



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: School choir singing in the community



On Thursday morning 29 members of our school choir walked up to Tregenna Nursing home on Pendarves Road to sing to the residents. The choir sang Silent Night, Little Drummer Boy, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Once in Royal David's city. It was an opportunity for the

children to spread some Christmas joy to the older generation in our community and continue to practice their singing. It was a lovely experience for the choir and the children were a real credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Holmes for again accompanying us on the keyboard. Next term choir will run as an after school club.

Christingle Assembly



On Tuesday afternoon Rev Olive Stephens led our Christingle assembly with the help of the school

choir. The children learnt about the history of the Christingle and the different Christian symbols it represents. Thank you very much to Rev Olive and Minnie's mum for making 110 Christingles for the children.

Dates for your diary:

3rd Jan – INSET day – All staff in.
4th Jan – Start of Spring term 2017
9th Jan – clubs start
13th Jan – Daya visiting Class 4 all day.
27th Jan – Youth Speaks practice with Mrs Oxford
1st Feb – Bikeability for Year 5
2nd Feb – Bikeability for Year 5
3rd Feb – Youth Speaks competition
13th to 19th Feb – HALF TERM

This week's awards:

Top Table: Paul Short, Thomas Preston, Jasmine Carey, Ellie Stephens, Finn Clift, Issie Fletcher
Prefect awards: Tiffany Davis and Bonnie-May Gruber
Headteacher Awards: Laurie Malaiperuman, Josh Cornish, Maisy Bromige, Chelsea Williams
Carn Brea: Minnie, Olivia S, Evie
Godolphin: Keira, Emily, Kaiden J
Trencrom: Piran, Lily-Mae, Ryan
Tregonning: Megan D, Heidi, Jack I
Attendance:
Carn Brea: 98.22% - **Trophy winners**
Godolphin: 96.71%
Trencrom: 97.33%
Tregonning: 97.85%

Quote of the week: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. **Winston Churchill**

Penponds Nativity

Check out

<http://www.cornwalllive.com/young-and-old-of-penponds-take-part-in-its-annual-nativity-play/story-29976842-detail/story.html> (or the front page of the West Briton) for a great report on the weekend village nativity.

Christmas card competition

Every year George Eustice MP holds a competition with the local schools for children to design a card that he sends to all the members of parliament. This year Gina Eastman, from Trencom, was awarded the runner up position. On Wednesday afternoon one of George Eustice staff presented Gina with her prize. In the letter George stated, "the reason we chose Gina's design was because of the attention to detail and the robin. I enjoyed the bright colours and had a particular fondness for the moon and the Santa hat". Well done Gina!

Santa's grotto



On Wednesday afternoon a special visitor magically appeared in our school grotto to meet the children as they were

enjoying their end of term parties. The library was transformed into a huge collection of fairy lights and sparkly displays where each child received a gift from Father Christmas. Many thanks to Michelle Pascoe, one of our dinner supervisors, for giving up her time to complete the grotto.

School Christmas dinner

Wednesday lunchtime saw the school being treated to a lovely Christmas dinner. The children were treated to 'service with smile' from all the staff; there were some great Christmas jumpers and everyone had made a



party hat. Many thanks to our chefs Bobby and Phil for their hard work in serving up an awful lot of Christmas Dinners.

Homework showcase



Harry and Jack from Godolphin class produced some brilliant homework as part of their topic learning this term. Harry had painted a huge giant with goggling eyes called Bolster from St Agnes and Jack had made a Tudor house with detailed wooden framing as part of the Great Fire of London topic. Well done boys for moving your cutting edge of learning and thank you to their parents for fantastic support.

Message from Mr Richards

Dear Parents/Carers,

Camborne Lantern Parade



On Monday the school hall was taken over by Miss Souch and her team of lantern makers for the production of lanterns for the parade on Thursday night.



On the night itself we had some of our Y5/6 pupils in the Camborne Samba band whilst the rest of the parade joined in with Troon, St Meriadoc junior and St Meriadoc infant schools as part of the Rainbow Multi Academy Trust. Thank you to all those who paraded with us – nearly the whole school were there - it was a fantastic turnout.

We are going to suspend the Phoenix lantern from the hall ceiling to be able to use it next year.

On the last day of the autumn term I'd like to thank you all for the unstinting support you have given the school and our learning community. I know that you share with me that our vision, "Aiming high and Achieving our Best" has certainly moved forward this term with success in sport, maths learning ladders, handwriting and more recently our various Christmas celebrations.

In order to improve further as a school next term we are going to focus on homework (especially reading), writing and our learning environments. We will also continue to provide challenge in every lesson, inspirational visits and generating those, 'Wow!' moments in our curriculum.

Finally, our highlights this term have been the children; whether representing the school as sporting winners, Penponds Speaks, raising money for charity, performing in a concert or simply, the continuing pride they have for being a pupil of Penponds School.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you when the spring term begins on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Yours Sincerely

Mr AV Richards
Headteacher

Message from Carn Brea Leisure Centre

With term time coming to an end and parents looking for activities to keep the children occupied we decided that it would be a great time to offer a special swim price whilst celebrating the Christmas festivities. We therefore are offering a half price swim to all customers who wear a Christmas hat or Jumper when they visit the centre between 12-3pm, Monday 19th to Saturday 24th December. This means that children can swim for £1.60 and adults can swim for £2.15 which is a total bargain. We also have our exhilarating "Double Trouble" inflatable which is also available at half price on Wednesday 21st December from 1pm-3pm. This activity is bookable via reception or by phone on: 01209 714766.



Santa run

Gina Eastman from Trencom class is taking part in a Santa run in Helston on Saturday 17th December to raise money for Cornwall Hospice Care. If anyone would like to sponsor Gina they can use this link to her page:

<https://helston-santarun2016.everydayhero.com/uk/joanneandgina>



Reception Places

If you require a reception place for your child in September 2017 you must complete a form by 15th January 2017.

N.B. If your child attends Little Acorns they will not automatically be given a place unless you complete the admissions process through Cornwall Council. You can apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

For more information telephone 0300 1234 101

Cornwall Council Site Allocations plan

Cornwall Council would like your opinion on the future planning for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth Area. You can view the details here: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/cornwall-local-plan/development-plan-documents/cornwall-site-allocations-development-plan-document/camborne-pool-illogan-and-redruth-evidence-base/>

School Text Messaging Service

We are now able to text message parents; we will start using this service in the coming weeks. Initially only urgent texts will be sent, e.g. if a football game is cancelled. For more details, please see: http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/text_messaging_service



After School Primary Tuition

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TREVENSON MOOR GARDEN CENTRE

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December



Live music & craft stalls from 12pm

Craft Stalls | Christmas Trees | Garden Gifts

Live Music | Lottie's Vintage Tea Van

**Come and join us for tea, cake and Christmas
festivities in support of**

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Everyone welcome!

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If you are interested in the Go Active holiday club please see Mrs Wood in the office for a form.



The Christmas shoe box appeal is running all over Cornwall and its where people can donate things from single items to complete shoe boxes full of items that can be given to people that are homeless in the week up to

Christmas so they have something to open at Christmas time. We shall be putting a donation cut off put as the Sunday the 18th December, this means we can collect them all on Monday and they hand out over the week. We shall also be running and Easter shoe box appeal as well. Are you involved in a youth club (scouts, beavers, girl guides etc) school, sports team (adult or children's)? Then why not do this as a group and help the less fortunate this Christmas. People become homeless for a number of reasons and a lot of times through no fault of there own, and more and more people become homeless each day and could happen to any one of us at any time. We are arranging drop off points throughout Cornwall for people to drop off items.

Items you could include in the box:

Christmas card with a nice message inside

Toiletries of all sorts are always needed; shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, wet wipes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, mouthwash, vaseline/lip balm, sanitary products, flannels, razors, shaving foam, handcream, hair brushes & hairbands,

Treats, such as chocolates, sweets, sachets of drinks/cup a soup, biscuits, maybe items such as a book, a notepad and pen/pencil, a torch, batteries, travel first aid.

Other small items such as ear plugs, eye masks, small towels, hat/gloves/scarves and underwear particularly socks – (Underwear must be new, with tags, please)

Penzance

Addaction Penzance, 23/24 Market Place.

Co-op, Market Jew street.

Boots (fields) chemist, Alverton street.

Newlyn

Star inn

Hayle

Boots chemist, Foundry Square

Camborne

Williams Travel, Dolcoath Road, Camborne, TR14 8RA

Redruth

Addaction, Alma Place, Redruth TR15 2AT

Lanner

3 Strawberry fields, Lanner (Private Address)

Truro

Addaction, Rosewyn House, Alverton Terrace, Truro TR1 1JE

Penryn

Nitoe Security, Waterside house

St Austell

Addaction, 5 Church Street, St Austell PL26 6SP

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CAMBORNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

Go Active Cornwall run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5 - 14 years old. We have the biggest range of sports and activities in the UK - activities that include Street Surfing, Bubble Football, Rocketball and more! Now we are coming to a venue near you, and we would like to offer you a special discount!

THIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WE ARE HERE TO HELP. WE WILL BE RUNNING TWO DAYS AT TREVITHICK LEARNING ACADEMY, SO YOU CAN GET YOUR LAST MINUTE BITS AND PIECES WHILE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE A BLAST AT OUR AWARD WINNING HOLIDAY CLUB!

Location: Trevithick Learning Academy
Time: 9am - 3pm (£10) or 8.30 - 4.30 (£14)
Clothing: Sports clothes, trainers and spare clothes.
Lunch: Bring a packed lunch and an extra bottle of water.



If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form below by circling a time option for each day you would like your child to attend before returning it to the school office, with payment (Cash or Cheque), by no later than Monday 12th December.
Please make Cheques Payable to 'Go Active'

Date.	9.00 – 15.00	8.30 – 16.30
Tuesday 20th December	£10	£14
Wednesday 21st December	£10	£14