

### Grampound Road Village C of E School

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

5th November 2021

# MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

I hope everyone had a lovely half term and enjoying the sunshine.

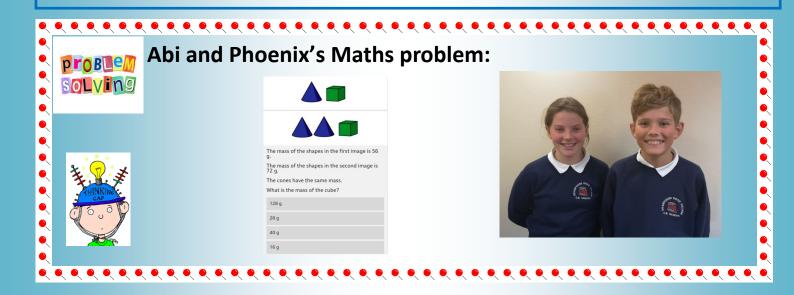
The children have started their new topics for this half term and the teachers will send home the knowledge organisers and the curriculum information today. The knowledge organisers will be in their homework books and the curriculum information will be sent via class DOJO. If you have any questions about the information sent home please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher, DOJO is a good way to do this.

Next week we will have our parent evenings. This will give you a chance to talk to your child's class teacher about your child's progress. We host parents evenings twice a year and in the Summer term we send home a school report. This is our statutory duty to all parents/guardians. Parents/guardians' are welcome to request a meeting with either myself or the class teacher if they need to discuss any other matters.

## Head of School Stars of the week

**<u>Pupil Star of the week is</u>** Lexie in Year 6 for her contribution and confidence in class.

**Staff stars of the week is** Mrs Warne for her amazing lesson in Phonics during the Ofsted inspection. The inspectors observed her session and it was a calm and well organised lesson.



Happy birthday to

**Miss Warne** 

Happy birthday to Ryley and Arthur who are both 5

It's been lovely to welcome the children back into Pendeen class this week. The children have been recapping some sounds this week in their phonic and have been busy looking at height and length in maths. The children enjoyed having Mr Webb join us for PE this week. On Thursday, the children loved learning about Diwali. They made beautiful rangoli patterns with coloured rice, coloured in some rangoli patterns and made divas. On Friday the children made edible sparklers and made fireworks pictures. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Wilton and Miss Kennedy













This week we have been busy beginning our new topic: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We have enjoyed building mini tower walls and investigating what happens when we change the height and depth of the wall and try and knock it down. We have also looked at different types of castles and recognised how the castles changed over time, thinking about the changes in how they were built and what materials were used.

We had a great P.E. lesson on Thursday, learning different gymnastic shapes and challenging ourselves to join them together with a movement.

Well done for a good week, Trevose 😳 x







Birthday greetings to Miss Hosking

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It's been wonderful to see everyone returning from our Autumn break and the mornings have been bright and beautiful! We have been writing recounts to warm up our knowledge before we begin our Literacy Talk for Writing story next week, and recapping our



column addition and subtraction in Maths. We have also begun an ICT unit about Internet Safety. This week we looked at phishing emails. We also learned that everything we do on the internet creates a digital footprint which some people try to intercept. I have been concerned about some of the children talking about the series "Squid Game" and how some online games are now mirroring this content. Please be aware that this programme is entirely unsuitable for primary children to view and the themes are very violent if they are playing associated games. Some children are getting upset as others are mentioning these games in school. We are obviously keen to stop these conversations and would appreciate your support at home too.

On Thursday we had a great afternoon of PE, firstly improving our bowling skills outside with Mr Sheik and secondly learning lots of new jumping techniques in gymnastics in the Hall. Please can I remind everyone that they need a coat in school every day as we aim to be outside as much as possible.

Keep safe and have fun this Bonfire Night! 🙂



#### JOKE OF THE WEEK:

I asked Mrs Godwin if there is a B&Q in Truro. She replied, "No, but there is a T,R,U,R and O".





Do you know how many countries make up North America? Do you know which island is east of Mexico? These are some of the questions the Rockers have answered this week as we have started to explore our new topic, North America. We have been able to locate places and accurately mark these on our own maps and this has informed us that North America is not just made up of the USA. In Maths, we have been using equipment to help our multiplying skills and, in Literacy, we have just started to learn a new story. The Caravan. It really has been great to welcome Mr Shaikh back into school to help us with our cricket skills in PE and we look forward to seeing him again next week. It has been great to be back in the classroom following the half term holiday and it has been a joy to be in the company of the children. Thank you to Mrs Colclough, Mrs Spurgeon and Mrs Parkes for their hard work this week. Have a wonderful weekend.







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

# \* STARS OF THE WEEK \*

Class	Star of the	Values	Whole Class
Name	week	Respect	
Р	Evie	Leah	To everyone in Pendeen
E	For always	For always checking on	For doing
N	Having	the children who seem	such a good job of coming
D	a lovely	upset and showing	back into school and
E	attitude in class.	compassion towards	getting back into our
E	Thank you!	them.	routines so well.
N			
т	Morgan	Harry J	To everyone
R	For listening to	For showing	for an
E	others and	compassion	excellent week,
V	showing good	to your friends	adapting to
Ο	manners to	and always	changes
S	adults and	looking out	and showing
E	children.	for them.	wonderful
	Well done!	Lovely to see!	manners to adults.
т	Daisy	Zach	To all in Tater Du
А	For her brilliant	For his	For their
т	use of	compassion	wonderful effort
E	resources to	towards other	with independent
R	help her	children	writing this
	subtract larger	when they	week.
D	numbers.	are feeling sad.	Well done!
U			
W	Harley C	Fearne	To everyone in Wolfrock
Ο	For having	For showing	For super
L	a super	great compassion	hard work
F	attitude to	following	without
R	learning	a friendship	fuss all week.
0	this week.	fall out.	Great effort
С		Thank you Fearne!	by everyone!
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#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

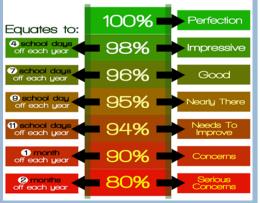
#### Pendeen: 90.4% Trevose: 99.5 % Tater Du: 92 % Wolfrock:89.5 %

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.

# Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



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

#### LUNCHES

Can we please ask all parents

and

carers to book your child's lunches each day via ParentPay.

These can be booked weeks in

advance.

The caterers in school cook for 4 schools and it is increasingly hard for them to make extra food last minute.

Your help is much appreciated.

## 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.

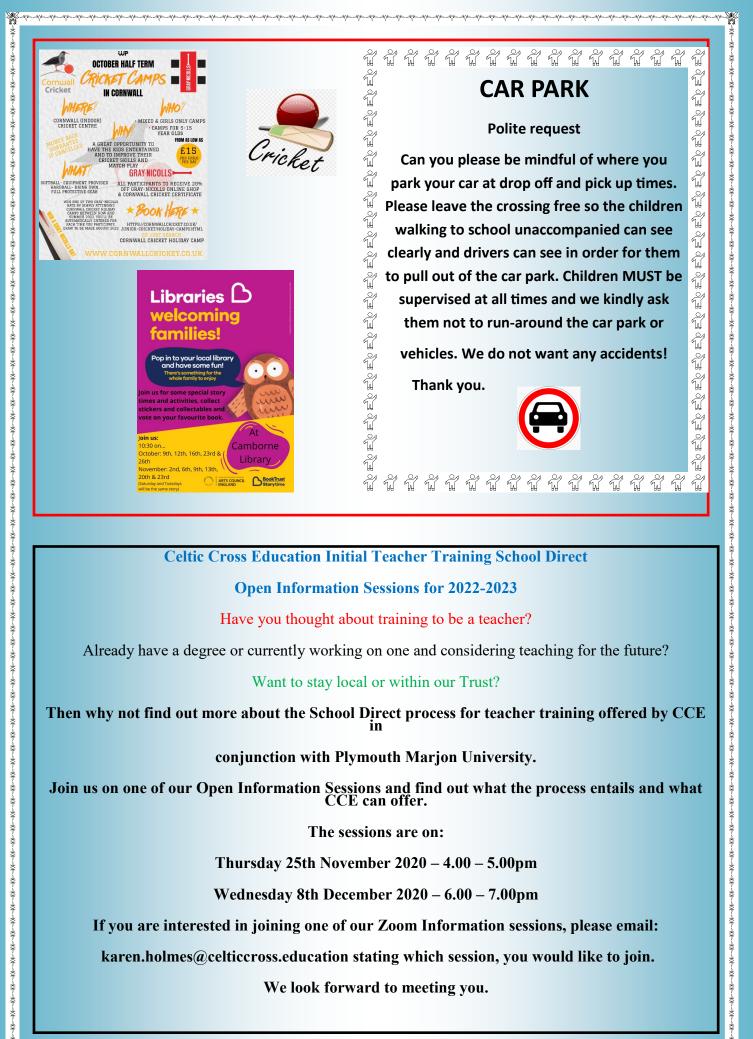
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INSET DAYS:

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



**Celtic Cross Education Initial Teacher Training School Direct** 

**Open Information Sessions for 2022-2023** 

Have you thought about training to be a teacher?

Already have a degree or currently working on one and considering teaching for the future?

Want to stay local or within our Trust?

Then why not find out more about the School Direct process for teacher training offered by CCE

conjunction with Plymouth Marjon University.

Join us on one of our Open Information Sessions and find out what the process entails and what CCE can offer.

The sessions are on:

Thursday 25th November 2020 – 4.00 – 5.00pm

Wednesday 8th December 2020 - 6.00 - 7.00pm

If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email:

karen.holmes@celticcross.education stating which session, you would like to join.

We look forward to meeting you.

## FRIENDS OF GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL—FOGS





I Just wanted to say "Thank you" for all of the donations for the raffle and for the mum and dads Xmas shop so far, please keep them coming the donation box will be out every day at the school gate.

The classic hot chocolate Fridays will be returning and we have more exciting events coming up so to keep an eye on the friends page for updates. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Maker

## **Everyone is welcome**

Friends are back up and running, we have some very enthusiastic team members with some great events on the way but are super keen to have more parents come and join us so to come over to the Facebook page Friends of Grampound Road C of E school and drop us a message or come and speak to myself (Kerri Maker or Mel Stephens at school pick up and we can introduce you to the friends members personally.

#### Welcome to the DIGITAL autumn issue of Blackbird Pie What's On in Cornwall

We are sorry that it has taken so long to get ready but here it is at last. We promise to do better with the next

edition.

Please share the magazine and our web address with parents.

All magazines are FREE to view. If you haven't already, please sign up and you will be emailed each issue and details of our competitions.

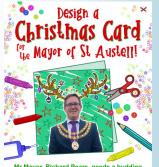
Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird Here is the link:

https://www.blackbirdpie.co.uk/

# St Austell Library Christmas Card competition

We are again running our annual art competition on behalf of the Mayor of St Austell, Richard Pears. The competition is for ages 4-11, and the task is to design a Christmas card for the Mayor which shows him in a festive scene! The winning entry will be printed and distributed as the Mayor's official 2021 Christmas card, and the winner will get their own copies of the card, plus

a lovely prize. There will also be prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Mr Mayor, Richard Pears, needs a budding artist to draw him in a festive scene for his Christmas cardl if that's you, pick up an entry form and instructions at St Austell Library, or email staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk For ages 4-11. Closing date Mon 8th Nov.