



# Friday Bulletin

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## The Dawn Chorus

This week's assembly with Sarah Patterson is available to view on the link below.

[Click here to watch it](#)



## Truro Prep School Chapel - Week 5

[Click here to watch it](#)



## House Competitions

Don't forget to get your entries in before this Sunday and help your child's house be victorious, every entry wins a point for their house.

Competition One:

Short story

Please send any entries to Alex.  
3martina@truroschoo.com

Competition Two:

Design your ultimate sports team

Please send any entries to Ollie.  
3edwardso@truroschoo.com

Competition Three:

The Fast and The Furious

Please send any entries to Georgia.  
3Stoneg@truroschoo.com

Competition Four:

Your take on a classic delicacy

Please email entries to Lily.  
3Holdsworthl@truroschoo.com

Deadline Sunday 17 May.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



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## A marathon of a run for George



In November of last year, George's youngest little cousin, Amalie, was born with a congenital heart defect which meant she had open-heart surgery at two weeks old to switch her aorta and her pulmonary arteries. The research undertaken by the incredible surgeon who operated on her is funded by the British Heart Foundation.

During the lockdown George and his cousins decided they wanted to do something for the British Heart Foundation so the nine of them (including Amalie) are running a marathon between them over the next week or so. George ran his share at the weekend and we just have the littlest cousins left to run. They've all loved watching the money pour in and have raised over £750! Well done George.

For more information, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/backrow2heartbabies>

## Year 4 Humanities

Year 4 have been carrying out investigations into weathering and erosion this week





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## 3D Shapes

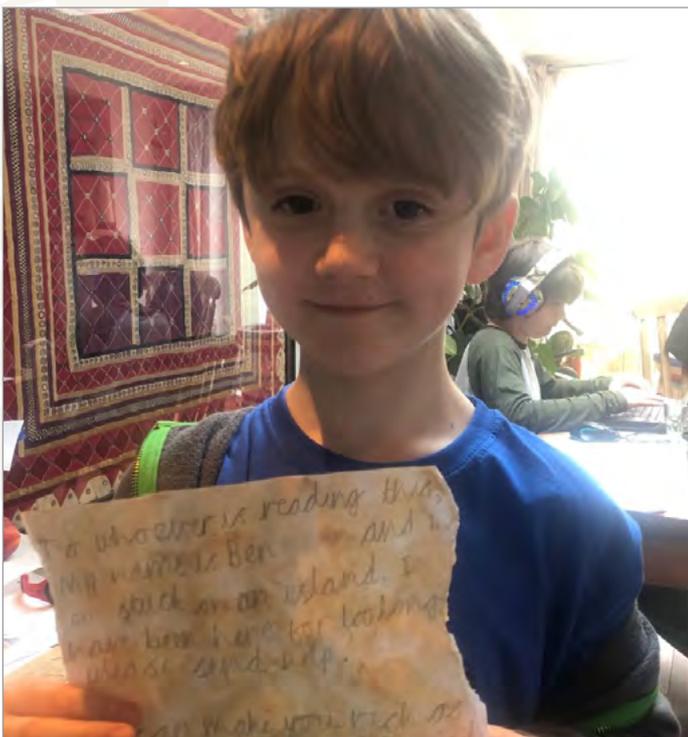
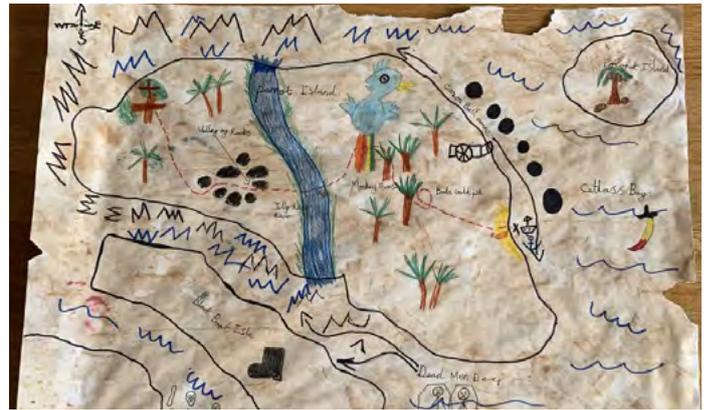




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## Year 3 pirate maps

The Year 3s have been designing their own pirate treasure maps as inspiration for their upcoming writing project. They're looking great!







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Our Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund is up and running. The current situation has had a huge impact on every family and individual in different ways, and we are proud to be part of a community that supports each other and those around us. All donations to the fund will be used

to help the families who cannot manage their School Fee payments due to the crisis. This Fund is being administered by the Truro School Foundation, therefore attracting gift aid and tax relief. If you are able to help, you can do this by following the link below.

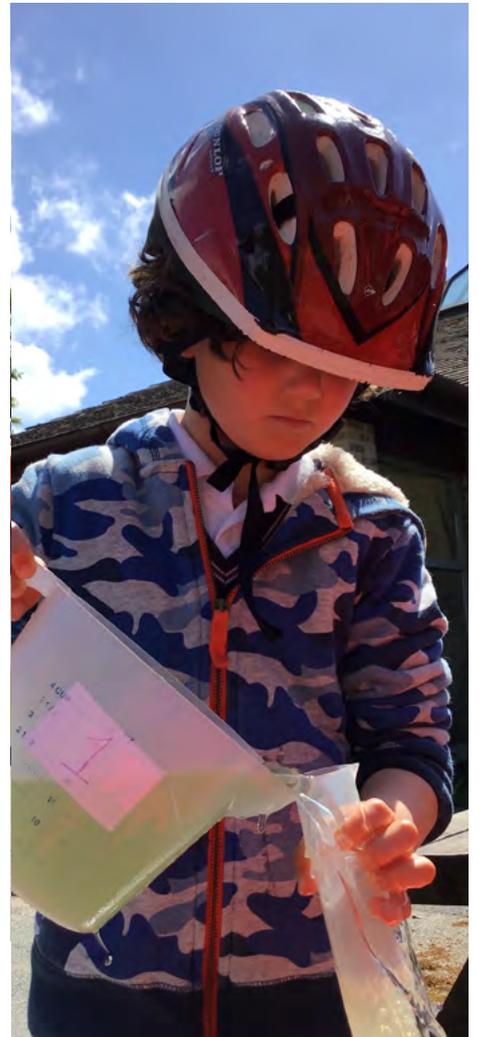
We very much hope that all the steps we are taking will enable the Truro School community to be together again as soon as possible and thank you very much indeed for any contribution you are able to make.

**CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND  
DONATE ONLINE**

## Painting through Pandemic for our NHS

Parda Decors is delighted to announce a special opportunity to both acquire a unique piece of art and support the NHS during this time. For any commissioned landscape painting on fabric or canvas 60% of the cost will be donated to the NHS Charities National Covid-19 Urgent Appeal.

<https://www.pardadecors.co.uk/painting-through-pandemic>





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## Together we are stronger...

We are very proud to be part of such a strong community and thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. Here are just some of the lovely messages that we have received, thank you, we really do appreciate them.... together we are stronger.

As parents, we just wanted to take this opportunity to say a very big 'thank you' to you and your pre-prep staffing team. Everyone has been working tirelessly and brilliantly to help home-school our children, guiding us as parents and supporting us daily to help keep our children's school lives as consistent and normal as possible, whilst living under these surreal and unprecedented times. You must be extremely proud of your hard working team, as we are grateful - they are such an asset to the Truro School family and community, but more importantly a steadfast, reliable and caring support to our children, which is essential during these uncertain times.

I'd also like to thank you beyond words for the support the school has offered during this time. It's honestly been phenomenal and I just can't express thanks and gratitude enough to you and all of the teachers.

I just wanted to drop you a quick line to thank you and all your team for the work they have put in, in next to no time, to create a productive but balanced learning set up for the children while we are all at home... What makes it all the easier is the fact that you keep reassuring us to just do our best and not to worry too much about finishing everything. So we just wanted to thank you and the rest of the staff again for all you are doing to bring a sense of continuity and community in this strange time.

I just wanted to send a message to thank you and your wonderful staff for working so hard to keep things as normal as possible during these strange times. xx misses school

dreadfully - friends, you, the teachers, the lessons, the food, basically the lot! - but has adapted well to learning and being taught from home, and he very much enjoys seeing his teachers and friends via the live sessions and watching the videos that are uploaded on a regular basis. Other than a couple of technical hiccups, the transition from learning at school to learning at home has been smooth, the teaching and lesson resources are fantastic, and it's lovely that the staff offer feedback on the submitted classwork. Of course it's not the same as being at school, but it's a wonderfully effective and efficient 'second place' for as long as we continue to find ourselves in this position.

For quite some time now I've been meaning to drop you a line, firstly to acknowledge all of the hard work going on at the school (and at the teacher's homes) and secondly to thank you all for the genuine and very consistent positivity, kindness and understanding that is coming across in all of the live and recorded lessons.

I felt it pertinent to write to you at the end of our first week back after the Easter "break". It has been without doubt a huge learning curve for everyone - teachers, parents, children to the new life we find ourselves living. I wanted to take this time though to thank you, and all the teachers, who have been working tirelessly throughout to try and ensure our children's continued educational engagement, and most importantly, well-being during these strange times. Xxx have so appreciated the new Microsoft team

offering this week. Personally I think the productivity and effectiveness of lessons is secondary in importance to the emotional support it brings them - to see their teachers and classmates and continue to feel part of the school despite being at home.

I am so grateful to you and all the other wonderful teachers at Truro who are working so incredibly hard to keep things running as best you can. You are all incredible and we are so grateful for your dedication to helping our children over this difficult time.

We just wanted to thank you and your colleagues for all your hard work. xx is so happy today and that's down to you and your wonderful colleagues. She really enjoyed her interactive lessons and she was engaged and enthusiastic. We did her PE exercises in the garden, which was a lot of fun and she did her art outside too. I can't thank you all enough...you've made what could have been a very stressful situation really enjoyable.

You guys are doing so well figuring this all out, while teaching, while teaching real kids, while managing your own families in lockdown. Amazing!

I have been so struck by the enormous patience and kindness of the staff as we peer at them through our children's screens, wrestling with the technology, internet and mood swings of our children (and at times, ourselves!). I'm reflecting that, xxx has

- learned about gears and pulleys and then watched them on



his brother's bike ahead of him

- made, eaten and fed to us a weird purple mush that 'is what Jewish people have at Passover'!
- read a chapter of Stormbreaker and made some character notes
- made an attempt at understanding i before e except after c
- completed some maths questions and got a better understanding of minus numbers
- drawn and painted some lovely spring flowers
- done a lovely exploration of tree leaves with Grandma (at a distance) prompted by a John Muir activity
- created a metre long painting of the planets - might not be exactly what was wanted but we improvised
- used far too many emojis! Not bad for three days. Please do thank the staff - an Herculean, Amazonian effort!

I just wanted to send a quick email to thank you for the level of education you are managing to provide during this absolutely unbelievable (and in many ways, unmanageable) time. The girls are getting to grips with teams, they're both doing most of what is set well with a little support here and there. Even the tasks set by nursery has honestly astounded me. Thank you so much. It really is appreciated.

Xx has really taken to the new remote way of working and is loving her lessons and having some contact with her teachers and classmates. Thanks for all your kind words and support in your weekly messages. We will be through all this in time.

I think you are all doing a fantastic job by the way. I am amazed at how

TS has managed to deliver such a high quality and usable remote learning resource in such a short space of time. Your own lives have been turned upside down, you also have families, anxiety, health and personal well-being to manage. The time and effort you have put into caring for our children is above and beyond anything we would (or should) expect as parents. I hope everyone is telling you how wonderful you all are...! It doesn't make it any easier to manage but it is good to know that your hard work and care hasn't gone unnoticed by us all. I am also amazed you still have the humour left to make the brilliant videos - we love them, so thank you for the laughs you provide too.

Just a quick note to say how wonderful it was to see the interaction and delight from the children today, seeing both you and their classmates. It was just what xx needed! Teams is definitely a great addition. It was great for me to peek at the classroom environment and see the interaction between the teachers and children - not that I was allowed to see much, as I was quite rightly shooed away. Thank you for all the effort that has been put into this at very short notice (over the holidays no doubt), we all really appreciate it. Please can you pass on my thanks to all involved - as much as we would prefer the children to be there in person, under these circumstances it is an excellent alternative!

I just wanted to email you so you could pass on our thanks to the teachers. Both my husband and I are working full time from home and we have been very limited with the time we can give to our children to help them with their school work. Their teachers are aware of this and have

worked so hard to provide helpful, positive feedback for their work, and to suggest adaptations of tasks as necessary. While we are lucky to have children who are just about old enough to use laptops and Teams etc fairly independently, it wouldn't have worked without the engaging lessons and structure offered by the teachers. Late each night my husband and I stop working and log on to Everest and Teams to plan the next day of lessons for the children and write out worksheets etc- it is very clear to us that many of your staff are also working late in to the night uploading lessons for the next day. A huge thank you from us all- our children are hopefully not only keeping up with school work, but also becoming more independent learners too as a result.

Please pass on our big thanks to all the Truro Prep staff for all your continued support, encouragement and patience with this virtual learning and care, what an amazing bunch you are!



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## "Cornwall Hugs Care Workers"

A fresh plea to holiday let owners: help to provide emergency accommodation via a new portal for Cornwall's Care Workers. From the people behind "Cornwall Hugs Grenfell"

The Cornish charity 'Cornwall Hugs' today launched an appeal to holiday let owners, hotels and resorts, inviting them to support Care Workers during the Covid-19 crisis with emergency temporary accommodation. Many working in Adult Social Care are needing to isolate from their own families in order to prevent the virus spreading while they continue to provide vital care for the most vulnerable members of society. However, there is currently no statutory provision for them to do this.

The charity Cornwall Hugs builds upon the experience of arranging nearly 500 respite stays for those affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire, to address this latest need, by connecting Care Workers with those offering help. Accommodation providers can register on a dedicated Cornwall Hugs website making it clear whether the offer is freely given; in return for basic costs or at a reduced rent. Care Workers will also then be able to register their need on the new portal: [www.cornwallhugs.org](http://www.cornwallhugs.org)

Esme Page, Founder of Cornwall Hugs said: 'Cornwall hugged Grenfell with wide open arms. Now we need to 'hug' our own front-line Care Workers, with practical help: a safe haven when they need it most!'

Cornwall Hugs is urgently seeking funding to coordinate activities both from grant bodies and from individual donors via Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CornwallHugsCareWorkers>

Supporters are invited to register on Cornwall Hugs' new web portal [www.cornwallhugs.org](http://www.cornwallhugs.org) where they will find three clear buttons - a blue one for registering offers of temporary emergency accommodation, a yellow one for Care Workers or their employers to register requests and a purple Just Giving button for donations. "I have every confidence, despite the dire straits of the tourism industry, that together we can make this happen." said Esme Page.  
Find out more at [www.cornwallhugs.org](http://www.cornwallhugs.org)



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## Cub Camp May Half Term – Sunday 24 May

Hi Parents and Carers

We had hoped to be able to run a Cub Camp in the May Half Term before COVID-19

So, in order not to miss out – we thought we'd run a "virtual" overnight Cub Camp.

It can be outside in a tent, a den or bivouac, on their own or as a family or with siblings. Or it can be also an indoor camp, under blankets or sheets.

Collectively we are suggesting the camp takes place on Sunday 24 May (but it can be any time). This is so we can run a 'zoom campfire' at 7pm on Sunday evening with some singing led by Baloo. Maybe you can have your own campfire, or perhaps sit around a chimenea, or fire pit. And if you think it's possible, hot chocolate always goes down well under the stars and a camp blanket!

Some ideas of activities to undertake on camp – they are not compulsory, but can go towards various badges and will give the Cubs something to tell their friends what they did.

1. Make a Sundial (<https://www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Temporary-Sundial>)
2. Make shadow puppets with your hands (either outside) as the sunrises – or inside a tent with a torch (or under a sheet). Make up a story. Or draw a shadow picture in the early morning.  
(Make a jellyfish, dinosaur, Cat, A camel, make a
3. Set up an organised tent space so that you know where everything is in the dark – Our Outdoors badge
4. Practice doing a task in the dark, like tying a shoelace, or putting toothpaste on your toothbrush
5. Make a kite – fly a kite
6. Make a stick bird feeder
7. Make a wind chime
8. Make a mouse house
9. Make a mini raft

We would like the Cubs to get organised and show they can independently set up a tidy sleeping space, with torch handy and able to settle themselves.

Hopefully see you then, if not before  
Squirrel Tina



Shadow drawing



Shadow hand puppets  
Watch this video for ideas  
<https://youtu.be/Kz8wP2RYy64>

### How to Make Sundials for Kids

