



Truro School

10 APRIL 2020: TRURO SCHOOL UPDATE



The Easter weekend has arrived, and at this time which is the most significant in the Christian calendar, the churches will remain closed; no gatherings for Passover reflections on Maundy Thursday, no Good Friday service, no Easter Sunday celebration. With schools closed in the final week of the Spring Term, neither did we get to gather as a community in Truro Methodist Church for our end of term Easter service. I was reflecting yesterday, Maundy Thursday, on what scripture tells us about The Last Supper, the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he picked up his cross for Calvary. It's a challenging bit of scripture at the best of times, but what drew my attention this time was that, on the face of it, it seems odd at this meal that Jesus, the leader of this often rather shambolic group of followers, chose to wash their feet.

In this time of national crisis, we have been moved by national and international stories about the generosity of others. Our doctors and nurses who care for the sick, at a risk to their own health; our social care workers bringing comfort to the elderly who cannot be visited; the amazing group of people in our own school kitchens volunteering for the Hive charity producing literally

thousands of meals for the needy; the WhatsApp neighbourhood groups that have sprung up all around the country, and so many other acts of kindness. It is such times that bring out the best of human nature, when we realise just what social animals we really are, thriving in community and using our talents to serve others. Perhaps not so odd then that Jesus washes feet and says, "I came not to be served, but to serve..." It strikes me that for people of all faiths and none, the values of servant leadership are universal.

Next Wednesday we are back at virtual school for remote learning. If we didn't know before, we do now, that being away from friends and colleagues is not nearly as enjoyable as being together. Stay strong, stay safe, stay connected with teachers and friends, and we will be back together before too long. Do visit the [Truro School Coronavirus support](#) page on the website for news, views and ideas.

When Sunday comes may I wish all of our Truro School families and our wider school community a very happy Easter.

Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown



We are closely monitoring the response to coronavirus and continue to follow the advice and guidance of Public Health England. We know that this is a challenging time for everyone and hope the website support pages will help to simplify our processes and communicate our actions.

[Click here to visit our Coronavirus Support Pages](#)

House Competitions

Our prefects have put together some fun house competitions. The results and the new competitions will be published weekly. All entries will win house points, so every entry counts, no matter how big or small.

Click on the image below for more information.

Good luck!

Georgia, Alex, Lily and Ollie





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Truro School DT department make face shields for key workers



Joining forces with Design and Technology (DT) departments all over the country, Truro School's DT department Mr Baker, Miss Coleridge, and Mr Shardlow have used the Easter holidays using their skills to produce much needed protective face shields for those in the local community who are on the frontline fighting Covid-19.

There has been a huge demand for them after a social media post attracted much attention and requests came flooding in fast.

Mr Baker commented: "Once we had a prototype we were confident would work, we were able to generate overwhelming interest through social media in a short period of time, which gave us the motivation to get making immediately. We were able to make 90 re-useable shields in a day, which have already been distributed to surgeries, care homes and hospitals across mid-Cornwall, and we plan to make more over the coming days."

The face shields are made using an adjustable laser-cut polypropylene headband and a curved PVC shield, which can be wiped clean, with the help of various technology.

Mr Baker explained: "The school's 3D printers are busy. Two of the school's Creaality CR10 3D printers have

been loaned to a former student who is producing face shields for the Newquay and Padstow areas and the new BCN Sigmax R19 is proving invaluable. Although materials are increasingly scarce, we have been able to source additional materials, which should keep us in production for a while yet."





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Truro School partners with charity The Hive Cornwall



Truro School partners with Cornish charity The Hive Cornwall to produce up to 4000 meals a week for people suffering from food insecurity.

Truro School has donated use of its catering facilities and cookery staff to help The Hive Cornwall batch produce nutritious food for people suffering from food insecurity. Using surplus food products donated by national suppliers, the team have been busily preparing and cooking a range of delicious meals for children who normally qualify for free school meals, and whose schools are now closed, and elderly people.

The Hive Cornwall is a Cornish charity engaged with processing and extending the longevity of surplus food in order to reduce greenhouse gases, feed those in food poverty and provide employment opportunities for the disadvantaged. As a result of the emergency situation arising from Covid-19, The Hive received an informal request from the Cornwall Council Emergency Planning committee asking them to explore the urgent restarting of food production. Following this request, The Hive, having outgrown the kitchens at RNAS Culdrose, put out an appeal for the use of an industrial kitchen and Truro School stepped in to help.

The food is currently being batch cooked within the Truro School catering department before being vacuum

packed or frozen into 2kg pouches. Each pouch provides nutritious food for a family of up to five and is delivered to distribution locations within Cornwall. Charity workers and schools are then able to access the pouches from these locations and distribute directly to those in need.

Assistant Head of Cookery at Truro School, Alistair Turner commented: "It is a privilege to be working alongside The Hive to produce food for those who would otherwise struggle during this period. The catering facilities at Truro School are perfect for this project and with the school moving to remote teaching during this period they are facilities that would otherwise be sitting empty.

He continued: "This morning we received 394 gammon joints from a national supplier. The joints had been rejected by the supermarkets due to a short use by date. By batch cooking them on the day and freezing them we are extending the longevity of surplus food and it is incredible to think that without charities such as The Hive these would have contributed to the 6 million tonnes of food that is otherwise sent to landfill each year."

The Hive Chair of Trustees, Tony Hogg, commented: "We are very grateful to Truro School for stepping in to support our food production during this time. With 1 in 4 children in Cornwall currently suffering food insecurity, it is at times like these that our community rely greatly on donations from local businesses and we would like to thank Truro School, Cornwall Council, Bosvigo School, Brakes, Conway Bailey and a growing band of volunteers for their help in continuing our work to deliver thousands of meals each week to vulnerable people."

