



Friday Bulletin



7 MAY 2020: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Parents

Thank you to the Rev, our chaplain, for his thoughtful sermon this week, reflecting on the events of VE Day which marked the end to the hostilities of WWII 75 years ago. After the catastrophic loss of life during that world war, the end of fighting, the arrival of peace was indeed something to celebrate. However, as Winston Churchill said at the time, it was a moment of both triumph and sorrow. Joy and relief that the killing would end, a deep gratitude to those who served their country in the cause of freedom, celebrating a victory for the fundamental human rights of liberty, freedom of expression, freedom of religion. And yet, there is also a sense in war that there are no winners – the staggering loss of life on both sides a statistic too vast to make sense of.

My grandfather fought in WWII and was captured by the Nazis in North Africa where he and other soldiers in his unit were held as prisoners of war. In his memoirs he described an incident where he was shot in the shoulder by a Nazi guard as he went to retrieve a football that had strayed out of bounds during a game that the prisoners were playing. Thankfully he survived and his account of the incident goes on to describe the friendship he struck up with the Nazi guard who was assigned to mind him while he was in hospital. Knowing my grandfather as I did, this is the sort of person he was. During the many years that I knew him, never once did I hear him say a bad word about another person. It was in his nature to focus

on the kindness of the guard who cared for him not the guard who shot him. He was a fine role model for me, albeit one whose example is a challenge to emulate!

In his sermon, the Rev explains how the word Shalom (meaning Peace) should be understood not as a passive desire for peace, but as a doing word, exhorting each one of us to work positively and proactively for the good of others. I am very grateful to the members of our Truro School community who have shown their true colours during the lockdown through so many acts of kindness.

We now await further details from the government about the pathway towards re-opening. I suspect that next week will be a very busy week of planning for what shape this might take and when. We must be ready to welcome you all back. For some time yet, school will not be 'normal' as we have known it, but I'm sure we can get used to a new normal that keeps everyone safe while enjoying the company of their teachers and friends.

I wish you all a restful Bank Holiday. Shalom.

Time to reflect

This week's sermon with Reverend Aubin de Gruchy reflects on the events of VE Day

[CLICK HERE to view.](#)

Truro School Updates

We continue to monitor the response to Coronavirus and continue to follow the advice and guidance of Public Health England.

**Click here to visit our
Virtual Truro School
website pages**

Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund

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.

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PPE cloth masks for charity



2nd Year pupil Kayleigh has been volunteering with Cornwall Cloth Masks to help supply the local community with PPE cloth masks.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Cooking for the vulnerable



Student Jenna has been putting everything she's learnt from Mrs Taylor and AJ in the Leiths Cookery course to good use during the lockdown, helping to feed the vulnerable in Cornwall in these difficult times.

[Read the full story here.](#)

3 boys, 6 hours, 60k challenge



2nd Years George, Finn and Stan took on a challenge to run a combined 60k in six hours, over two days, for charity. Not only did they complete it, but they also smashed their target and completed the distance with a combined time of 5 hours 6 minutes, raising £600 so far for National Emergencies Trust. Great work boys!



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Boarders' Challenge 75



The boarding community are joining together to celebrate the bank holiday by taking on a charity 'Challenge 75'. Named after the seventy-five boarders on the school roll at February half term, the challenge aims to raise as much money for the NHS as possible. Whether it be an individual challenge to complete 75 press-ups, a family challenge to bake 75 cupcakes for a local nursing home, or a bigger group challenge to walk, run or cycle 75 kilometres or miles over the three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or something else, the boarders have been challenged to take part.

We look forward to sharing news of their challenges but if you would like to support our boarding community, please follow the link to their justgiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/truro-school-boarders-2020>

Saxophone magic

Bella has been learning an incredibly moving version of "Can you feel the love tonight" from the Lion King on her saxophone, and recently played it live to her form group during her form period. Thank you Bella!



White cliffs of Dover in a box

The 3rd Years were tasked with creating a monument for the Battle of Britain, they were all fantastic but we were particularly impressed by this video that was sent in by Sammy.

[Click here to watch it on YouTube.](#)



add mould on the cliff edges



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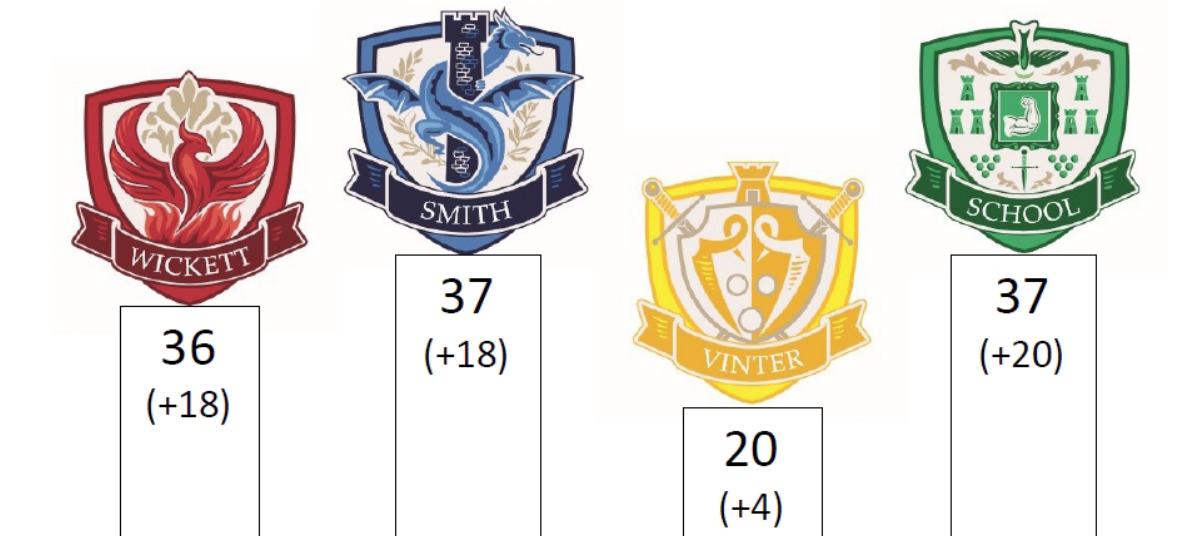
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House Competitions

This week's results are in... Smith and School House are in 1st= place with 37 points, followed by Wickett in 3rd with 36 points, and Vinter in 4th with 20 points.

However, the contest is far from over! Don't forget to get your entries in and help your house be victorious, every entry wins a point for their house!

Click the image below to find out more.



Hedgehog Awareness Week

This week is Hedgehog Awareness Week and Mrs Thurlow has kindly shared some of her adorable hedgehog hotel movies.

To find out more about creating a hedgehog hotel and feeding station, or to join in a national bat survey, head over to 'The Nature Channel with Mrs Thurlow' on Moodle for resources and more information.



[Click here to watch the Hedgehogs](#)



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2nd Year Biology

The collage consists of six panels:

- Root hair cell:** A diagram showing a cross-section of a root hair cell with a large central vacuole, a nucleus, a cell wall, and a long root hair extending from the top.
- Phloem cells/tissue:** A diagram showing two vertical phloem cells with end walls containing perforations. Labels indicate "cells have end walls with perforations", "two way flow", "food and water", and "Mitochondria".
- Xylem cells/tissue:** A diagram showing two vertical xylem vessels with thick, lignified walls. Labels indicate "one-way only", "water and minerals", "no end walls between cells", and "thick walls stiffened with lignin".
- Palisade mesophyll cell:** A detailed diagram of a palisade mesophyll cell within a leaf epidermis. Labels include Mitochondria, Vacuole, Chloroplast, Ribosome, Nucleus, Cell membrane, Cytoplasm, Cell wall, and permanent vacuole.
- Photograph of a plant cell:** A photograph of a plant cell with labels: Cell Wall, Vacuole, Nucleus, Cytoplasm, and Cell Membrane (with a note: "Should be I forgot to add the model").
- Photograph of a plant cell:** A photograph of a plant cell with labels: Cell Wall, Vacuole, Nucleus, Cytoplasm, Mitochondria, Ribosomes, Chloroplasts, and Nucleus.



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VE Day recollections from the Truro School Archives



VE Day 1945 - Eustace and Mrs Wickett on platform

School Life During Wartime

Memories from the late Hugh Berryman CO48 (from a speech given in 1982 to TSOBA)

"It was during the war in 1941 I attended Treliiske when food and sweets were on ration. Compared with today the school was quite small, with only 25 boarders and 14 day boys. Mr Stratton the head taught form 2 and his wife the first form. The fees then were £13 10s for a boarder and £8 for day pupils per term.

By 1942 every piece of available land was to be ploughed to grow extra vegetables. It was suggested that the playing field at Treliiske be planted but Mr T.S. did not fancy ploughing up his cricket pitch, so it was agreed that the front lawn be used for this purpose. Much of the boys' spare time was spent planting and hoeing the crops and in fact there was a surplus which was sent to the main school.

At this time we had an air raid shelter on the playing field to which we would run during an air raid. We prayed for this every night so we could get out of bed!!

We were short of kitchen staff so we had a rota for peeling potatoes. One Wednesday afternoon father and mother came to see me and had a good laugh to see three little boys in white aprons, one of which was me peeling potatoes.

Those days spent at Treliiske were very happy thanks to the late Mr & Mrs Stratton."



Planting Potatoes - Pupils on the allotments at the Senior School



Air Training Corps - Truro School and Kent College

Flight 1532 The ATC cadets parade through Boscowen Street Led by H.J. Prickett, headmaster of Kent College. The flight was set up in 1941.



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The Truronian. May 1945

Victory Number.

School Notes: 'As this issue goes to press the glad news of the European Victory is published. The long night is ended and we greet the dawn of a new day with great thankfulness. We read with pride the long list of Old Boys who have served in the Forces. Some have gained high distinction and they are the first to point out that many acts of courage and heroism pass unseen and receive no recognition. The glamour of War has long since departed and probably most of those who have served have done so feeling they were doing a hateful but necessary thing. We honour them all. A few, impressed with the wickedness of War and feeling 'that they could take no part in it', have had the moral courage to face the ignominy of the tribunals. Their sincerity was manifest and they have served the nation faithfully in other essential services. We respect them even if we cannot share their views.'

We rejoice to welcome home the liberated Prisoners of War. So far we have only heard of Maurice Mercer and Raymond Searle but we hope to hear of the safe arrival of the others very shortly.

When the Japanese War is over and demobilisation is complete we hope to arrange a Grand re-union at the School'.

War Memorial: Killed & missing = more than 50 so far. Only response to suggestions for war memorial was from Lt Col. J. Penhaligon, later k. in a.

Kent College: Hope to return to Canterbury at the end of the term. Stoke Damerel to return to Plymouth also. 'The association with KC has been a very amicable one and there must be many KC boys who know much more about Truro than Canterbury. It would be very pleasing if the connection between the two Schools could be continued by means of annual match at Truro and Canterbury alternately.'

Education Act: 1 April 1945 – school's position in national education system. 'Up to the present the School has been a Direct Grant School, ie it has received a Capitation Grant from the Board of Education for every pupil, and, in return, has taken a number of boys free of charge. In addition the School received for some years a Grant of about £700 from the Cornwall County Council in consideration of the fact that the existence of the School saved the County the expense of building and maintaining a County School for Boys in the City. When the tuition fees were raised to ten guineas per term a little time ago the Governors relinquished this Grant and the County Council has used the money to enable parents of Truro boys to pay the increased fee.'

Under the new Education Act the conditions for Direct Grant are more onerous. The School would have to give 25 per cent free places and put another 25 per cent at the disposal of the LEA who would pay fees for them. This would considerably alter the character of the School, as it would mean that half the School would be Day-Boys. Since 1920 the percentage of Boarders has very greatly increased as the following figures will show, and we are now predominantly a Boarding School:

Year	Boarder	Day-Boys	Total
1890	66	34	100
1900	76	42	118
1910	56	78	134
1920	83	102	185
1930	114	129	243
1940	179	127	306
1945	210	129	339

The Governors are anxious that the School should contribute its full share towards National Education while at the



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same time preserving its independence. The matter is not yet decided but this aim can probably best be reached if the School relinquishes all State aid and depends only upon fees. It would then co-operate with the Ministry of Education by accepting a certain number of boarders who would be assisted with bursaries by the Ministry.'

Treliske: Since Spring 1944 – 17 boarders and 7 day boys promoted to main school. long waiting listing. Applications received for 1948. 'As a result of the strong demand the age for entry of boarders has been raised from 7 to 8 years, and we can accept only those intending to complete their school careers at Truro School. The planned extension of accommodation is urgently needed...'

The restrictions due to war conditions have hampered our games activities considerably. Football has been limited to those possessing football boots, and in these circumstances the House matches and matches against other schools could not be played. Last summer term the ban on the use of the roads and lack of running shoes resulted in the cancellation of our athletic sports. Cricket suffered less, though for this too the clothing was difficult to obtain....'

Prefects: Head Prefect – R.A. Shaw

Toc H: Chairman – RA Shaw

Secretaries – LB Russell & DK Walker

Committee Members – P Pelmear & J Kirkland

Chess club – increased number. TS v KC match – club only conceded 1 ½ points in 72 games.

Drama – In January the Pilgrim Players performed Shaw's 'Candida'. Also school performance of 'Julius Caesar'. Later in the term 'Ghost Train' was performed.

ATC athletics – In County Championships TS and KC Flight were second to Devonport High School. A team picked to play in SW command championships at Taunton. Cornwall won the Challenge cup with 164 points, Gloucester 2nd and Devon 3rd.

Music – Piano – Associated Board exams

House Competition:

	School	Smith	Vinter	Wickett	KC
Rugby	65	19	94	42	54
Work	167	158 ½	159 ½	124	94
Soccer	46	42	82	35	63
Cricket	54	20	32	46	36
Athletics	174 ½	88 ½	123 ½	108 ½	63 ½
Total	124.6	71.6	124.6	89.9	87.1

Rugby – 1st XV – colours: J Carty, P Cleaver, I Goodhand, R Shaw, JH Thomas, TK Vivian (capt), WR White.

Soccer – 1st XI – colours: TK Vivian (capt), I Goodhand, CEP Stephens, DS Blair, J Bellingham, RA Shaw, KR Rust.

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> 3rd Years and above

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Email Sarah Finnegan for more information
sef@truroschool.com

Wednesdays

06.05.20 Gastroenterologist
Dr John Beckly 8.00pm - 9.00pm

13.05.20 Physiotherapist
Robert Jefferies 2.30pm - 3.30pm

17.06.20 Radiographers
Philippa Robbins, Ruth Meadows-Taylor and Sophie Bennett

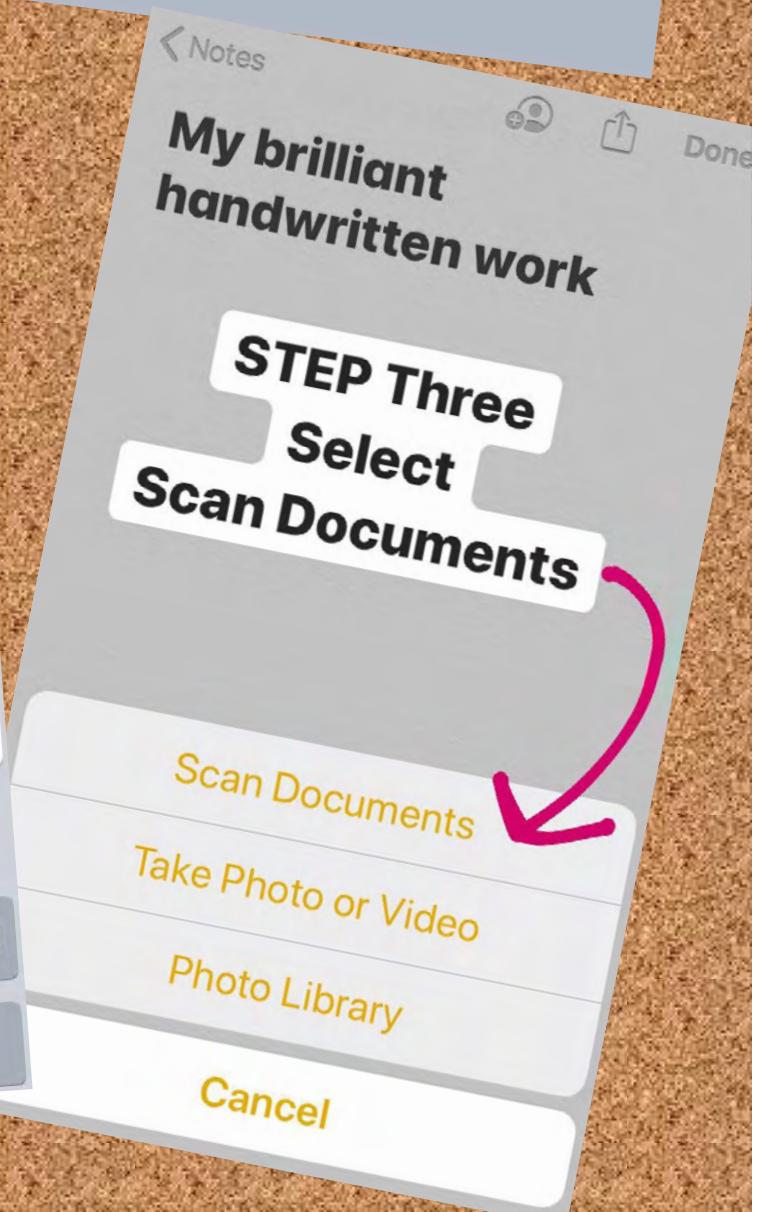
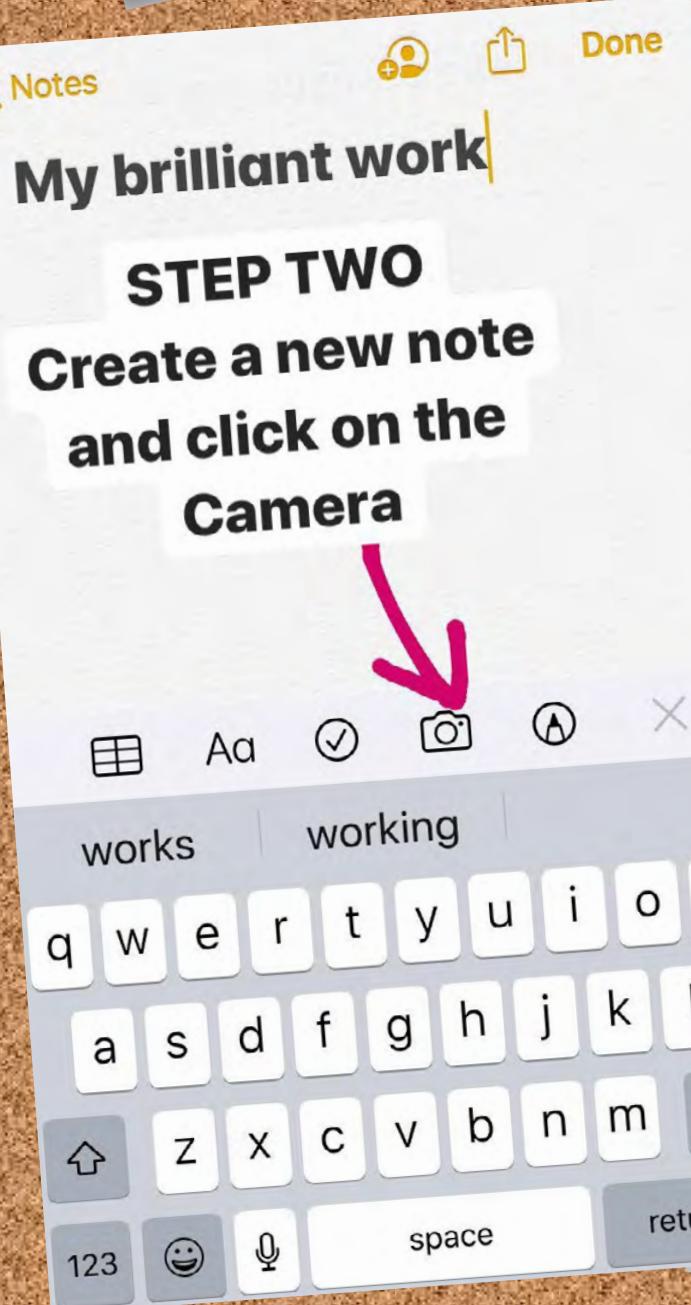
Coming soon:

Speech and language therapist
Jennifer Lloyd, A&E consultant Dr Bryony Hopkins, Dietician Luke Cunningham, Paediatrician Rachel Cuknell, Dentist Sarah Mount, Nurse Kirsten Leslie

How to send your teacher several pictures of your handwritten work...quickly and easily without sending lots of individual photos

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