



Friday 27th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, many of our pupils were given the flu nasal vaccine. If you missed this, there are catch up clinics planned. Please phone 01872221105 to arrange an appointment if this is something you require.

As you know, the weather has been very wet and windy and, with that, the playground is muddy. Key Stage 1 children all have wellingtons in school, but Key Stage 2 children can bring them too. They can be left in school if you have a spare pair, so that they are readily available for playtimes or woodland fun!

Please don't forget to look on our class pages on the school website so that you can see your child's/children's knowledge organisers for every subject for each class. These will show you what your child is learning this half term and the associated vocabulary, key questions and knowledge.

With the announcement yesterday that Cornwall will remain in tier 1 of the Covid restrictions, please can I thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding with regards to following our school Covid procedures. In light of the increasing numbers of cases, we have had to take some further actions to reduce the risk of transmission even further. These have been updated on our Covid risk assessment, which can be found on the school website. With the optimism of a vaccination, it is vital that we adhere to this guidance and do not become complacent as we hope for a future whereby we can resume all of our usual additional activities. Please can I remind you of our flowchart which will guide you through what to do if your child is ill. This can be found in the Covid section of our website. Thank you.

You may have noticed that we no longer subscribe to the online platform 'Education City'. Instead, we have subscribed to a new maths online game called 'NumBots'. There is more information in a separate letter attached to this email. This will be launched by teachers prior to the end of term.



As we are fast approaching Christmas, we are keen to celebrate this as normally as possible. However, there are a few adjustments we need to make due to our current situation. Christmas dinner will be eaten in our Key Stage 1 and 2 bubbles, rather than the whole school together. Christmas parties will be held in each class and, rather than the whole school gathering together for a party tea, each child will have an individual box of treats, which will be eaten in their classes. Usually, we ask parents/carers to donate food items for this. However, this year, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per child so that we can purchase the food to make up the treat boxes. Please can we request this by Monday 7th December so we can go shopping! We are sadly unable to hold a Christmas Fete, which helps the school with much needed funds towards educational enhancements that are not funded by the government. With this in mind, we are



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requesting raffle donations to create a Christmas hamper of goodies, which will be raffled. We would be most grateful for any donations towards this by Monday 7th December; they can be brought to school with your child or to the front office through the window. We will also send home some raffle tickets with your children to sell and return to school by Monday 14th December, ready to be drawn on Wednesday 16th. We know that pupils love bringing in Christmas cards to their friends. This year, we are asking that all cards are posted in their class postbox between Monday 7th and Friday 11th December. These can then be quarantined over the weekend and distributed on Monday 14th December. We request that no cards are brought into school before or after these dates. Thank you.

This week in Towan class, we have been looking at different features that change as you grow older. We have looked at pictures of the staff members and compared them as babies to now. We have also been very enthusiastic when practising our Christmas songs ready to impress you.

This week in Summers Class as part of our science we have been learning about waterproof materials and have learnt that wax is waterproof. We have had fun creating wax resist pictures, although some worked better than others! Examples of these can be found on our class blog. We have also been busy learning our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas play.

This week in Porthcurnick, we have been performing and writing our own playscripts based on the novel 'Stig of the Dump'. We have also been finding out about the incredible Neolithic village Skara Brae, which lay hidden for over 2000 years.

Portholland have begun preparations for a writing competition this week set by The Rotary Club. The competition asks for children to produce a piece of writing about their happiest day. The class have also enjoyed learning new skills in their basketball and hockey lessons during PE this week.

In Porthluney Class, the children have been designing Ancient Greek sandals for a god, a Spartan, a queen, and many other people. Prototypes have been created out of paper and we are looking forward to creating the final product before Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kate Douglass

Headteacher.



Please can you ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school all week. It is a good idea for them to have spare socks and a warm tracksuit in their bag, as we are aiming to be outside as much as possible.

Thank you

Miss Mulroy
P.E lead



This week, Elwyn and Rowan have been helping to tidy our woodland area. Miss Mulroy has been working with Simon Perry from the village to create a plan for improving our woodland area. If there



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is anything that you can see that you can help us with, please do let us know.



Specific suggestions:

1. Clear litter from the area. Try to maintain it as a 'natural' area with materials/ resources cleared away after sessions (with a store perhaps just outside the area?). Ropes can be removed but if needed leave string (e.g. jute/ sisal which will break so is not a hazard) over high branches to allow rope to be easily re-attached and removed as required.
2. Consider planting a mixed native hedge just outside or inside the entrance fence, to screen the area and provide a greater diversity of woody species. Order from the Woodland Trust now for late spring planting.
3. Monitor the ash trees alongside the boundary to the churchyard. Cut back/reduce ivy which could hide any safety issues if ash die back disease appears.
4. There are a few self-sown ash in the 'ditch' alongside the churchyard boundary. Consider further hedging here.
5. Construct a log circle; logs available from Tregony Sports Field and from Simon.
6. Cut up some of the wood lying around to make habitat piles.
7. Consider cutting steps along the boundary path or level the soil to make access easier. Particularly when it is very wet some areas will become very worn and slippery.
8. There is some elder growing through from the roadside boundary. Allow elder to spread and plant more of this fast growing and useful shrub.
9. Monitor growth of self-sown sycamore. Cut back/ coppice as needed and use the wood.
10. Plant plug plants (and/or sow seed) of woodland species onto the steep slope; e.g. campion, primrose, garlic mustard etc.
11. Encourage clematis (old man's beard) to grow across from the roadside to form a tunnel for the path to go through.
12. Plant evergreen shelter either against the fence or in line with the four oaks to line the pathway. Use for example privet (which is already present on site) or perhaps a non-native fast growing evergreen like Olearia (New Zealand plant grown widely as shelter belt in Cornwall/ Scilly).
13. The four oaks are too close together to all grow into mature trees and as consequence some are not growing as well. Monitor and consider removing one or two in the future?
14. Plant up the top of the slope at this point with Forest School useful trees/ shrubs from which wood can be harvested in the future by coppicing. Dogwood, willow, hazel, elder etc.
15. Monitor central ash for ash dieback and if necessary replace with another tree, perhaps something different which would grow here and is not so susceptible to disease e.g. sweet chestnut.
16. Consider planting some spring bulbs e.g. daffodil, snowdrop, bluebell in areas which will not be trampled as much.
17. Construct, position and monitor use of animal homes. A few bird boxes, possibly bat boxes on the pines, hedgehog hibernation box/boxes, minibeast refuges including a larger minibeast hotel.

Letter reminders

For your information, the majority of letters will be sent via email so please check your inbox frequently! Thank you.

- School Christmas Dinner letter
- Numbots email

Value of the week

Forthcoming dates

- Wednesday 16th December School Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Thursday 17th December non-uniform and Christmas party day
- Friday 18th December break up for Christmas
- Monday 4th January Spring Term starts



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Headteacher awards

Towan: Henry for super, independent instruction writing about how to make a bird feeder.

Riley for achieving 44 Club!

Summers: Lilly for amazing independent maths work, thinking through questions carefully and methodically.

Porthcurnick: Annabelle for excellent work when multiplying a 1-digit number by a 2-digit number.



Class certificates

Towan: Harley for joining in during whole class inputs and playing positively with other children.

Summers: Gabriel for being happy coming to school, Poppy for always working hard and trying her best

Porthcurnick: Ava for having a great attitude towards maths and always working hard.

Portholland: Harry for excellent resilience and a positive work ethic in maths

Porthluney: Oliver for having a positive attitude toward all learning, especially maths. Emily for always ensuring that her writing is of a high standard by striving to accurately include our SPaG focusses.

P.E: Merryn for always having a positive attitude towards P.E and trying her best.



Lighthouse teams

Godrevy: 1119

Trevose: 942

St Antony: 984

Lizard: 1121



Attendance

Towan:

Summers:

Porthcurnick:

Portholland:

Porthluney:



Reading Karate

White band - Riley

Yellow band - Merryn, Georgia, Jago, Noah, Ava, Ben, Persie, Nancy, Liam, Layla

Orange band - Ashton, George, Hetty, Lilly, Megan, Eva, Jasper, Aubrey, Taylor, Max, Tabitha



E-safety and Internet safety

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

The above link is for the UK Safer Internet Centre and a Parents' guide to technology. This guide has been created to answer questions and introduce some of the most popular devices,



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highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly.

Other information

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2021. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. Please see the link for further information and to apply. www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. If you need help with your application, please contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191.

The school has become a drop off point for 'No Child Goes Hungry'. This is a group, who are working together to provide food hampers and christmas hampers for those in need. If you would like to donate an item, this can be placed in the box at the front door. Donated items will be used to create hampers which will be distributed to families in our immediate and surrounding area. For more information, please contact nochildgoeshungryprobus@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook: No Child Goes Hungry- Probus.

Nits! We have had some reports of little visitors in some pupils' hair. Please can we ask that you check your child's/children's hair and follow NHS advice on dealing with the nasty creatures! Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



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