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## Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th February  
9am

Peninsula Partnership  
Cross Country at Pool

Wednesday 12th  
February 2.30pm

Y6/7/8 Football &  
Netball v Truro  
School Away

**Year 6, 7, and 8**

**Parents:**

**16+ Meeting in the  
Drawing Room**

On Tuesday 3rd March  
at 17.00 we will be talk-  
ing about our plans for  
16+ going forward.

Mrs Mann and Mrs  
Topsey-Eaton will give a  
brief presentation after  
which there will be a  
chance to ask questions.  
Children will be wel-  
come for Boarders'  
Prep.

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# Polwhele Post

THE NEWSLETTER OF POLWHELE HOUSE

## From the Head...

Dear Parents

I am very sorry to have to announce that Mrs Lusty has decided that the time has come for her to leave Polwhele House. She has been a backbone of the school, always there to support children in difficulties and a real champion of the children's opportunities to take part in all sports and all sorts of activities. We will all miss you, Mrs Lusty, and hope that you come to visit us often.

After Easter, Miss Corrie Davies will be joining the Prep School full-time as Head of Games, as well as teaching Computing and some Humanities. Miss Davies has a wealth of experience in both the state and the independent sectors, and has taught PE up to GCSE level. She has also led a previous school in the introduction of Computing into the curriculum. I know that we will all welcome her—especially as she will be new to Cornwall.

On the following page is important information regarding the Novel Coronavirus, which is especially relevant as we move towards half term. Working together, we can help keep our community safe.

I am sure that I am not alone in being amazed that it is already half term. I do hope that you all have a good break and look forward to seeing you for the second half of term.

Best wishes

Mrs Mann

head@polwhelehouse.co.uk

### OPEN MORNING

You will have seen our bus stop advertising now, on the roads in and out of Truro, which should help spread the word about our Open Morning.

Flyers have arrived and one will be coming home with each child—please pass yours to a friend or place it in a venue where your child goes so that as many people as possible are aware of Open Morning. If you would like more flyers, please ask in the Office.

If your child is not able to be with us for Open Morning, please let the Office know so that we can make sure that activities are engaging and work well.

We already have a few families keen to come and have a look so this should be an engaging, busy morning, showing the school off in its best light.

Here's to a successful Open Morning!

*'Karenza whelas karenza'*

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you regarding the Novel Coronavirus and updated advice we have received, which is particularly pertinent as we approach half term.

Some families may be receiving visitors from abroad during the February half term and I understand that these arrangements may have been planned for a long time. However, we have been advised by Public Health England and the Boarding Schools Association that any pupil who comes into contact with someone who has been in China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau within the previous two weeks will need to be quarantined away from school for a minimum 14-day period after their final contact with that person.

We completely understand that this may cause difficulties and would seek to mitigate any problems by providing work via email. Please let me know if your child is being quarantined.

We will of course continue to monitor this fast changing situation and will continue to update parents as necessary.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Mann

Advice from the NHS on good infection control strategies, also recommended as protection against Coronavirus:

To reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## COMMENDATIONS (11th February 2020)

Amelie Joubert	Y3
Tommy Marsden	Y6
Minnie Kitson	Y3
Evelyn Foulsham	Y4
Darcy Howe	Y6
Elizabeth Hendon	Y8
Daisy Hassell	Y7
Yasmin Lewis	Y7
Jago Nicholas	Y7
Clementine Smith	Y1
Rupert Roseveare-Shazell	Y1
Jack Laing	Y1
Darcy Phillips	Nursey
Grace Perryman	Nursey
Beatrix Wood	Y2
Bertie Payton	Y2
Isla Thomas	Y2
Annabelle Brantingham	Y2
George Skellu	Y6
Lucia Warden	Y6
Poppy Stevenson	Y6
Selena Weerasire	Y3
Yusuf Aly	Y4
Lucia Warden	Y6

## PRE-PREP NEWS

Year 1 made some kites as part of their PSHE lesson about learning. They all found it quite tricky, especially folding the paper. They all tried very hard and with support and encouragement managed to make some great kites. Then we had to wait for a suitable windy day to fly them. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February provided such an opportunity. The sun was shining and the wind was just right so we all went up to the playground and had great fun successfully flying our kites.

Well done Year 1.



## LENT SPORTS NEWS

On the 5th of February the Polwhele netball team traced to Truro high to play a game of 5 aside netball. Daisy Hassell, Emily Cochrane, Jessica Pearce, and Elizabeth Headon all played a fantastic game and with the first win of a season, polwhele won 8- 2. Elizabeth Headon scored 4 and so did Emily Cochrane giving her the well deserved title of player of the match. Well done Polwhele.



## LENT SPORTS NEWS

### U9 Netball and Football v Truro Prep – Tuesday 4 February

Well done to all our girls and boys who thoroughly enjoyed their away fixtures. The girls played a great game of netball with all of them improving as the match went on. The final score was 3 – 2 to TP with Isobel Thrasher and Florence Warden scoring our goals. The player of the match as nominated by our opposition was Alexis Bell. The boys played a tough game of football and all put in a sterling effort. Mr Kellas has nominated Yusuf Aly the player of the match particularly due to his great sliding tackle.

Well done to all of you.



Well done to Daisy Hassell who ran a fantastic race at the South West Counties Cross Country races at Bournemouth on Saturday. A 24th position out of the top 10 runners from each county is most certainly an amazing achievement.

# LENT SPORTS NEWS



## Y6/7/8 Netball & Football

Wednesday 12 February

@ Truro School 2:30pm

Netball	Football
Elizabeth Headon (capt)	Jo Reeve (capt)
Emily Cochrane	Ivan Laing
Daisy Hassell	Oscar Littleford
Yasmin Lewis	Jago Nicholas
Jessica Pearce	James Crombie
	George Holder
	Tommy Marsden
	George Skelly
	Ewan Steyn

Please change after lunch and meet at the art room wall for a 1:45pm departure.

Boys - You will need shin pads and boots (you will travel in trainers).

We will return to school at 4pm (Collection from TS is at 3:30pm).

Mrs Lusty

# LENT SPORTS NEWS



U8 Netball & Football

Tuesday 25 February

@ Truro Prep 2:30pm

<b>Netball</b>	<b>Football</b>
<b>Maddie Hounsell</b>	<b>Vinnie Cleveland</b>
<b>Minnie Kitson</b>	<b>Tristan Cochrane</b>
<b>Elizabeth Radmore</b>	<b>Paul Hill</b>
<b>Selena Weerasirie</b>	<b>Freddie Sexton</b>
<b>Delilah Willis</b>	<b>Jacob Wright</b>

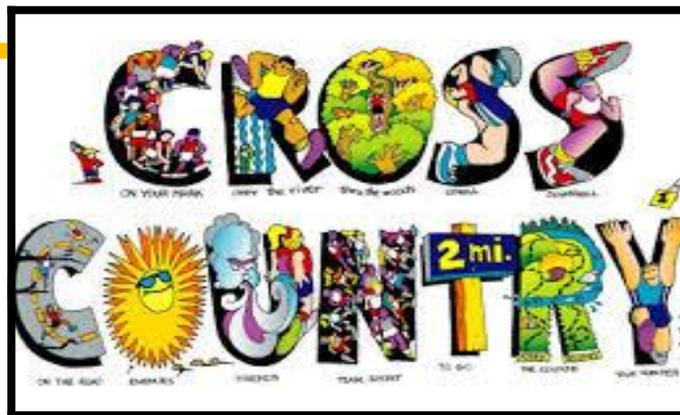
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### **Polwhele House Cross Country – Saturday 14 March**

Timings for the day are as follows:

9.30am	Registration
9.45am	Walk the Course
10.15am	Y/8 Race (2.5km)
10.45am	Y5/6 Race (1.5km)
11.10am	Y3/4 Race (1km)
11.30am	Presentation of Awards

Please let the school office know if your child would like to compete at this event. Parents need to attend this event if their child is participating. We need course marshals on the day so please let the office know if you are able to assist with this.

Please note, this is a multi-terrain cross country course, a substantial section of which includes part of the school's woodland. Therefore, runners are advised to race in appropriate footwear of either running spikes or football boots.

### **Coose Trannack Cross Country – Saturday 21st March**

**Timings of the day will be posted after half term. If your child wishes to enter this event please let the school office know. Parents are required to take their children to this event.**

# Crochet Club

Our crochet club has proved popular and successful this term!

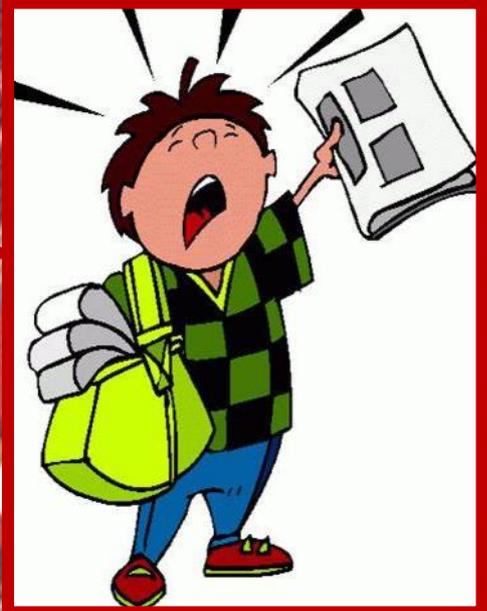
We now have 12 members, some with basic knowledge but mostly complete beginners. One of these is Tommy who, after only 3 weeks, has mastered the chain and double crochet, and made a blanket! This is so impressive, well done Tommy!

In fact everyone is doing really well and starting their own projects ; I hear even parents are being taught at home! It is a great hobby which I would recommend to everyone.

Madame Fergus



# TEXTILES



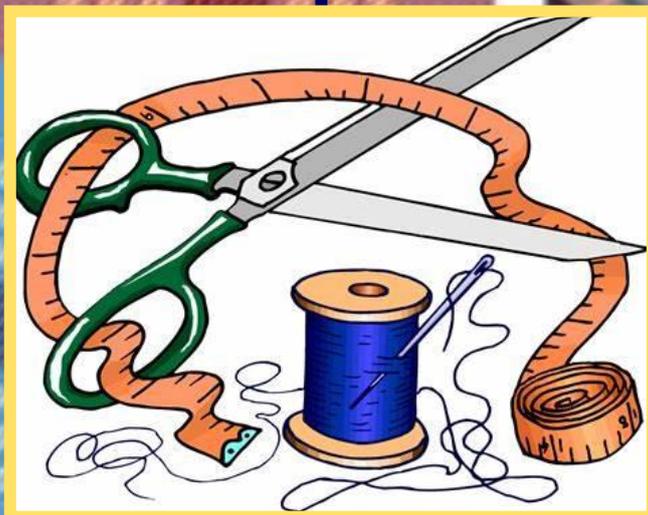
On Wednesday 5th February the school had a special visit from Dee McCoull who is a textile artist ( she also has a special job as Darcys Grandma) .

Dee bought with her some of her fantastic work that is made from recycled materials. Her work included a large textile picture inspired by the 2011 Japanese tsunami and coats and dresses re created from curtain sample books ! These were also embellished with beautiful embroidery.

Dee talked to the year 6 children about the tsunami piece and how it was very emotional creating this piece, that took 3 months to complete.

The children were fascinated by the work, including Mrs Warden, who couldn't resist trying the beautiful coat on !

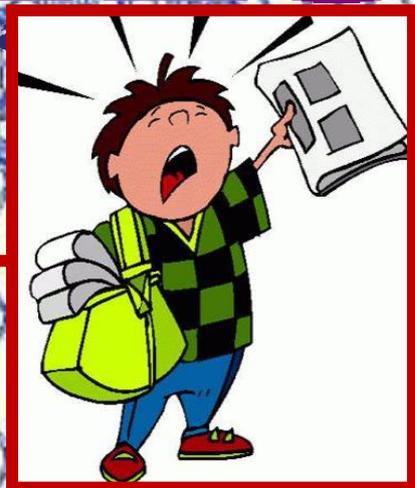
Lynne spencer



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# POLWHELE EQUESTRIAN NEWS

**It's lovely to see lots of our riding children wearing their new fleece riding jackets proudly at school! Please remember if you have not already ordered yours, just let Reception know and we can fit your child at their next riding lesson and add the cost (£19.50) to your bill. They are reasonable and beautifully embroidered.**

**The correct uniform for riding is now a riding fleece worn over the sports polo shirt with beige jodhpurs. If any parents wish to invest in a riding hat, please note that Griggs Equestrian offer Polwhele pupils a 10% discount on hats— pop by the stables and we can give you a voucher! We have a selection of jodhpur boots here at the stables, along with some body protectors for everyone's use.**

## Out and about



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## **BOARDERS' MENU**

### **Monday 24th February**

Spaghetti Bolognese

With Salad

Apple and Blackberry Pie

### **Tuesday 11th February**

Swimming Outing

### **Wednesday 12th February**

Spaghetti Carbonara

Muffins

### **Thursday 13th February**

Chinese Banquet

Fresh Fruit Salad

# Lunch Time Menu



**Tuesday 11th February**

Toad in the hole

Vegetarian Toad in the hole

Served with Mashed Potatoes

Shrewsbury Biscuit

**Wednesday 12th February**

Roast Beef

Leek and Squash and Crumble

All served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage

Pineapple Upside Down Cake Served with Custard

**Thursday 13h February**

Ham and Leek Pie

Vegetarian Pie

All served with Boiled Potatoes Peas and Sweetcorn

Chocolate Cracknell

**Friday 14h February**

Fish Cakes

Vegetarian Tortilla Lasagne

All served Potato Wedges with Mixed Vegetables

Sticky Toffee Pudding

**Monday 24th February**

Jacket Potatoes

Served with Baked Beans Cheese, Tuna, Sweetcorn and Salad

Blueberry Cake with Clotted Cream

# NEWS FROM PHSOC

## **Adventure Playground News**

We're delighted to let you know that the order has now been placed for the children's new Adventure Playground at Polwhele House. It will be constructed on the existing site next to the hard court / car park and, if all the stars align in our favour, it could be operational towards the end of March.

Following the parents' consultation for the two proposed designs, the committee agreed to the less expensive "Option 2", but to add some small steps alongside the play equipment.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the PHSoc fundraising effort - almost £15,000 over the last four years; a great achievement for a small school, and to the Stanford family for their substantial donation.

We'd also like to thank the School which has agreed to pay for the fencing, the additional steps and for the bark/wood chippings, as well as Mr Truen's time to make the steps and prepare the area.

## **Hot Choc Fridays, after school**

Don't forget hot chocolates after school every Friday; (just £1 with the works – sprinkles, squirty cream, mini eggs and marshmallows). From 3.40pm in the car park, then from 4.45/5pm inside the front door. Bring your own cups/mugs to help the environment, or you can use schools cup or purchase a Polwhele travel mug.

## **Year Reps**

Welcome to the new children who have recently arrived at Polwhele House. There are "Year Reps" (a mum or dad) who will be in contact soon, to welcome you to the class parents.

## **We're on Social**

PHSOC has a dedicated Facebook Group (Polwhele House Society), so please do ask to join the group. You can also "like" and "follow" the school's official Facebook Page – Polwhele House.

## **Second-hand uniform**

If you need to top up on any Polwhele House uniform, remember there's a lot of second hand items available – all donations going to PHSoc funds. You can either take a look on a Friday morning at coffee, or contact Kathryn Nicholas on 07812 542673 if you're after anything specific.

## **Coffee morning**

Don't forget to drop in for a coffee this (and every) Friday from 8am (through to beyond 9am) in the school's drawing room. An informal and relaxed way to get to know more mums, dads and carers who have children at Polwhele.