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Tregony Newsletter

Friday 4th December

Dear Parents/Carers,

I must admit, the excitement is building and our children are definitely gearing themselves up for Christmas! I am quickly learning the songs from the Key Stage 1 nativity as they practise them in the hall and think I know them well enough to be on hand should Mary or The Angel Gabriel be sick! There are excited children, eager to have their turn opening the class Christmas calendar, decorating their classrooms or reading Christmas themed books from the library! We are endeavouring to keep things as normal as possible until the final week of term so that the children don't peak too soon, as there are already many tired little faces, ready for a well earned Christmas break. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Craddock for their generous donation of a Christmas tree which looks lovely in the entrance of our school and was decorated with Miss Mulroy and the School Council earlier this week.



- If children want to send Christmas cards to their friends, next week is their opportunity to post these in their classes, ready for delivery on Monday 14th December. Please may we request no cards are brought into school after Friday 11th December.
- Christmas dinner is being held on Wednesday 16th December. Pupils are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and can bring a voluntary contribution towards the NSPCC. Please remember it is an opt out for Christmas dinner. If we have not received your form specifying your child does not want it, they will have a Christmas dinner ordered.
- On Thursday 17th December, pupils can come to school in their party clothes ready for their class Christmas parties. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 by Monday 7th December, so that we can provide each child with their own goodie box!
- During the final week, pupils will be creating Christmas crafts.
- We have sent home raffle tickets today as a way of raising much needed funds! We would be most grateful if you could sell as many raffle tickets to your family and friends and return these in the envelope, with the money, by Monday 14th December. We would be grateful for any food/drink donations towards creating an exciting hamper of tasty Christmas treats! Thank you.
- We will be launching our Christmas celebratory video during the last week of term, along with our Key Stage 1 nativity play so keep checking your inboxes and the school's social media platforms.



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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. Thanks to your generous donations, we have already packed one hamper off to this great charity. We now have another hamper to fill so if you have some non-perishable foods or toiletries etc. We would be most grateful. The box is on the front entrance of the school.

This week, in Towan class, we have been investigating 'If we have big feet, do we have big hands?'. The children have measured their feet and hands and compared with the rest of the class. In maths, we have focused on 2D and 3D shapes and patterns. The children have also been very excited to write/post letters to Santa.

This week, in Summers Class, the children have been writing stories about a mysterious red rope that is found dangling from the sky. They discussed whether they should pull it or not and what might happen if they did. There were many different ideas, such as snow or presents falling from the sky or turning to night when it was pulled. They all showed great imagination in their story writing.

This week, in Porthcurnick, the children have written playscripts, creating their own scene based on events in Stig of the Dump. They have also produced information leaflets on Skara Brae.

Christmas has arrived in Portholland this week with the children thoroughly enjoying decorating the classroom today. The class has enjoyed becoming historians, using the findings of the Sutton Hoo archaeological dig to explore how Anglo-Saxons lived.

This week, in Porthluney, the children have been creating and redrafting non-chronological reports based on Greek gods; we will post pictures of them on our blog next week.

Have a great weekend, decorating trees, visiting Father Christmas or relaxing by the fire - it is going to be a cold one!

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, our school council has been busy decorating two Christmas trees and planting daffodil bulbs around the school grounds. They are hoping to plant more bulbs and seeds to add more colour to our school grounds in the spring/summer months.

Miss Mulroy has been working with Simon Perry from the village to create a plan for improving our



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woodland area. If there 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. campan, 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/bowls, 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

INSET DAYS

Friday 30th April 2021

Friday 11th June 2021



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Headteacher awards

Towan: Neil and Brandon for an excellent storyboard retelling the Christmas story in RE.
Portholland: Lola for reading the poem 'Albert and the Lion' to the class.
Porthluney: Alix for a super report based on a Greek god.



Class certificates

Towan: Ronnie for super work in maths this week.
Summers: Rory for completing some brilliant pieces of homework, Rowan for writing a detailed story about a mysterious rope
Porthcurnick: Persie for being outstanding in all lessons and being a model year 3.
Portholland: Saskia for being an excellent historian, evidencing opinion using archaeological findings.
Porthluney: Veryan, Polly and Alix for creating excellent non-chronological reports
P.E: Frank for showing great control and skills in P.E



Lighthouse teams

Godrevy: 1228
Trevose: 1008
St Antony: 1053
Lizard: 1216



Attendance

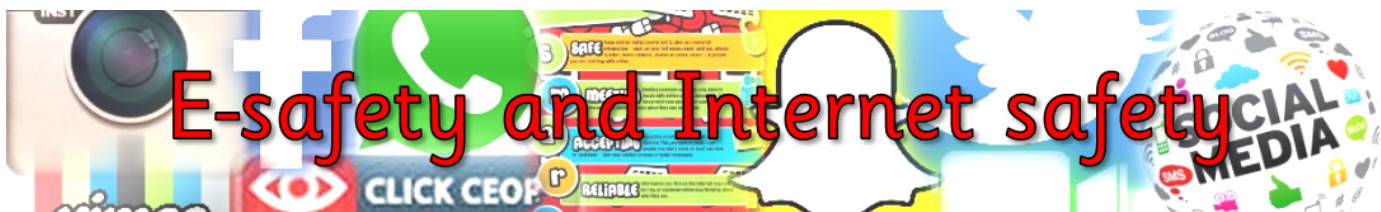
Towan:
Summers:
Porthcurnick:
Portholland:
Porthluney:



Reading Karate

White band -
Yellow band - Lily U, Olive, Oliver,

Orange band - Sienna, Arya, Annalea, Veryan, Emily, Caitlin, Curtis, Neil
Blue band - Elizabeth, Frank, Otis, Rory, Daniel, Henry



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, highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to



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support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly.

Other information



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