

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

10th December 2021



## MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY



I would like to start by thanking the Friends of Grampound Road for all their fundraising efforts. The children loved choosing a Christmas gift for their parents this week. This tied in nicely with my collective worship, when we reflected upon giving gifts. People often spend a lot of time thinking about gifts that they are going to give each other. Sometimes, they might get it wrong, but we should still be grateful. People give us a gift because they care about us, so every gift that we receive, no matter how much we like it, is special: it shows that someone cares for us. To give something and not to count the cost is an important idea. Your gift might even be something as simple as your time. Sitting with an elderly relative and talking to them may not feel like gift-giving, but it could be that, if they haven't spoken to anyone all day, it is the only gift that they really want. This is especially true this year because so many older people have been stuck inside for months during lockdown. The children are working hard practising the Nativity and the carol service, we are making sure we spend time on polishing their performances because this will be their gift to you.

### Time for reflection

What could we give to others that costs no money, but would mean a great deal to those who receive it?

### Prayer

Dear God,

At Christmas, we remember the gift that you gave to the world: the gift of Jesus.

Please help us to learn that it is better to give than to receive.

Please help us to enjoy giving this Christmas, whether we give presents, time, kindness or love.

Amen.

One week to go, we have no cases of the virus, fingers crossed our performances can go ahead.



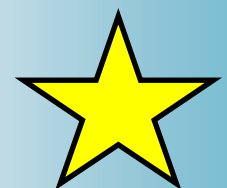
## Head of School Stars of the week

### Pupil Star of the week

The pupil star of the week goes to Esmae for bringing me joy whilst watching her delightful performance during the Nativity rehearsal.

### Staff star of the

The staff star of the week goes to Miss Coon for her steely determination to succeed in her chosen career of Teaching.



# Pendeen



This week Pendeen have been very busy rehearsing for our nativity. The children have done a fantastic job of learning the words for the songs we are very proud of them all. The children are looking forward to performing it for you next week.

We were outside for PE with Mr Webb this week, playing some balancing games. This week the children used the nativity figures and the role play area to retell the Christmas story.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Wilton and Miss Kennedy



Happy birthday to  
Harry J who is 6 today

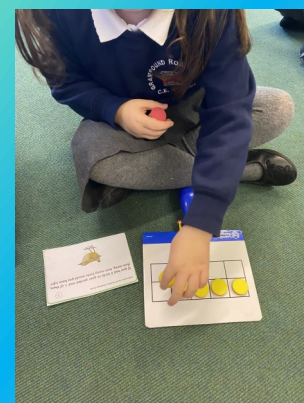
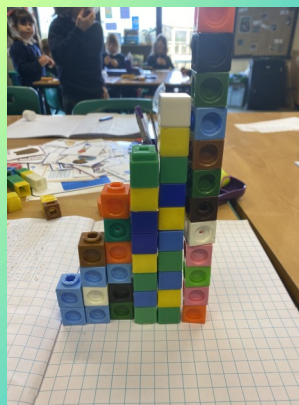
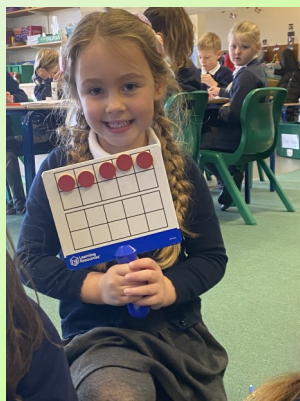
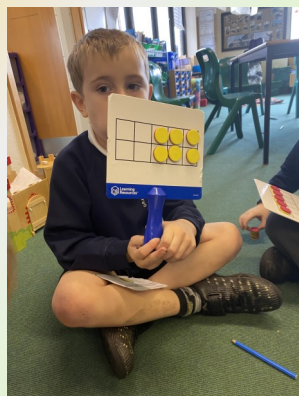
## Trevose



This week we have been busy learning and practicing our nativity! We have been working really hard to learn songs and our actions ready for our performance next week. We can't wait for everyone to see it.

We have also been learning to subtract using written methods in maths. We have used our knowledge to answer more challenging questions, including word problems.

We have enjoyed seeing what mischief our elf 'Merry' gets up to in our classroom, he squeezed himself into our Christmas card box and even sat on the top of our tree!







# Tater Du

Happy birthday Carter  
who will be 9 on the  
12th December.



Another busy week was had by all, focussing upon persuasive texts in Literacy and our 4 and 8 times tables in Maths. Miss Coon has planned some lovely interactive activities for us this week including a brilliant Kahoot Science Quiz to finish off our Electricity project. The children then designed a lit up Christmassy picture.

We've been getting very creative with junk modelling this week, assisting Isaac P with his Dr Who backgrounds and props. It was lovely to see everyone working together as a team and designing some interesting items. We've also been practising our songs for the Christmas performance, and thinking about Baptism and how our daily lives are influenced by the Holy Spirit.

Have a lovely weekend. 😊



## JOKE OF THE WEEK:

How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Wolf Rock

This week, Rockers have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas Carol service by performing various readings, singing carols and by playing instruments. I am really excited by the potential of this year's event - it is looking wonderful. Should there be school on the weekend? This argument has been had in class, to prepare us for completing a piece of writing explaining why we should. Calculating perimeter has been on the menu in Maths and we have been using our measuring skills to calculate the distance around the outside of regular and compound shapes. Thank you for putting up with me not having a voice this week - though I feel some may have considered this a blessing!! Thanks to Miss Mills for her hard work this week. Have a wonderful weekend.



## Birthday Thumbs Up!

Go to **Mrs Theobald** and  
**Mrs Mills**



for trying to keep their birthdays  
a secret in school!

We hope you both have a lovely  
day celebrating.



You are both  
fabulous!



# THUMBS UP



**Thumbs up!**  
**Finlay P**



**Thumbs Up!**  
**Fynley K**

**Thumbs Up!**  
**Isaac P**  
for his leadership  
of his Dr Who  
Project work with  
the rest of the  
class.



**Thumbs up!**  
**Hugo for his  
amazing writing!**



**Thumbs Up!**  
**Thomas S in Tater Du**  
**For lovely manners!**



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Class Name	Star of the week	Values Compassion	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Joshua For being a shining example to others, you are always doing the right thing.	Abby for being a kind and considerate member of Pendeen class. Lovely to see!	To everyone For doing such a good job learning and rehearsing the Nativity. Great work everyone!
T R E V O S E	Alayah For her amazing effort in Maths this week. Well done!	Phoebe Br for always supporting others in anyway that you can. Thank you!	To everyone in Trevoise for working together to learn the songs for our Nativity. Great work everyone!
T A T E R  D U	Finlay for all his creative adventures leading to lovely Literacy work with Mrs Wilson this week. Well done!	Maisie for being considerate and thoughtful at all times, showing great compassion towards other.	To everyone for excellent teamwork when junk modelling. Fantastic!
W O L F R O C K	Abi You are a wonderful role model to the class and children in school. Thank you for your wonderful contributions, especially with the Carol concert.	Florence for willing to step in and help the class by offering to read at the Carol concert. Thank you!	To everyone in Wolfrock for some awesome Christmas Carol concert practice this week. Great effort everyone!



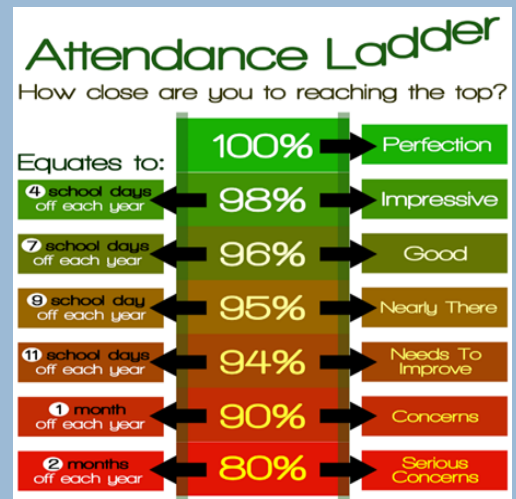
## ATTENDANCE

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance figures for last week were as follows:

Pendeen: 90.9 % Trevose: 96.9 % Tater Du: 95.5 % Wolfrock: 95.3 %

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 (lunch time is 12.30—1pm)

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: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

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

## VACANCIES

**Please check out the following link**

Any vacancies at our school will be found on the Celtic Cross Education website:

<https://www.celticcross.education/web/vacancies/581005>

## ASTHMA REGISTER

If your child has asthma please let us know, you will need to fill a form in and return to school along with an in date inhaler IN A CLEAR BAG WHICH IS NAMED.

### Drop off and pick up times:

8.45 am—All children dropped to pedestrian gate teachers will line children up and take them to classes.

3.10pm Trevose collected from pedestrian gate.

3.15pm Tater Du and Wolfrock collected from pedestrian gate.

Pendeen will have their own transitional plans next week.

12-12.30 Pendeen & Wolfrock eat in the Hall then go out to play.

12.30-1pm Trevose and Tater Du eat in the hall.

# Pin me on the fridge



## December 2021

Tuesday 14th December: EYFS KS1 Nativity

Matinee 10am -11am, Afternoon performance 4pm-5pm.

Wednesday 15th December: School Christmas lunch—Christmas jumpers with school uniform. **BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED**

Thursday 16th December: KS2 Christmas Carols 2pm-3pm or 4pm-5pm. Bookings Only.

Friday 17th December: Last day of term - Christmas Break



## Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term: Monday 6th September - Friday 17th December 2021

Half Term: 25th - 29th October 2021

Spring Term: Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April 2022

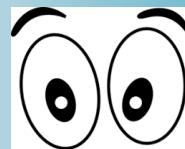
Half Term: 21st - 25th February 2022

Summer Term: Monday 25th April - Friday 22nd July 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term: 30th May - 3rd June 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th June 2022.



INSET DAYS:

25/07/22, 26/07/22.

## Reporting an absence

Can we please ask Parents/Carers to call school each morning by 9am if your child is absent to give us an update.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**This week is the last week for After School Clubs that the teachers run.**

**Please make sure you collect your child/ren promptly next week or book any wraparound care via ParentPay in advance.**

## FRIENDS OF GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL—FOGS



Thank you for having us today, we had over 170 things for the children to choose from and Me (Mel), Suzi and Amy were all impressed with how the children listened and behaved.

Thank you to  
all the staff and pupils for such a great shopping experience!  
love





**didirugby Cornwall**  
Winter camp 2021

Multi sports, crafts, activities and games with Rory Webb  
Half and full day options

Grampound village hall

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 08:30 to 16:30

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 08:30 to 16:30

**BOOK NOW!**



**didirugby Cornwall** Email: [cornwall@didirugby.com](mailto:cornwall@didirugby.com)

### DO I NEED TO KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL

Please check out the link below which informs you what to do when your child is ill.

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/do-i-need-keep-my-child-school-english-and-translations>



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BREAKFAST CLUB

1. If you require BC please book the day before—before 3pm.
2. Our staff are booked the day before and will not be in the buildings if we do not have any bookings, so if your child is NOT booked in we cannot accept them.
3. This club is run by TA's not teachers. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.