

## Grampound Road Village C of E School

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# Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

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#### Message from Miss Kennedy

#### <u>Click here to complete remote learning survey</u>

As we are almost at the end of the third week of remote learning. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to our parents, carers and pupils for your incredible patience and flexibility as we navigate through the current lockdown and the remote learning curriculum.

I also must acknowledge that we have many children who are attending school and the school staff continue to put themselves at risk of COVID transmission. In serving our community, I thank all our staff who selflessly support the school without a word of complaint.

We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning has placed on parents, carers, and pupils as you had to create time, space, routine, and support for learning at home. We realise that all of our families are experiencing a difficult time and that there are many other needs, in addition to student learning, that are critical as we work through this crisis together.

We are so thankful to our families and pupils for all the amazing learning that we keep reading about. The videos and slideshows of pupils singing songs, creating art, performing science projects are all delightful and a joy to see.

The determination shown by staff delivering remote learning was not at all a surprise. After all, we have always been a community that isn't afraid to try new things, always strives to improve and prioritise.

During the first three weeks of remote learning, we have learned many important things:

- There is a learning curve for any new process;
- Remote learning is a work in progress;
- We must do this together; and
- We do not need to be perfect every day.
- Contact with teachers is very important- teachers are here every day and are available to support children in school and at home. If you would like a telephone call or a zoom meeting with the class teacher, please send a DOJO request.
- Our office is open and I am here every day, if you need any support, have concerns, questions or ideas please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will continue to work and learn with you and to support each other in remote learning and beyond. Please make sure you take time to take care of yourself and your family. Together we will emerge from this stronger and even more united.

With sincere thanks.

Sarah Kennedy

Birthday wishes go to Grace and Ketsia.

It has been an eventful and action packed week in Wolf Rock. In Maths, we have been working hard to develop our understanding on adding and subtracting fractions. This has caused many anxieties but I have been delighted with the way the children have shown great resilience, and perseverance, to overcome these barriers. We have investigated the exploits of Phillippe Petit's in Literacy and thought about his personality and emotions when completing his tight rope challenge. We have played the synonym challenge using words from our model text and also summarised the words in five key points. I am looking forward to reading your innovated versions of the story next week. Thanks you for all your hard work over the last five days and for sending through everything. I know it is challenging but you are doing an incredible job.

Class News Molt

I overhear lots of conversations in the playground around gaming and the amount of time spent on live chats. The NSPCC have created a webpage providing a wealth of information about keeping your children safe particularly when using chat rooms. You can access this page by clicking: <u>Avestreaming and online video apps</u> | <u>NSPCC</u> It is definitely worth looking through especially if your child likes to use these gaming facilities.



Lexie doing her actions in Literacy WELCOME A WARM WELCOME TO DYLAN IN WOLFROCK CLASS. HE HAS SETTLED IN REALLY WELL. LOVELY TO MEET YOU DYLAN

Lovely work sent in by Amelia P



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#### JOKE OF THE WEEK



WHAT DO KERMIT THE FROG AND HENRY THE VIII HAVE IN COMMON?

THEY SHARE THE SAME MIDDLE NAME !!!!



# Tater Du

It's been so lovely to be back in the classroom this week and we've been very busy and productive. We've been innovating our Jack and the Beanstalk stories and the children are using such amazing, ambitious word choices and sentence openers. They've been a joy to read! We've been challenging ourselves with some tricky division problems and improving our multiplication skills too. We're focussing upon the digestive system in Science, and we found out about James Lind, the pioneer of clinical trials. Thank you for all your support at home.

## Great work by Ellie, Carter, Lewis, Jake and Tom

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# **Class News**

#### Happy birthday to

**Hugo and Macey** 

# Trevose

This week we have been unpicking the story of Pirate Tom and identifying different descriptive vocabulary that describes the main characters in the story. We then looked at the new version of the story and identified what had changed to make it more interesting. We have also written a letter as if we were Pirate Tom writing home from his adventure. The letters have been fantastic, and the children really have got into character as Pirate Tom!

We have begun learning about maps and what they are used for and we have drawn our own sketch maps of Grampound Road, using a key to show different places on it. Look at some of our sketch maps! We have also been learning about where are food comes from, Mr Salway decided it was from Tesco! However, we were quick to explain that it doesn't just magically appear on the shelves. Well done for another fab week, Trevose!



Sending birthday

wishes to Freddie and

Lizzie



This week Pendeen class have been continuing their topic on food. We have been learning instructions to make a fruit kebab. In maths, we have been looking at doubling and sharing. In our topic work, we have been making salt dough fruits and vegetables and painting them. We have looked at how a liquid transforms into a solid by making ice-lollies. We have played a memory game where we tried to remember the fruits and vegetables and vegetables. In PE we have been doing Joe Wicks and Cosmic Yoga.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend. Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley













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### Health and Wellbeing—10 Top Tips for Parents

Please feel free to follow the link below for parents and carers to seek advice on how to

#### safeguard child/ren's mental health and promote their wellbeing.

Child Mental https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tipsfor-parents/-/pj==s



Mr Salway's thought of the day. SONIC Came to visit him too.



#### A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

The Wolf Rock clan' have been working near to the recently built den staking out gardens and paths - there has been a great deal of effort despite the weather and, thankfully, the den is still standing! There has also been some further attempts at construction like the frame of a tee-pee. Long term it would be great (should opportunity allow) if we could add some colour to the garden area, and perhaps other parts of the field. This area is now a fantastic place which all children can enjoy.













#### Weather Update

The North West of England bore the brunt of Storm Christophe this week with, unfortunately, some severe flooding (and snow) in places. Currently, the whole country is now in the colder pattern due to the ridge of high pressure towards Greenland. The upcoming weekend and Monday look to remain colder than normal and snow will fall in some parts of the UK. Some charts I have seen have suggested there could even be some snow near to us (especially on the moors) if precipitation is heavy enough. I don't think there will be a 'white out', but could we see a wet flake or two?

As things stand, the likelihood is that it will become milder again during next week, however weather nerds (more so than me!!) are wandering if the full effects of the previously mentioned SSW have manifested and could we have another chance of cold weather at the end of January / beginning of February. Some charts that I have seen have suggested this but, at this stage, only 10% (1/10 or 0.1 for the mathematicians  $\bigcirc$ ), so the likelihood is low at the moment.

Take care of yourselves. Mr Jory.



### **ATTENDANCE**

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for last week was:

Pendeen: 35 % Trevose: 66 % Tater Du:o % Wolfrock: 50%

#### Tater Du bubble was shut

In accordance with our attendance policy we will be sending some children home with attendance letters during the term to help keep you informed of your child's attendance in line with the new RAG (red, amber, green system). Below are the band widths, as a reminder, if your child falls into one of these coloured bands a letter will be sent home.

**GREEN** Band 96% to 93% **AMBER** Band 93% to 90% **RED** Band Below 90% (PERSISTENT ABSENTEE) This is a government definition.

#### How to contact us:

The office is open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm



Outside these hours, please leave a message on the answer machine or email grampoundroad.secretary@celticcross.education. We will endeavour to answer your emails during office hours.

Contact the class teachers through dojo or if you would like to speak to the class teacher or head of school please call to make an appointment. Dismissing pupils at the end of the day is a very busy time, if you would like to discuss something in detail please call the office between the above hours and we will pass the message onto the teacher. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



#### Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers: <u>https://www.gov.uk/</u> government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-andwellbeing

Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on: Miss S Kennedy 01726 882646

#### **POLITE REMINDER**

IF YOU REQUIRE WRAPAROUND CARE THIS MUST BE BOOKED BY THE

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME THE WEEK

PRIOR FOR US TO HAVE THE NECESSARY STAFF ON SITE.

THIS NEEDS TO BE BOOKED VIA PARENTPAY IN ADVANCE.

#### **UNFORTUNATELY WE**

CANNOT ACCEPT CHILDREN BEING DROPPED OFF ON THE DAY OR BEING

#### COLLECTED LATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS. Please can we remind parents/carers of the following information:

Reminder of drop off and pick up times: (younger siblings will follow the times for the oldest child)

Pendeen 8.30 am -3.00pm

Trevose 8.40am - 3.10pm

Reminder for children to have a pair of PE trainers left in school, a drinks bottle and coat (all labelled please)

Tater Du\_8.50am - 3.20pm

Wolf Rock 9.00am – 3.30pm

PE Sessions:





Monday – Pendeen, Thursday Trevose and Tater Du, Friday – Wolf Rock (children to come to school in PE kit on their set day)

<u>Lunches:</u> Please order and pay (when applicable) via parentpay - we cannot add on forgotten orders .

<u>Wraparound</u>: Please book and pay in advance via parentpay—we cannot accept any children that have not been pre booked, thank you.

# Attendance Ladd<sup>er</sup>

How close are you to reaching the top?



## TRURO FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION

Dear Referral Agencies, please note the following information as it updates where and when customers can come to Truro Foodbank to collect food. We now have two distribution places and the Thursday end time has changed. If you issue a Foodbank voucher to a customer please advise them of this current information so they can decide if one venue is easier to get to. Thank you.

TRURO FOODBANK FOOD DISTRIBUTION CHANGES:

From Monday 11th January 2021 please note the following changes if you are coming to pick up food from Truro Foodbank:

On MONDAYS (3-5pm) please now go to TRURO METHODIST CHURCH, Union Place, Truro TR1 1EP

On TUESDAYS (10am-12) please still come to ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Highertown, Truro TR1 3LD

On THURSDAYS (10am-12) please now go to TRURO METHODIST CHURCH, Union Place, Truro TR1 1EP (NB please note this Thursday session now finishes at 12 not 12.30)

On MONDAYS and THURSDAYS when arriving at the car park for Truro Methodist Church if the car park gate is locked please call 07721 711669 and someone will come to let you in.

COVID LOCKDOWN INFORMATION: Truro Foodbank is committed to helping people in food crisis in the Truro area during this lockdown. Here is some information about how we are operating:

1. Customers will still need a Foodbank referral voucher number. Most organisations that give out foodbank voucher numbers can be contacted by phone, email or text (eg text the word ADVICE to 78866 for Cornwall CAB to call you back) during lockdown so you should still be able to get a voucher number. If in doubt about this please call us on 07721 711669 9-5 weekdays so we can talk through your circumstances and advise you who you can contact to get a voucher number.

2. If you are unable to attend Truro Foodbank yourself to collect your food please remember a relative, a friend, a neighbour or a volunteer community helper can come to us to pick your food - just let us know who will be coming in.

3. When you come to either Truro Methodist Church on Mondays and Thursdays or All Saints Church on Tuesdays we regret we cannot spend time in lengthy conversation. Due to the covid situation we all need to minimise contact time. Please wear a face covering if you can. If there is bad weather please book in with us on arrival and then wait in your car or follow other instructions.

4. We know for many people this might be the first time they have considered coming to a foodbank. These are unprecedented times so please do not think there is any stigma or judging involved; we are simply here to help people who are struggling with food crisis.

Our duty phone is 07721 711669 (9-5 weekdays) for advice or information.

DONATING FOOD: Truro Foodbank has food donation bins at:

Tesco Superstore TRURO 0800 -2200 near checkouts

Sainsburys TRURO 0800 – 2100 near checkouts

Co-op TRURO 0600 – 2200 near checkouts

Waitrose TRURO 0800 – 2000 near checkouts

Barclays Bank, TRURO 0930 – 1630 Mon – Fri & Sat am

Iceland, TRURO 0900 – 1800 Mon – Sun

Spar, ST. AGNES 0800 – 2200 Mon – Sun

Alternatively please telephone 07716 325599 (9-5 weekdays only) or email <u>trurofoodbank@gmail.com</u> if you would like to drop off your donation at our Truro Foodbank stores.

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