

Friday Bulletin

10 DECEMBER 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

In assemblies this week, we further developed the theme that the Rev spoke about last week, which is Advent. We thought about ADVENT as being an acrostic:

A: Anticipation
D: Decisions
V: Visitors
E: Expectations
N: News
T: Thanksgiving

The Christmas theme was woven through the assembly along with modern-day thoughts on the coming of Christmas. Thoughts include the anticipation of a promised messiah/saviour and the anticipation of a season full of goodwill and fun. Decisions that some in the Christmas story must have made (to leave the sheep and head to the stable, or not) and the decisions that we may make about gifts and what we may do this season. The visitors who made their way to see Jesus and the visitors that we may have this Christmas. The expectations that we often have at this time of the year and the reality that many of us experience. Thanksgiving for the Christmas story and for the good things that we hope this season of the year will bring.

Our Christmas events started brilliantly last Thursday, when Year 5 presented the wonderful story of A Christmas Carol. 'Ebenezer' told the remarkable tale of redemption and second chances as Mr Scrooge confronts his past, present and potential future and decides that change is the only way forward. Tiny Tim, the Fezziwigs and all the characters were involved, and Year 5 gave us a feast for the eyes and the ears as they told this most endearing Christmas tale.

This week, Nursery and Reception continued the celebrations with their nativity play, complete with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the kings and shepherds. They sang and narrated the tale fantastically well. Later this week, Years 1 and 2 presented twice to their parents. The main character, Nick, travelled back through time to Bethlehem and realised the importance of the Christmas story – it isn't all about the presents and the chocolate!

We hope that you will be able to join us on Monday evening at 7.00 pm in Truro Cathedral for the annual Nine Lessons and Carols service.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,
Sarah Patterson

Dates for the diary

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

- Nine Lessons & Carols @ Truro Cathedral 7pm-9pm
- U11 Football v St Mary's (A) 3.10pm-4.45pm
- CANCELLED after school club: senior rugby (due to fixture)

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER

- CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- U11 Football v Devoran School (A) 1pm-5pm

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER

- **END OF TERM** – no after school activity or care clubs
- Pre-Prep children to wear party clothes; Prep children to wear home clothes with festive item/s
- CANCELLED lunchtime club: senior water polo
- Nursery & Reception pick-up 3pm-3.15pm
- Year 1 & 2 pick-up 3.15pm-3.30pm
- Year 3 & 4 pick-up 3.30pm-3.40pm
- Year 5 & 6 pick-up 3.40pm-3.50pm

SCHOOL RETURNS ON THURSDAY
6TH JANUARY 2022



Notices

1. Last day of term arrangements

Next Wednesday will be a non-uniform day throughout the Prep and Pre-Prep. We encourage any Christmas attire, jumpers, hats etc.

Please also remember that the end of the day will be picking up from the morning drop off points: Pre-Prep - front of school, Prep - red gazebo. You will be asked to give your child's name and form as you approach the wooden gates and they will then be ready for collection at the pick-up points. Pre-Prep should take the right-hand side of the drive and Prep the left side as you approach the gates.

2. Reverse Advent Calendar and K9 Crusaders

A huge thank you to those who have supported the foodbank appeal. It has been lovely to welcome children bringing items in – for some it has become part of their morning routine since Dec 1st! Mrs Issaka will be talking about the campaign on the BBC Cornwall Mid-Morning show on Thursday 16th between 11.30-11.45 if you can tune in to listen.

A reminder that we are also collecting food items for the K9 Crusaders dog charity. Items of food can be left in the marked box at the top of the stairs in Treiske House. (see poster attached)

3. Nine Lessons and Carols

All families are invited to join the whole school Nine Lessons and Carols service in Truro Cathedral on Monday 13th December at 7pm. The service will also be streamed via the School's YouTube channel.

4. Reporting your child's absence

Please remember to notify the office by 9am to report your child's absence from school. The easiest way to do this is by sending an email to prepoffice@truroschoo.com or you can telephone the office on 01872 272616; a message facility is in operation between the hours of 4.30pm and 8am.

Please continue to keep us informed each day your child will be absent as we have to follow up on every child not registered.

5. Train Disruption Next Week

GWR has notified us that there will be disruption to the train services next week which will affect passengers on the main line between Plymouth and Penzance from **Monday 13 to Thursday 16 December**.

- Track renewal work will take place in the Redruth and Penzance areas
 - Buses will replace trains between Truro and Penzance as well as between St Erth and St Ives (14-16 December only)
 - An amended train service will continue to run between Plymouth and Truro
- If your children use the train please check the GWR website for more details.

6. Message from Mrs Cameron (School First Aider)

Thank you all for helping us to stay safe this term, by keeping your children at home if they have been unwell, checking temperatures etc. All of this has helped immensely in keeping our school healthy.

There are lots of nasty colds/sore throats still doing the rounds, so keep up the intake of fluids, paracetamol and rest (and if in doubt, carry out a lateral flow test).

Wishing you all a fun-filled, sickness-free festive season!

With best wishes

Katrina

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Nursery and Reception Play; A Little Nativity

A huge thank you to our early years' team, the Nursery and Reception pupils and everyone involved in this year's fabulous performance of 'The Little Nativity'; the story of the classic nativity performed through song.

The children all put on an excellent performance, and it was lovely to welcome parents for the first time in two years!



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'The Amazing Advent Calendar' Year 1 and 2 Play;

Thanks to all of the parents, staff and pupils who made this year's play such a success. Such courage and confidence on display! Read the summary and view more photos [here](#) and view our never seen before "behind the scenes" shots on the following page!



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Joyful Voices Ring out for Prep's Christmas Concert



It was a fabulously festive evening at Truro Methodist Church on Tuesday this week. The Truro School Prep's annual Christmas Concert took place, putting everyone firmly into the Christmas spirit.

It was lovely to be able to welcome parents and other guests along to enjoy the concert and we would like to thank Mrs Renshaw and all of the staff, pupils and supporters who made this concert such a success.

For more gorgeous photos and details of the performances, click [here](#).



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Reverse Advent Calendar Continues



As we creep closer to Christmas, the Prep School are thinking of others and giving back to the local community. The Reverse Advent Calendar was launched at the start of December; every day, the stockings are opened to reveal an item that a family in need could use this Christmas.

Donations are being collected for the Truro Foodbank; although the stockings suggest items like UHT milk and tinned fruit, there is no need to contribute exact items or to take part every day.

As December continues, Truro School Prep has already started gathering lots of items in, with pupils leaving them in prepared boxes around the School site in Truro.

Simon from Truro Foodbank tells us why this is such a necessary activity, "At Truro Foodbank, we are here to help people in food crisis. There are many reasons people can fall into food crisis: loss of income, ill health, domestic situations and debt for example. These issues, coupled with Covid implications, mean that this Christmas will be challenging for a number of people locally.

When people are referred to us, our food parcels include food essentials, but also other items that people need to get by, such as laundry powder, washing up liquid and cat or dog food. If a person is struggling to afford food, they will also be struggling to buy those items too.

All of Truro School Prep's donations will be gratefully received and distributed to help local people in need. We are grateful to all of the children, staff and parents for thinking of others at this time."

Sarah Patterson, Head of Truro School Prep says of the idea, "At this time of year, our focus is on giving as well as receiving, and the Reverse Advent Calendar is a wonderful way for children and families to contribute practically. Putting money into collection tins is a fantastic way of giving to others, but bringing in items of food into school that children can picture helping others is much more meaningful."



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Mrs Cameron's First Aid Grotto

Anyone at Truro School Prep who is in need of first aid this Christmas is in for a festive treat. Mrs Cameron's First Aid Room has been transformed into a gorgeous grotto, complete with a singing tree (Douglas), lights and a rather fetching hat! Thanks to Mrs Cameron for bringing some Christmas spirit to those who need it most!



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This Week in Nursery

There was curiosity, confidence and creativity on show in Nursery this week as the children explored a nativity scene, drew art on the white board, built huge towers and practised their Christmas music. Phew! What busy learners they are!



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Dance Spectacular from Year 5

The Year 5s finished off their term of dance with Miss Lisa from Cornwall Dance Academy with a bang. They worked incredibly hard to put together a final performance, which they presented to an enthusiastic group of peers. The afternoon finished with an impromptu flash mob, with the audience joining in for a final rendition. Even Mrs Luxton got into her groove!

With thanks to Miss Lisa for being so inspiring and well done to everyone for your outstanding confidence, courage and creativity.



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Essential First Aid Skills for Year 6 Prep Diploma

The Year 6s have been learning basic first aid as a part of their Prep Diploma. Sessions, led by Mrs Cameron, teach essential skills including today's on how to safely use an EPI Pen. The children learnt about the different types of pens (AAI and JEXT) and how to administer them to someone in anaphylactic shock. They then practised on themselves and a partner using a dummy pen. Well done to everyone who listened so beautifully and showed curiosity, confidence and compassion in abundance.




SHOEBOX APPEAL
FILL A BOX FOR A HOMELESS DOG THIS XMAS

REG NO 1138278



IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3....

- 1** **FILL A BOX WITH YUMMY TREATS, TOYS, FOOD AND FLEECY BLANKETS**
SOME POPULAR CHOICES INCLUDE - GRAIN FREE TRAYS (E.G. HARRINGTONS) NATURAL TREATS, GRAVY BONES, PETS AT HOME MIX N MATCH BISCUITS, PIZZLES, FURRY RABBIT EARS, KONGS, TENNIS BALLS, RAGGER TUGGY TOYS, ETC (PLEASE NO PIGS EARS OR RAWHIDE AS THESE CAN BE A CHOKING HAZARD)
- 2** **DROP INTO ONE OF OUR COLLECTION POINTS**
OUR KENNELS - HOLLYBUSH FARM, BISSOE (SEE WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS)
OUR SHOP - 33 UPPER FORE ST, REDRUTH (AFTER 2ND DECEMBER)
- 3** **FEEL GREAT ABOUT MAKING A DOG'S XMAS A SPECIAL ONE**
Thank You So Much xxx

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.K9CRUSADERS.DOG

Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Award Certificate

Rupert D	Arthur	Christopher	Josephine
Oliver H	Indie	Oliver B	Barney

Golden Table

Black Table

Head's Commendations

Henry 5SL for English: Awarded for Henry's fabulous collection of clerihew poems, which included the tales of Mrs Jessel who loves to wrestle and Miss Patterson who went to Madison! Carefully written out and beautifully decorated in a Christmassy theme!

House Point Form Champions

Sophia Clark 3LL
Rosie & Roen 3SM
Teresa 4ME
Oliver 4SC
Finley 5CD
George 5JL
Nathaniel 5SL
Joseph & Evelyn 6AG
Jemima 6DG
Perran 6LJ

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

3LL: Rozalia

5CD: Finley, Teddy, Joseph

5JL: Gideon, George H, Stanley, Alex, Josh

5SL: Georgia



Silver Merit Awards

3LL: Henry

5CD: Harry S

5JL: Hunter, Olivia



Gold Merit Awards

3SM: Qaveem, Hugo, Tilda, Isaac

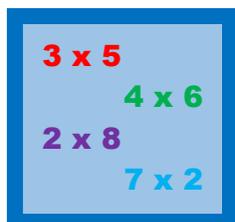
5SL: Sarah



Platinum Merit Awards

4ME: Delilah

Maths



Times Table Challenge Certificates

3LL: Bo, William Sc, Albert

3SM: Qaveem, Emmeline, Hugo, Oliver, Rosie, Tilda, George

4ME: Edie, Jensen

4SC: Ethan, Sophie, Aiden, Finlay

5CD: Arthur, Finley

5JL: Gideon, Alex, Archie, Eddie

5SL: Sam, Asher, Zain, Henry M

6AG: Millie

6DG: Jemima, Evie, Thomas

Horseriding



Delilah (4ME) won rosettes in competitions on 25th November and 5th December.

With 'Surprise', she took 2nd Place in the 30' open showjumping event and 3rd place in the 40' open showjumping event.

With 'Maisie', she took 1st place in 'Child Handler under 16', 3rd place in 'Pony judge would like to take home', 5th place for 'Prettiest Mare' and also won a rosette for 'Christmas dress'.

Truro School of Witchcraft and Wizardry



The following pupils were awarded the degree of Master of Wizardry at Truro School's Year 6 Activity Day on Saturday 28th November.

6AG: Theo

6DG: Rufus

6LJ: Perran & Freddie

Swimming



Lowenna (5SL) took part in swimming competitions the last two weekends.

At the Cornwall Club competition in Penzance, she won gold in the 50m butterfly, and bronze medals in the 100m IM, the 50m backstroke and the 50m freestyle.

At the South West Championships in Plymouth she came 3rd in the 50m breaststroke.

The Friends of Truro School AGM took place on Wednesday this week and it was lovely to welcome a number of new faces - thank you for coming along!

The FTS plays a crucial role in the Truro School Community; welcoming new parents across both schools and providing experiences for our pupils.

With events and activities largely put on hold due to Covid, the FTS is now looking to the future and ways to continue to build our communities in new and better ways.

A steering committee is meeting on the 12th January at 6.30pm via Teams. It is a chance to be involved in shaping the future of FTS and how it supports our parents and pupils. FTS would welcome anyone to attend; there is no formal commitment needed and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please email FTS@truroschoo.com if you would like to be involved in any way.



[The Friends of Truro School 2021 Community Christmas Guide](#)

The 2021 Guide is our biggest yet and a joyful celebration of the wonderful people who make up our Truro School Community.

Click on the image or the link above to read it in full.

FTS Christmas Competition

There is still time to enter our FTS competition with Origin Coffee.

Find out more inside the FTS Community Christmas Guide 2021.