



# Porthleven School & Pre-School



## Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

When I was out on the gate one morning a year 6 pupil came rushing up to me to tell me how well he was doing on "Maths Whizz". "Mr Clayden," he said, "I've got fourteen red gems!" He was so full of enthusiasm and the responsibility and pride he took in his learning was clearly apparent.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Maths Whizz, it is an online software program that the school uses to tailor maths learning to your child's specific needs. Every so often your child, if they are in Year 2 to Year 6, will undertake an online assessment using the program and as a result will be given an individualised learning program. When a child works through the tutorial games and activities, they are given a blue gem and after collecting 3 blue gems they are then encouraged by the program to consolidate their learning through challenges and competitive games to achieve red gems. Once they have collected 3 blue gems and 3 red gems, their avatar is in the Hall of Fame with other children's avatars from all over the world. At the end of the week the school celebrates the achievement of those children who make it into the hall of fame. If you would like to find out more about Maths Whizz and would like their log in details to use at home, please speak with your child's teacher during the parent meeting next week.

Have a good weekend,

Dan Clayden

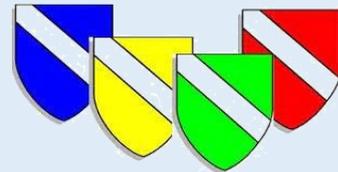
Acting Head of School

## Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	93.96	5
Seahorses—Y1	92.86	10
Jellyfish—Y2	98.08	3
Narwhals—Y3	98.85	8
Swordfish—Y4	98.77	5
Manta Rays—Y5	93.72	0
Dolphins—Y6	94.71	1
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.52	32

Well done to Narwhals class for the best attendance this week!

## House Points



### Running Totals This Term:

Cookworthy: 7

Penrose: 9

Gibson: 9

Methleigh: 6

Our winners this week are the

**COOKWORTHY TEAM!**

**Well done!**

## EYFS & KS1 TEAM

### This week we hear from Mrs Trounson!

This week the children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about the Hindu festival of light "Diwali". They have made rangoli patterns, diva lamps, cards and watched some traditional dancing. The children were keen to have a go too!

During our forest school session we played some new games like 'choo choo' and moving like different types of weather. We also lit a fire using dragon's snot! The highlight was eating marshmallows.

The Nursery children enjoyed walking down to the village past the Church and onto the Chapel to join the playgroup session. They had a super time and enjoying using the soft play equipment.

Reception parents please look on Google Classroom for our class news and updates.



### This week we hear from Miss Morris-Marsham!

Year 5 are onto their third week of swimming and wow, they are progressing brilliantly! The coaches are continually impressed with their perseverance and determination to do well, as well as their overall water confidence. They are striving towards ensuring they can swim at least 25m and are well on their way to not only achieving this, but exceeding it!

We have also started our new Computing area of learning—programming with music. This week, the children were given the theme of 'Space' and had to use the sounds on the programming app to create music based around this theme. They chose their own backgrounds, with some people opting to create their own, and then use 'loops' to repeat actions. When their code didn't work as they expected it to, they needed to 'debug' their code, which was quite tricky sometimes!

## KS2 TEAM



# Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
<b>Class Weekly Word Count</b>				
18,395	51,074	149,935	20,126	83,070
<b>Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count</b>				
Freddie 6,631	Lottie 15,329	Lowenna 58,355	Eli 10,014	Harry 34,556
<b>100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?</b>				
Arol	Esmay, Evie, Gracie, Lily, Lydia, Lottie,			Annabelle

## Recommended reads

### KS1 Book of the week - Space Tortoise

Author: Ross Montgomery AR Book Level: 3.1

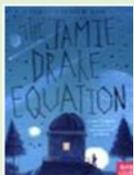
Once, in an old rusty bin in an old rusty playground in an old empty park . . . there lived a little tortoise. But Tortoise is lonely. He's never seen any other tortoises, and wonders where they could all be hiding. Then, one day, he looks up and the night sky, and sees a million blinking lights winking at him. "That must be where the other tortoises are - at the top of the sky! I wish I could join them." But how can a little tortoise get to the top of the sky? And so begins a magical journey . . .



### KS2 Book of the week - The Jamie Drake Equation

Author: Christopher Edge, AR Book Level: 6.4

How amazing would it be to have a dad who's an astronaut? Rocket launches, zero gravity, and flying through space like a superhero! Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station and Jamie ought to think it's cool but he just really misses him...



Hanging out at his local observatory, Jamie picks up a strange signal on his phone. It looks like alien life is getting closer to home. But space is a dangerous place and when his dad's mission goes wrong, can Jamie prove that he's a hero too?

## Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

**Jellyfish: 1.1**

**Narwhals: 1.5**

**Swordfish: 1.3**

**Manta Rays: 1.3**

**Dolphins: 3.3**

Well done to Dolphins class for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week!



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# SPORTS AT PORTHLEVEN



## Mega Miles!

Having previously achieved 270 miles, we knew it was a tough target to beat. Having counted 2453 laps, we achieved an outstanding 614  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles – more than double any distance ran before! Parents joined us for the last 45 minutes and ran over 300 laps along with their children so it was a real effort by all.

All our running raised an amazing £600 towards the transport for the Hall for Cornwall trip.



# Important Messages

## **Attendance and late arrival**

As a reminder, the expected attendance for a child is **95%** or above. Please ensure all absences are emailed or left on the absence phonenumber by 9am each day.

If your child arrives after 8.50am they will be marked as late.

## **Hair**

We would please encourage all children, if they have long hair, to ensure that it is tied back for school. This will help to reduce transmission headlice and also ensure that long hair does not get in the way of learning! Many thanks for your cooperation.

## **Breaktime snacks**

We ask that children please have a healthy snack during break times and avoid snacking on items such as chocolate or crisps.

## **Information sent home this week:**

- Cost of living codes

## **Non uniform Day**

On Thursday 7th December we will be having a non uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas fair tombola stalls. Years 1, 2, Reception and Nursery we would like you to bring a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola e.g. chocolate orange, multi pack of bars, selection box... Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 we would like donations of bottles for the bottle tombola e.g. drinks, bubble bath, sauce, squash... (please drop alcoholic bottles to the school office).

## **Christmas Fair**

Friday 15th December 2.30pm - 5pm stalls available @ £10 a table please contact [porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org) to book a table.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or two please let a member of staff or the PTA know.

## **Year 3 & 4 School Camps**

Payments have been setup on ParentPay for school camp in April and May 2024

## **School Facebook**

Please follow the schools face book page for school updates - Porthleven School

Porthleven PTA page is not run by the school, if you have any questions about school please ensure you send them to [porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org) or call the school office.

## **National Child's Measurement Program Reception & Year 6 Wednesday 29th November**

### **Reception vision check on Wednesday 6th December**

The school nursing team will be in school soon to see Reception and Year 6 to take their measurements. Please find information below for each year group including how to opt out.

**Reception:** <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-reception-year/>

**Year 6:** <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-year-6/>

If you would like an opt out form printed please let the school office know.

# Anti-Bullying Week

On Wednesday 10 Year 6 students attended an anti-bullying workshop where they learnt about The Helston Community College's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, which are students in Years 7-13 who have been trained by the Diana Award, Anti-Bullying campaign. The role of an Anti-Bullying Ambassador is to educate students on bullying behaviours; lead Anti-Bullying campaigns; promote a culture which celebrates and tolerates differences, and help keep our peers safe both online and offline.

Every one of our students who attended were amazing ambassadors for our school and were very keen to take part in tasks and contribute to discussions. This was also chance for them to meet some of their future peers and teachers.



# Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Monday - Friday 20th—24th	Parent meetings
Wednesday 29th November	Year 6 & Reception Height & Weight check
Tuesday 5th December	EYFS Nativity 2.00pm- more info to follow
Tuesday 5th December	KS1 Christmas play 5.30pm - more info to follow
Wednesday 6th December	Reception class vision check
Wednesday 6th December	Bags2School collection
Wednesday 6th December	EYFS Nativity 5.30pm - more info to follow
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Christmas play 1.30pm - more info to follow
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	<b>Non-uniform day KS1 &amp; EYFS donations of Chocolate KS2 - Bottle Donations</b>
Friday 8th December	Whole school trip to the Hall for Cornwall for Peter Pan
Thursday 14th December	Christmas school Lunch
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day at school</b>
<b>Friday 15th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair 2.30pm—5pm</b>
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of school
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day
Friday 5th January	First day of the Spring term
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 8th May	INSET Day

# WEEK 1

W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	<b>Classic Beef Burger</b> Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Chicken, Vegetable and Mash Pie</b> 🍷 Served with Gravy	<b>Beef Bolognese</b> 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
	<b>Stir Fried Vegetable Rice</b> 🌱 🍷 🍷	<b>Vegetarian Burger</b> 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Vegetable Pastry Roll</b> 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> 🌱 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Crispy Quorn Nuggets</b> 🌱 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍷					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	<b>Beetroot Brownie</b>	<b>Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit</b> 🍌	<b>Banana Cake</b> 🍌	<b>Original Flapjack</b>	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>

## PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE

Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

# Parent Meeting Booking Forms

Please find below each class link to book parents meetings for the week beginning Monday 20th November.

There will be no after school clubs this week

Seahorse

<https://forms.gle/1TwpYqfHCX2KRjY9>

Jellyfish

<https://forms.gle/sVbDtPerAAHS9mVs7>

Narwhals

<https://forms.gle/R946tjMGSUUvf2Ah6>

Swordfish

<https://forms.gle/mBBTZajRYRPqVsnA6>

Manta Rays

<https://forms.gle/rqa3psv1Kf8VNBmg7>

Dolphins

<https://forms.gle/My3VcGGFC6UZmdTw5>

# ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

### 1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:  
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### 6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

### 2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

### 7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

### 3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

### 8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

### 4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

### 9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

### 5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

### 10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

### Meet Our Expert

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## *Fair* & MARKET



FRIDAY

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2:30-5 PM

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- Porthleven Town Band
- Band Builders
- Tombola
- Gifts
- Games
- Festive Treats
- Warm Drinks
- Craft Stalls
- Plus more...
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**SATURDAY**

18th November, 2023



**START AT**

10-30 - 12.30

If you wish to come along there is a £20 donation, which helps to keep the charity running. For this you will get a box filled with groceries, to include:

Tea or coffee

Sugar

Pasta or rice

A selection of tins

A large bag with a selection of  
crisps

A bag of frozen items

A bag of fresh fruit and  
vegetables

A bag of pasties or pies





# CHRISTMAS 2023

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays!

Scan here to book!



- Activities including multi sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and lots more
- For children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals





# Christmas at Trevena Cross

## Santa's Grotto

2nd & 3rd | 9th & 10th | 16th & 17th |  
20th-23rd December . 9.30am-4.30pm . £10 per child  
Book Online - <https://app.santabooker.com/>

## Food & Craft Market

2nd & 3rd | 9th & 10th |  
16th & 17th December . 10am-4pm

## PLUS...

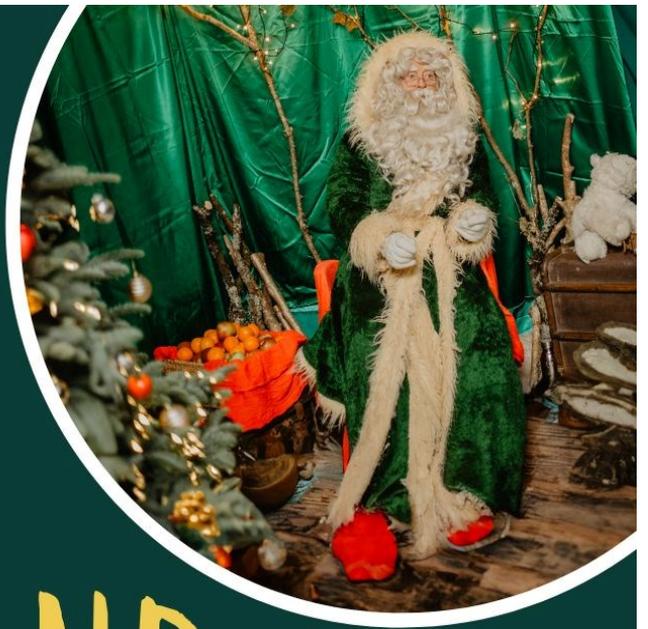
A shop full of everything Christmas  
£25 Christmas trees  
Festive photo opportunities  
Cafe and street food

[trevenacross.co.uk](http://trevenacross.co.uk)

 Visit our social media pages! 

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FREE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

SATURDAY  
25TH  
NOVEMBER

SATURDAY  
2ND  
DECEMBER

SATURDAY  
9TH  
DECEMBER

10:30AM-12:30PM AND 1PM-3PM

Come and meet Father Christmas at the  
Community Centre, Redruth, TR15 1AN with  
activities for all the family.

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