

## Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This week, the school was lucky to have a visit from a local author called Cate Merrin. We were delighted to welcome Helen Adams, Head of Truro Nursery and an external adviser, to our nursery and reception class on Tuesday. She was impressed by the Early Years provision at Tregony School and could see that we are providing our pupils with the best possible start to school life.

## CHRISTMAS REMINDERS:

I cannot believe that we are in December next week and pupils have been busy preparing willow lanterns ready for Tregony's Christmas lantern parade on Sunday 4th December. If you would like to join us, please meet us at the school from 5.20pm where we will have refreshments for sale, ready to leave at 5.55pm. Please note children will need to be supervised by an adult.

## Please see the dates below, for our Christmas dates!

- Sunday 4th December Tregony Lantern Parade (meet in the school hall from 5.30pm there will be refreshments for sale!)
- Monday 5th December Whole school Hall for Cornwall trip to see the pantomime <u>(please pack your child with a substantial snack and a drink as we will be having a late, pasty or vegan sausage roll lunch</u>
- Tuesday, 6th December Choir performance to Roseland Parc residents
- Wednesday 7th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner<u>(school uniform with</u> <u>Christmas jumper</u>)
- Tuesday 13th December Nursery and Key Stage 1 nativity performance to parents, 9.15am start (refreshments and raffle tickets will be for sale)
- Tuesday 13th December choir performance to Tregony OAPs
- Wednesday 14th December Nursery and Key Stage 1 nativity performance to parents, 2.00pm (refreshments and raffle tickets will be for sale)
- Thursday 15th December Class Christmas parties <u>(non-school uniform, treats will be provided</u> by the school) 1.30pm
- Friday 16th December School Christmas Concert 9.15 am in the church
- Friday 16th December End of term finish at 1.30pm

Please remember that our pantomime school dinner and our Christmas dinner is an **'opt out only'**. Please let Debbie, the school secretary, know by Monday 28th November if you<u>DO NOT</u> want your child to have a school meal on these days. If you do not inform the school, a meal will be ordered and charged unless your child is in Key Stage 1 or pupil premium whereby the meal is free of charge.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please can you ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school for playtimes. Thank you.

There are a number of outstanding dinner money bills to pay. You can look on the Gateway to see how much you may owe. Please can we ask that these are paid by Friday 2nd December. Thank you.

We are hoping to hold a Christmas raffle to raise much needed funds towards treats for our pupils, such as the pantomime visit. We would love to create some Christmas hampers for this and would be grateful for any donations towards this. If you can donate something, please drop it at the school office. Also, if you know of any local businesses that may donate something, please let me know. Thank you! We will be holding a raffle at our nativity play performances too and you will be able to purchase tickets via the Gateway (date to be confirmed). We will also be selling refreshments at these events and at school before the lantern parade next Sunday.

In Little carne this week, they have enjoyed practising for the nativity play with Towan class and enjoyed a sunny walk on Friday afternoon.

Towan Class have learnt about Hanukkah this week, and how Jewish families celebrate it. The children compared it to how they celebrate Christmas at home, and explored the reasons why people



celebrate it. Many children thought the story of Hanukkah was similar to the story of Guy Fawkes. They have also been working very hard in phonics this week. I've been very impressed with all the children's attitudes towards writing words, using their learnt sounds.

This week, Summers Class have started thinking about Christmas! They looked at a selection of Christmas cards and chose their favourite. After this, they identified cards that had aspects of the Christmas Story on them, such as a donkey, a star, wise men and shepherds. Also this week, they have been learning about amphibians and fish and the similarities and differences between them.

Pendower Class have been looking at how humans stay healthy in science. In Science they created their own circuits and made a prediction about the impact physical activity has on their bodies. They tested their predictions to see if they were correct. In DT, they have been looking at mechanisms, pivots and linkages. They have designed a moving monster using pivots and can't wait to make them next week.

Porthcurnick Class has been learning about seasonal cooking. This week, we prepared and cooked a delicious autumn soup. We were really impressed with the children's peeling and cutting of carrots, potatoes and onions (with a few red eyes!) and with their great teamwork. Finally, we tasted our soup which most children thought was delicious. Even Stella tried some and now wants the recipe!

Portholland Class have been planning a very special card in DT. The children have also followed the journey of the Thames from the source to the sea. In English, we have written our myths using features similar to our novel, Cinnamon. In PE, we have continued to brave the chill in order to further our netball skills.

Porthluney Class has been learning about lines of longitude and latitude in their geography lessons this week; the children used them to locate countries on a world map. After drafting plans of miniature playground equipment, the children have begun to make their own structures from a range of materials including: dowel, wooden battens, pipe cleaners and string.

Kate Douglass

Headteacher



The School Council has supported us with deciding the cultures of our school. We have decided on Tregony's 'Three Rs' - *Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.* 

Congratulations to our newly elected members: Pendower - Noah, Charlie Porthcurnick - Chester, Tilly Portholland - Delia, Isaac Porthluney - Eva, Katia



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- Wednesday 4th January Spring Term starts

## Inset Days for 2022/23

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Friday 9th June 2023

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Little Carne: Towan: Stanley for great participation during play practice Summers:

Pendower:

Porthcurnick: Obinna and Vasily for super hard work and behaviour for learning

Portholland:

Porthluney: Eva Rothwell for being kind and caring towards another pupil, not just his week but every week!



Little Carne: Piran for always showing fantastic behaviour in our Nursery.

Towan: Olive for listening well and remembering the new actions for the Christmas play Summers: Alice for always listening well and being ready to learn.

Pendower : Charlie for always following the school 3 Rs. He is a fantastic role model to the other children.

Porthcurnick: Vasily for a brilliant week in class, working well independently and trying hard in all lessons.

Portholland: Aubrey for excellent speech punctuation, and Merryn for her focus during story writing.

Porthluney: Seth for his responsible approach and creative attitude in our DT lessons.



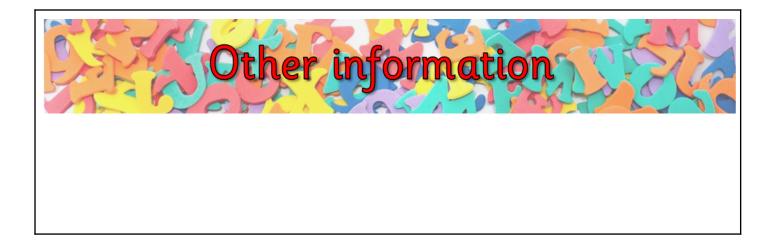
Team captains and points Godrevy: Isaac, Seth: 4022 Trevose: Annie, Tristan: 2106 St Anthony: Ben, Nancy: 3407 Lizard: Dylan, Lacey: 2872



Towan 95.45 % Summers: 99.26% Pendower 90.77% Porthcurnick: 99.31% Portholland: 99.33% Porthluney: 95.81%



White band - Oscar, Harriet, Oli, Max, Merryn, Ava, Sennen, Ben, Delia, Aubrey, Margot, Rowan Yellow band - Dylan, Imogen, Tristan, Hetty, Arya, Lily, George, Liam, Tilly, Arthur Orange band - Milly, Robert, Elizabeth, Lowenna, Sienna, Taylor, Tabitha, Wilf, Taylor, Tabitha, Frank, Gabriel	Blue band - Green band - Brown band - Black band -
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