

Grampound Road Village C of E School

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MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

Happy new year!

Despite the difficulties faced this week we have made it to Friday!

Critical worker places-I would like to thank all parents/careers for completing the questionnaire for critical worker places. We have completed our class lists and confirmed places with parents. All our staff are in school, but I would like to limit time in school to reduce the risks, so I am asking for parents to book wraparound a week in advance.

Remote learning-All classes have uploaded their new remote learning package. The expectation from the government is that KS1 learning remotely should be three hours per day and KS2 should be four hours per day. The teachers are working on the remote learning throughout the day and are available to support the children both in school and out of school. This is a new system for all of us and we will continue to develop and improve it as we go along. Next week will send the collective worships home for the children to join in with. The teachers will also record themselves or their TA's reading stories, and this will be shared with the children. The children worked so hard in the Autumn term to catch up from loss of learning. We are fully committed to ensuring their learning can continue remotely. Please work with us, be patient, there will be a few bumps in the road, but we are a resilient and committed staff who are determined to serve their community. We recognise the challenges faced by families and we are here, so do not hesitate to call upon us, no matter how small it is.

We will inform the school community if we have an outbreak of the virus and we will follow the advice of public health. Our safety precautions are in place, but we cannot guarantee a totally risk-free environment. Please continue to wear a mask at drop off and pick up.

I would like to thank the staff for not hesitating when called to work and to support the children of Grampound Road. I think it is safe to say we all have our anxieties about the pandemic, and these are uncertain times, but as long it is possible, we will continue to open our doors.

I wish everyone a happy weekend and hope you can enjoy the winter sun.

Miss S Kennedy.

Class News

Molt Rock

Happy New Year! The start of 2021 has been interesting and vastly different to a normal January. Wolf Rockers this week have been creating poems and stories taking inspiration from insects outside. The results have been incredible and I have shared some of the children's writing with you. In Maths, we have been looking at area and geometry. Year 5 have been working out how to find the area of rectilinear shapes; Year 6, have used co-ordinates to help create translation and reflection. In Science, we have been researching Forces and have created PowerPoints and posters to show the difference between each. Our new topic is The Titanic and I am looking forward to seeing the models built by the pupils. Keep the work coming through!

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JOKE OF THE WEEK Did you hear about the red and blue ship? It got marooned!!! To Lily-Sue

Tater Du

it's been lovely to see a small group of children this week and welcome two new adults to our classroom. Mrs Tapson will be working with us from Monday to Wednesday, and Miss Warne will be working with us on Thursday and Friday. It's been fabulous to see them forming such great relationships with the children already, and there is a real buzz of hard work and effort in our classroom.

We have started a new topic about "Food Glorious Food" which includes reading Charlie and the Chocolate, one of my personal favourites! We've carried on using our coding skills in ICT and are developing our touchtyping skills too. In maths, we're focussing upon multiplication and division facts and we've begun to learn our Talk for Writing story about Jack and the Beanstalk.

I am available to answer any questions that you may have about the online learning and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Please also check the website for more links to additional learning resources.

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Betty has been busy baking Brownies



Class News

Trevose

Trevose class have been very busy learning about poems. We have been reading the poem 'There's a Pirate on my ship', thinking about what a poem is, creating a definition of a rhyme and we've tried to write our own poems. We kept practicing our spelling and reading every day. We have been working hard in Maths, Y1 is learning subtracting numbers and Y2 working on adding equal groups. Trevose enjoyed designing a treasure map in our Topic lesson and we have been thinking about the best places to hide a treasure box in our gardens. In between busy learning, we are drawing with Rob and enjoying frosty weather outside.



pendeen

Phonics ee ur ow wh y au

We have started our new topic of 'Food' in Pendeen class. The children have been looking at different foods and deciding if they are healthy or unhealthy. We have made some rainbow collages using different foods for the colours. In maths we have been focusing on learning our teen numbers. In literacy we have been learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. On Monday in PE we were looking at balances. The children showed me some really good balances using different part of their body. We made the most of the ice that we found in the playground and have fun investigating and playing with it.

We hope that you are coming well with the remote learning. If you have any problems at all please do not hesitate to send me a message. We miss you all. Stay safe.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley







Each week the teacher will choose a Star of The Week, Values Person and Whole class achievement.

	STARS	OF THE	WEEK	
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Class Name	Star of the week	Values "Compassion"	Whole Class
		Compassion	
P E N D E E N	Chace for such brilliant work learning his sounds and high frequency words. Fabulous!	Evie-Lin for using her knowledge and wisdom to help out in school. Well done!	To everyone for coping so well with the transition to remote learning. Great work everyone!
T R E V O S E	Charlie for his fantastic work he has done. Well done Charlie !	Arlo for overcoming his uncertainty you quickly adapted to the new rules presenting wisdom and happiness. Great work Arlo!	To everyone for how you all coped with the transition of remote learning and fantastic work at school. Great work everyone!
T A T E R D U	Oliwia for her amazing focus and enthusiasm during our Lessons. Well done!	Adam for showing great perseverance and wisdom. Fantastic!	To everyone for a fabulous start to remote learning tasks. Great work by everyone!
W O L F R O C K	Sam for demonstrating tremendous focus and application in his learning. Great work Sam!	Abi for planning, making and showing her inspiration for building a model of the Titanic. Fantastic Abi!	To everyone for managing to adjust to a new routine incredibly quickly. Great effort by everyone!

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A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Hello everyone. I hope you are all keeping well as we return to strange, unprecedented times. Thankfully, the weather (while cold) has been fantastic this week and on Thursday the 'Wolf Rock Crew' took the opportunity to go onto the field and take some stunning photos in the frost and low morning sun. Now all we need is some snow to take our photography to the next level Best wishes, Mr Jory.



HELLO EVERYONE FROM WOLFROCK CLASS



Phoenix found a decomposed leaf in the field this week. Isn't it

incredible the various 'veins' that form the structure of the leaf





ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 98.2 % Trevose: 100% Tater Du: 95.7% Wolfrock: 97.2%

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

IMPORTANT REQUEST

SCHOOL DINNERS AND

WRAPAROUND CARE

If your child is attending school and you require a hot dinner, please book via ParentPay. If you require wraparound care this must be booked a week in advance to enable us to have the required staff on site, unfortunately we cannot accept any children being dropped off without a prior booking. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. 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

<u>Trevose</u>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 Ladder

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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