

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

18th December 2020

### MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the Christmas break. I know it has been a challenging time for many of us during this pandemic and we are still faced with uncertainty. It has been a long and busy Autumn Term. This term has been packed with learning, Nurture group, Forest school, Nativity performances and happiness. When I wonder through the school each class is a hive of activity. The children are either engaged in their learning or in their play. There is a strong sense of purpose and joy within these four walls. Our children are respectful, friendly, and caring and they have a thirst for learning like never before. I am immensely proud of the children and I would like to thank the children and staff for making this school a place of kindness and nurture. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff who always share a smile and a kind word. When we are free to open our doors once more, I will be delighted to welcome the parents and to have the opportunity to share the achievements of our pupils.

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to one of our team, Lia is leaving us this week and she would like to share this message:

*To Staff, children, and parents of Grampound Road School.*

*I am incredibly sad to be leaving this week. Grampound Road has given me so many amazing opportunities. I have met lifelong friends, made fantastic memories, and have watched the children blossom into kind, caring, hardworking individuals.*

*I never knew what it really took to become a great TA or a Teacher before I started here. There is so much effort put in behind the scenes before and after school hours. I have nothing but respect and admiration for the Staff here at Grampound Road as they go above and beyond for the children. Hard work, dedication, and love. The teachers, support staff and the children have truly inspired me to further my career and study to become a qualified teacher. I have a long journey ahead of me but I hope, one day, I'll be back.*

*Being the youngest and 'brand new' isn't always easy when starting a new job, but from day one, you have all made me feel so welcome. I have learnt so much being here and will miss you all deeply. I hope that I can come and visit now and again to see how much fun you are all having and the adventures you get up to. I know that each and every one of you will succeed in life. Just remember anything is possible, as long as you believe.*

We all wish Lia the very best and we would like to thank her for all the good times we have had together. I am very proud that Lia will one day be a teacher, she will make a wonderful teacher. The world is her oyster. Our memories will last a lifetime.

I can share some good news, we have managed to recruit two local and very experienced staff to replace Lia.

**Hello Grampound Road,**

**My name is Mrs Tapson, and I am very fortunate to be joining your School in January.**

**I have heard many wonderful things about Grampound Road School, and feel very lucky to have been given this opportunity. I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone, and learning all about your lovely school. I have worked with Children and young people for the majority of my career and am very much looking forward to being part of the school community.**

**When I'm not at school, you will find me exploring Cornwall's beaches with my husband and two dogs; Wispa and Crunchie. (Named after my favourite chocolate bars of course!)**

**Merry Christmas, and see you all in 2021.**

**Best wishes,**

**Mrs Tapson**

**Hello my name is Gemma and I am a mummy to 3 children that go to this school. I have had experience of working with children as I used to work in the local nursery. I am very creative and love to make things. I am really looking forward to joining you all in January.**

**We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.**

Happy birthday to  
Daisy in the holidays

# Class News

Trevose

WELL DONE TO EDIE, THOMAS  
KJ, DANNY, CHARLIE, MAISIE,  
MILES, DAISY, HUGO AND LUCY  
FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

WOW

This week in Trevose class we have been busy learning and performing our Nativity. We have had lots of fun singing and performing for all of the parents to see! I am so proud of all of the children in Trevose class for such a brilliant performance, they all worked so hard to learn their parts and the songs! Well done, everyone. I hope you all enjoy watching our performance.

We have also enjoyed making reindeer decorations with Mr Jory and Mrs Mills this week, as well as a festive Friday for our last day of term. I would like to say a huge well done to everyone for such a brilliant term. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy some time with your families, take care and I will see you in the new year.

Miss Eastham x



WELL DONE TO ALLEXIS  
AND OLLIE FOR 100%  
ATTENDANCE

WOW

Pendeen

We have had a lovely festive week in Pendeen class, enjoying Christmas lunch, filming our Christmas performance, and turning the classroom into a cinema to watch a film with popcorn.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the children who have worked so hard this term. We would also like to thank you for the cards and presents. We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



WELL DONE TO

CAMPBELL, KETSIA, HAYLEY, MARTHA, SARAH, SAMSON,  
RUFUS, AMELIA, ELIZA, ELLIE-MAI, JENSON, ABI. AND  
JOSHUA

FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

WOW

## Class News

Wolf Rock

Happy birthday

Charlie, Beau and Eliza who  
celebrate their birthdays in  
the holidays

We have made it! It has been a long term and there is certainly a lot of excitement in the air. I'd like to thank all of my class for their dedication to learning since returning in September. We have covered a lot and had some fun along the way. This week, the focus has been on the Christmas performance and listening to the children sing was a real treat. Mr Jory and I would like to wish all the children, and families, a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you back in January where we will be investigating Shackleton's adventure.



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

My friend has just inherited the family business—a napkin factory.

It was all laid out for her on a plate!!!!!!



WOW

WELL DONE TO

EMILY, OLIVIA, ADAM, LEWIS. AMBER.  
TOM, FINLAY, LAYLA-MAY, FLETCHER AND  
DYLAN FOR 100% ATTENDANCE



## Tater Du

The children have been busy using their own initiative to create Circuits, testing for Conductors and Insulators. All the children were able to use different materials to create a current to light up their bulbs.....and sometimes NOT!



Christmas has arrived in Tater Du, we have channelled our inner Elves, by making Christmas decorations and getting into the Festive Spirit.
















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



# STARS OF THE WEEK

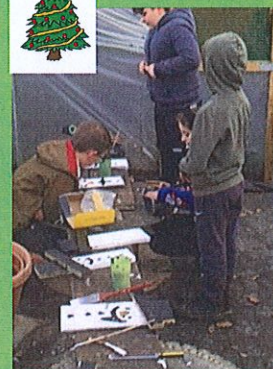


| Class Name   | Star of the week  | Values<br>"Compassion"  | Whole Class  |
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|  <b>P<br/>E<br/>N<br/>D<br/>E<br/>E<br/>N</b>    | Abigail for always being a kind and friendly member of Pendeen Class.<br>Thank you<br>Abi.                                     | Daisy for showing compassion to her friends in Pendeen Class.<br>Well Done Daisy             | To everyone because you have all worked so hard this term.<br>Well done Team Pendeen!                                 |
|  <b>T<br/>R<br/>E<br/>V<br/>O<br/>S<br/>E</b>    | Thomas for always trying your hardest in everything that you do and being confident to share your idea with the rest of the class. I am so proud of how much your confidence has grown this term.<br>Well Done! | Danny for always being kind and listening to others thoughtfully.<br>Lovely to see Danny!  | To everyone for showing good manners and kindness to each other when we have performed our nativity.<br>Thank you.  |
|  <b>T<br/>A<br/>T<br/>E<br/>R<br/>D<br/>U</b>  | Lewis for your dance moves and getting the whole class into the Christmas spirit. Thank you it was lovely!  | Amber for helping another child with a maths problem. Well Done Amber!                     | To everyone for working so hard on their Christmas performance for the parents.<br>You are all superstars and you shine brighter everyday!   |
| <b>W<br/>O<br/>L<br/>F<br/>R<br/>O<br/>C</b>  | Rufus for his outstanding attitude to learning.<br>Fantastic well done Rufus!    | Sarah for being there for other people during times of need. Lovely to see Sarah!          | To everyone for always being 100% in class. Thank you to you all!   |

# FOREST SCHOOL

For one reason and another this has been a short Forest School half term. Nevertheless, I would like to think that all of the children have had an enjoyable time producing some amazing Christmas decorations (through upcycling old pallets and decking) that are now on display at the front of the school. Certainly, their listening and concentration has been exemplary. 'Word on the street' is that we have a greater than normal chance of some 'proper' winter - potentially some amazing photo opportunities if frost or, dare I say, snow arrive.

In the meantime have a fantastic Christmas. Best wishes Mr Jory and Lia.



## NURTURE GROUP



This week during our Bumble Bee sessions we have been getting into the Christmas spirit! The children have carefully been crafting stars and various decorations. Their communication and team work has been excellent.

This week is also Lia's last week with us. The Bumble Bees wish her well in her new role. We will miss you Lia.



### BUMBLE BEE OF THE WEEK

Finlay P. Finlay has shown great understanding of others this week, and has contributed well to the group during discussions. Well Done!



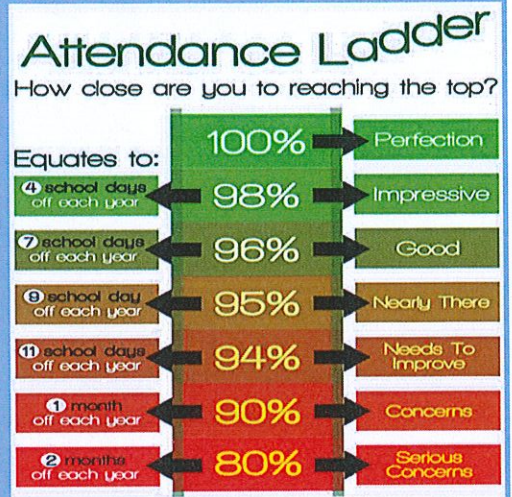
## ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 96.3 % Trevose: 96.3 % Tater Du: 92.5 % Wolfrock: 98.9 %

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](mailto: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.



Here are some guidelines to the age appropriate Social Media sites that children are talking about.

Links <http://www.net-aware.org.uk> AND

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

**COVID—IF ANYBODY HAS ANY COVID SYMPTOMS OR HAS TO SELF ISOLATE OVER THE FESTIVE HOLIDAYS PLEASE CONTACT** [enquires@celticcross.education](mailto:enquires@celticcross.education) (As the secretary email account will be not in use over this period).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE —WHATS APP.** We are aware that some children are communicating with their friends via Whats App. Please be aware that this platform is for children aged 16 plus although there are no security restrictions for younger children accessing this and would prefer them not to have Group Chats. Thankyou

**Dates to remember** Xmas holiday Friday 18th Decemcber return to school Monday 4th January 2021.

**UNWANTED GUESTS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ELIMINATE UNWANTED GUESTS.**



### PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW

INCREDIBLE YEARS FOR AGE 3-5 YEARS

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/school-messenger-home/weekly-update/autumn-2020/14-december-2020/#Top>

### ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

<https://celtic-cross-education.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

**ALSO BOOKLET ON**

DOING DECEMBER DIFFERENTLY FACTS, FUN AND ACTIVITIES FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

ON SCHOOL WEBSITE.



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)

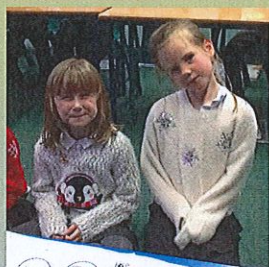
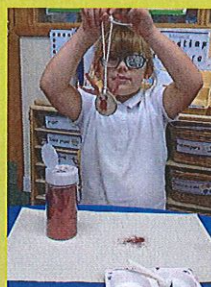
Lunches: Please order and pay (when applicable) via parentpay - we cannot add on forgotten orders .

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



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS MEAL FESTIVITIES

We raised £27.00 for Save The Children Fund



A BIG THANK YOU TO MESSY CHURCH AS THEY MADE  
EVERY CHILD A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATION

## PENDEEN CHILDREN READY FOR THEIR NATIVITY PERFORMANCE.



YOUR WERE ALL FANTASTIC WELL DONE

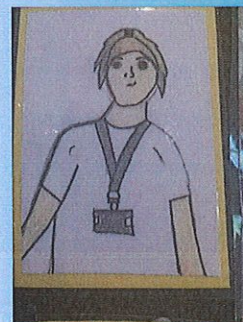
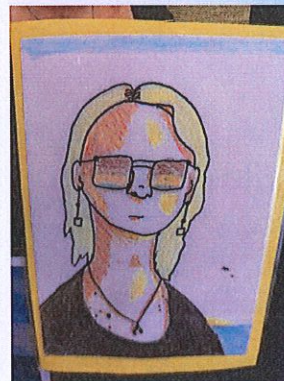
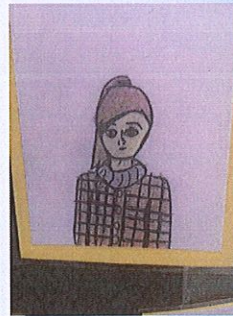
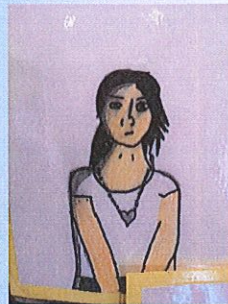
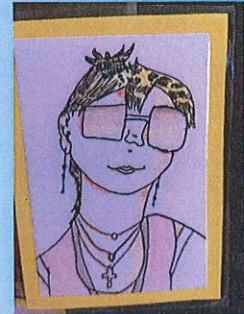
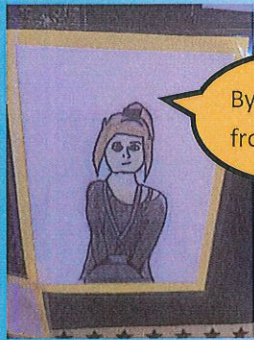
## SANTA CAME TO VISIT GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL DRIVING A TRACTOR



# Staff News



The staff would like to wish all the children and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in January 2021.



A BIG THANK YOU TO AMELIA IN THE KITCHEN WHO HAS BEEN BUSY LOOKING AFTER US HERE AT GRAMPOUND ROAD, ALONG WITH GRAMPOUND WITH CREED AND VERYAN . THE CHILDREN WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



# Incredible Years

Free

## for parents of 3 to 5 year olds

Do you need support and advice on managing children's behaviour?

### Sessions include:

- Play
- Positive parenting
- Promoting self esteem
- Praise and rewards
- Developing routines
- Difficult behaviour



**Dates:** Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> January – 1st April 2021

**(Excluding Half Term)**

**Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am

**Venue:** This programme will be run online using Zoom

To request a place, visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub) and complete the request for help form.



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