



Weekly Newsletter
Autumn 2021 – 9
Friday 26th November 2021

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'Window Wanderland'

Camborne Town Council sent Penponds School a lovely message of thanks for our contribution to Camborne's first 'Window Wanderland'. They said our art work was fantastic and made the JoJangles shop glow with beautiful colours for the event. Well done everybody.



Camborne Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival

Carn Brea class made some lovely decorations this week to decorate a tree at Camborne Parish Church for their Christmas Tree Festival. There are lots of trees decorated by different schools and organisations, it is looking very festive! 🎄 The festival will be opened and lights 'switch-on' at 5.45pm Friday 26th November. See further details in the poster attached to this newsletter.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 29th November 2021

School will be closed due to a day off in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday/Platinum Jubilee

Swimming Lessons

Trencrom Class Y3/4 starting Monday 10th January

Monday 10th January – 4th April inclusive



Sports4Tots extra-curricular

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children pre-booked with Nick Eagles

Tuesdays – spaces available please contact

nick.eagles@sports4tots.org.uk or 01209 832 312

Extra-Curricular Clubs

No clubs the week beginning Monday 29th November due school closure on the 29th November and parent consultations on 30th November and 1st December
Sports4Tots will take place on Friday 3rd December

Monday - Mindfulness Art
Tuesday – Sports4Tots



Tregonning Class

Tregonning Class practised their culinary skills to prepare (and enjoy) some Greek style kebabs. From food hygiene to basic kitchen skills, the children did a fantastic job and prepared some lovely food.



Wednesday – Chess and Board Games
Thursday – Book Club at lunchtime
Thursday – Construction/Lego

Parent Consultations

30th November and 1st December – book through online booking system

Christmas Tree Decorations



This year all children will be able to make a decoration at home and bring in if they wish to hang on our school Christmas tree. Please can children bring in their decorations **by Wednesday 1st December**

Festive School Lunch



Wednesday 15th December
Please email with Mrs Wood with your order by Tuesday 30th November

Christmas Parties



Friday 17th December
All classes will have their Christmas Parties on Friday 17th December. Children can wear their **party outfits** and no school uniform. Please can parents/carers **donate 50p** towards the cost of party food through Parentpay. Much appreciated.



Earlier this week we did some programming in order to create flashing LED lights for Christmas decorations.

Last Day of Autumn Term
Friday 17th December 2021

First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 5th January 2022

Inset Days:
Monday 29th November 2021
– in lieu of Platinum Jubilee holiday in June 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022
Friday 8th April 2022
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Attendance this week

Carn Brea: 85%

Godolphin: 91%

Trencrom: 89%

Tregonning: 79%

Class Teacher Awards

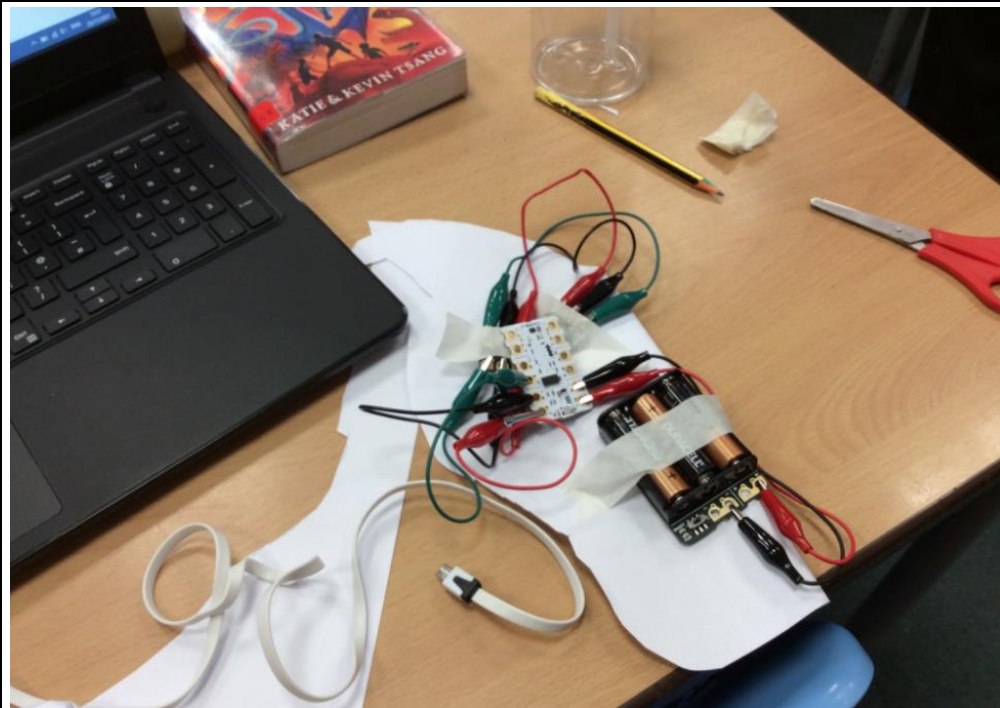


Carn Brea
Martha, Paige, Max

Godolphin
Holly, Millie, Toula

Trencrom
Orla, Hermionne, Maisy

Tregonning
Next week



Head Teacher Awards



Carn Brea

Paige

Godolphin

Alyssia, Thomas

Trencrom

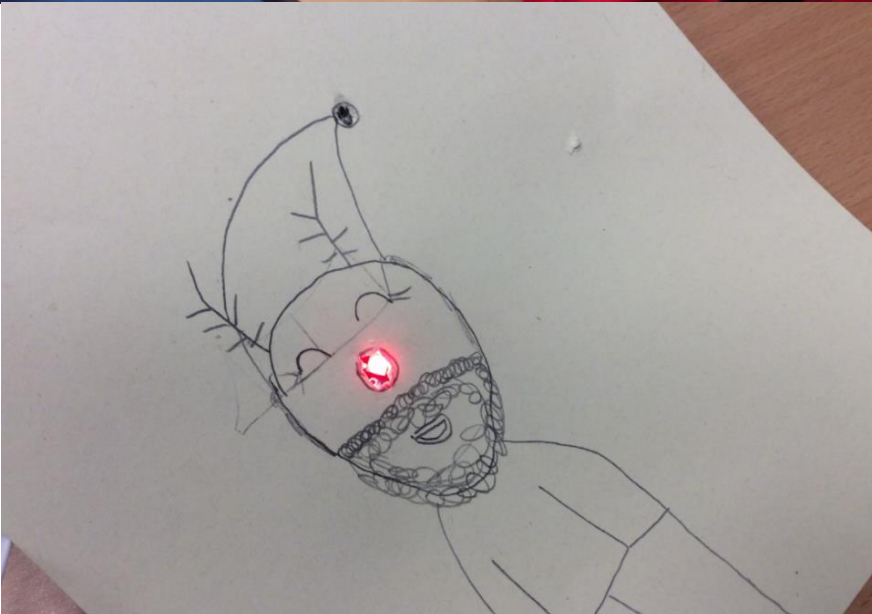
Joel, Joshua

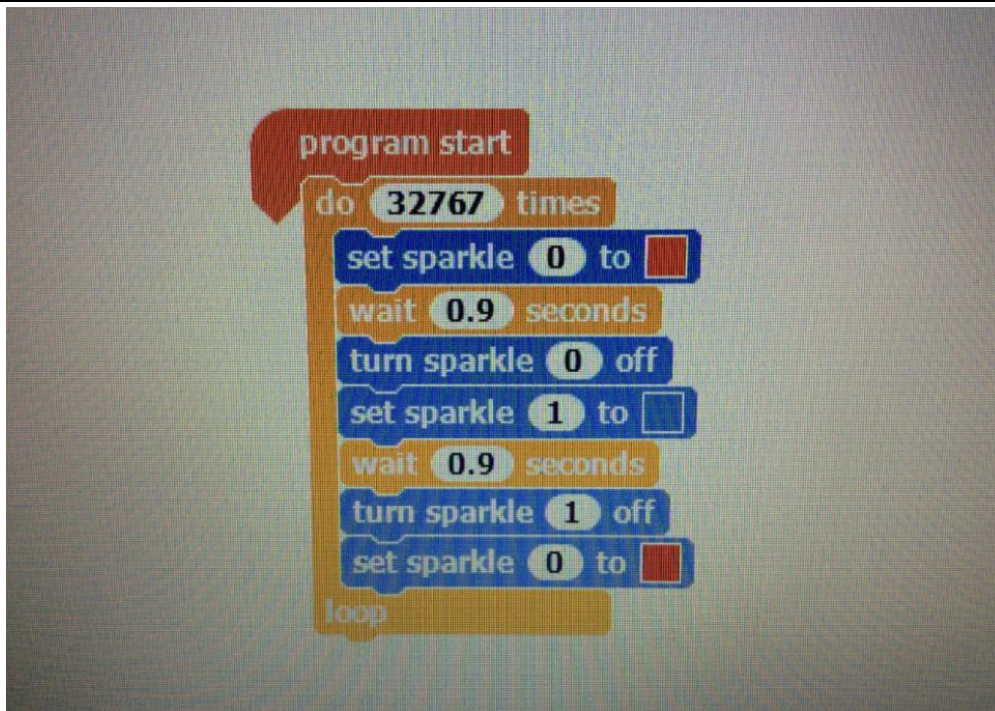
Tregonning

Harry M, Charlotte

Quote:

When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels.





Carn Brea Class

Carn Brea are really enjoying learning about real-life superheroes this term. This week, Colin visited Carn Brea class and told us all about his job as an engineer in the Royal Navy. Colin has flown in helicopters and worked on ships and been to many different countries! He also plays sport for the navy too. Carn Brea were all very interested and asked lots of questions. We were very lucky, Colin even brought some stickers and pencils into school for us! Thank you for being a real-life superhero.



Poem:
Stopping by the Woods on
a Snowy Evening
By Robert Frost



Whose woods these are I
think I know.
His house is in the village
though;
He will not see me
stopping here
To watch his woods fill up
with snow.

My little horse must think
it queer
To stop without a
farmhouse near
Between the woods and
frozen lake
The darkest evening of the
year.

He gives his harness bells a
shake
To ask if there is some
mistake.
The only other sound's the
sweep
Of easy wind and downy
flake.

The woods are lovely, dark
and deep,
But I have promises to
keep,
And miles to go before I
sleep,
And miles to go before I
sleep



Festive School Lunch



Wednesday 15th December

Please email with Mrs Wood with your order by Tuesday 30th November

See attached menu for our school Festive Lunch on Wednesday 15th December. Jacket Potato option will still be available with cheese/beans and if they prefer children can still bring in a packed lunch from home.

Please could you email Mrs Wood by **Friday 26th November latest** with your child's choice for that day. No need to choose a dessert.

1. Turkey Roast
2. Quorn Roast
3. JP Beans
4. JP Cheese
5. JP Cheese and Beans
6. Own packed lunch

Cost is Free for Reception, Year 1 and 2. Payment of £2.40 for Y3/4/5/6 children via Parentpay please.

Parent Consultations 30th November and 1st December

Parents Consultations will be held on Tuesday 30th November and Wednesday 1st December between 3pm and 6pm. These will be face to face in the Hall and can be booked online using the following link:



<https://cal.smoothbook.co/5da5ce6f84e31e7aa72ad4c2>

Just copy and paste the link to your web browser. If you haven't registered before you will need to Register/Create Password before you can book a timeslot.

Parents/Carers should arrive on site at the main office door at their allocated time and can leave via the external hall door to ensure a one-way system to minimize the amount of people in the Hall at any one time. So people are not waiting out in the cold we will have a timer set in the hall to ring after your 10 minute slot so consultations don't overrun. If you wish to speak further with the class teacher after your 10 minutes please call the school the next day to arrange. Please note there will be no extra-curricular clubs this week.

Christmas Videos

Due to the Covid restrictions on gatherings in school at the moment and in light of how long it takes to plan, rehearse and present performances and concerts, this year we will be creating Christmas videos to share with parents/carers via Dojo. Only children with consent for "Dojo" will be able to be part of the videos. If you would like to change or check your child's dojo permissions please contact Mrs Wood in the office.

Christmas Tree Decorations

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Posters

- Festive Lunch
- Little Acorns – Christmas Cake
- Christmas Tree Festival
- Forest School Festive Fun

Covid Guidance

KS1 and KS2 children need to arrive at **8.45a.m** and go to their classroom door entrance.

Reception children need to arrive at **8.50a.m** and go to their classroom door entrance.

Staff will be at the door ready to welcome them in.

At the end of the day please collect your child from their classroom entrance apart from Y5/6 (Tregonning class) who will be walked around to the front of the school by the bike shed and will be dismissed from there.

Reception and KS1 will finish at **3.15p.m**. KS2 children finish at **3.20p.m**.

Please collect your child promptly.

Due to the increased number of confirmed Covid cases in Cornwall at present, we would politely ask that parents continue to wear masks at drop off and collection when the school will be very busy and if entering the building for an appointment.

If your child develops a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) please do not send them into school and arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible.

There is more information about the return to school from Cornwall Council through the following link.

[Back to school - Cornwall Council](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Public Health Update: Schools and Early Years Settings

The number of COVID-19 infections in Cornwall continues to increase, with more than half of the total number being recorded in Cornish Schools.

Because of this, Public Health Cornwall, is asking parents, carers, teachers and school staff to follow some new guidance.

We request:

- You book a PCR test if you are a household or close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case
- We are asking for household contacts of a case who attend an educational setting to take a daily rapid LFD test for 7 days

This additional testing recommendation applies to children in secondary schools and additionally primary schools if parents/carers feel comfortable in doing so.

The daily testing recommendation for Cornwall is not mandatory but designed to identify children and young people who develop COVID-19 a few days after their sibling or other household member and therefore reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms and are testing negative they can continue to attend their setting. If they test positive on an LFD test or develop new symptoms, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test.

We also request that all parents, carers and older siblings of school aged children test twice weekly, using a lateral flow test, in line with the continued government guidance.

Guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (HAS)

For staff member cases

Where a staff member is identified as having been in close contact with the person who tested positive, they should be advised to take a PCR test. Close contacts may wish to undertake daily LFD testing whilst awaiting their result. They should also be advised to self-isolate unless one of the following applies:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- They can evidence that they are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons

To ensure eligible individuals identified as a close contact can access [Test and Trace Support payments](#) you may consider providing staff details to the NHS Self Isolation Hub when:

- staff member who was in close contact with the person testing positive has indicated they are not exempt from self-isolation, but the person testing positive was unable to provide that person's details to NHS Test and Trace.
- it is particularly difficult for the person testing positive to identify or provide details of some members of staff they were in contact with, for example temporary workers such as supply staff, peripatetic teachers, contractors or ancillary staff.

The self-isolation hub can be contacted by calling 0203 7436715.

Kind regards
Public Health

FESTIVE MENU!

Wednesday 15th December



Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

Book
Now

MAINS

Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn
Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, a Mini
Sausage and Gravy

DESSERTS

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread
Festive cupcake

Choice of Fruit

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

Christmas is coming

Order your

CHRISTMAS CAKE

now



6 inch Traditional Christmas Cake £20

Gluten Free Option available, please let us know

To place an order please send us a private message on our Facebook page
or call us at Little Acorns Preschool on 01209 718990



Made by our very own talented zoe's cakes

Camborne Parish Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 26th November –
Friday 3rd December

Grand Festival opening and lights 'switch
on' 5.45pm Friday 26th November

Festival opening times:

Friday 26th Nov. 5.30pm

Saturday 27th November 11am- 4pm

Sunday 28th Sunday Services

Then daily 11am-4.30pm

Free Concert Wednesday 1st Dec. 7pm

Fairtrade Stall

Refreshments and Light Lunches

An opportunity to support local charities

Free Entry



Come and join in with some

Forest School Festive Fun

Saturday December 18th
9.30 - 3.30



£35 per child

- * Outdoor Games and Activities
- * Campfire snacks
- * Nature inspired Christmas Decorations



Great for 5 to 9 yr olds

For more information contact Sue (Greenaway)

treefolkforestschool@gmail.com

Spaces are limited, please book by 11th Dec.

The woodland site near Praze, has an
undercover area and toilets.

