 019548**

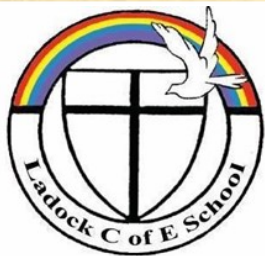
Please try to give at least 10 days notice of a meeting taking place where you require support. You must have all of the details of the meeting to hand.

You will receive a confirmation of who will be accompanying you and they will meet you at the location of your meeting.

*Please note trained parent supporters cannot take you to the meetings and you will need to organise your own transport.*

**To book support contact 07591 019548**  
**infoparentcarercornwall@gmail.com**





# After School Club



Craft

(biscuit decorating, marshmallow building)



Quizzes



Film &  
Popcorn Making



Arts & Crafts



Socialising

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## Benefits of after school clubs:

- Learn extra life skills
  - Be part of the wider school community
  - Improve socialising skills with a variety of ages
  - Improving well-being by having fun!
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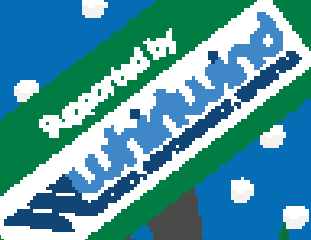
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