

From the Head...

Dear Parents

This first week back after half term has been dominated by thinking of others.

On Wednesday we held our acts of remembrance, with all the children having focused on the meaning of the poppies and the sacrifices made for our freedom and protection.

Today we are raising money for Children in Need and we have an exciting array of bandanas around school to remind us of Pudsey Bear and also of children who do not have the opportunities we fortunate Polwhele House community members have.

Polwhele House is a giving community and it is a pleasure to see how the children support these ventures. Thank you for adding your support because, without you, the children would not have the means to add to the collections!

This week we have taken our first educational visit - a field trip to St Just - and also hosted our first boarders since Lockdown. Even though we are in a state of Lockdown, we can take small steps safely. It seems unlikely that we will be able to open more evenings of boarding to different bubbles so, if you are considering boarding for your child, it will have to be Bubble 3 on a Monday!

As we get used to managing events under our changed circumstances - or as the vaccine helps things return to normal - we will extend our excursions and events to include the other bubbles. We haven't forgotten them!

Best wishes

Hilary Mann

Driving onsite

Please be aware that some children have to walk to cars parked on the drive. The drive is narrow and does not have space for doors to be opened and other cars to pass. It is imperative that we all drive slowly as we approach the school, especially as the evenings are getting darker. Please err on the side of caution - we will always keep your children safe, even if you are delayed, so there is no need to hurry.

I know that we all want to keep our children as safe as possible.

Diary Dates:

Group 'Expressions'
Photos Thursday
19th November at
9.00

Lantern Parade
Thursday 26th
November at 17.15

We look forward to
holding more school
events when it is
possible to do so
safely.

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School Notices



Staff news



You will all know John Truen, our Head of Maintenance, who has kept us going through flood and power cut for 16 years, ensuring the smooth running of the estate side of the school. At the end of next week he will be saying goodbye to Polwhele House, as he takes the enviable decision to spend more time with his family. It is difficult to imagine life without his reliable presence to support us all – but we wish him the very best, and I am sure you do too.

With the opportunity to review our operations management, we have appointed Tara Brown to manage this side of the business and although she will not be fulfilling the same function as John has, she will provide the management support for the department. Further technical expertise is being appointed to ensure we continue with the smooth running of the school. Tara will continue as Head of Boarding.



We send them both our very best wishes in their exciting times ahead!



We are delighted that Miss Topsey has returned to lead Year 3 and the Performing Arts Scholarship. Whilst she will be organising Games, for the rest of term she is stepping back from this part of her teaching role and Mrs Virr will be delivering Games lessons. Hockey will be enjoyed by all our Prep children this term! We are very grateful to Mrs Virr for holding the fort so well.






Reports and Parent Meetings

Dear Parents

Over half term we received many of the assessment results we have been waiting for and have moved forward on writing the roadmap reports, which can be further discussed at parent meetings. However, random yeargroups and subjects are still outstanding, which means we have not yet been able to construct many of the roadmap reports. This means that the telephone meetings have, once again to be delayed.

Reports will be sent out as they are prepared, over the next week or so (as soon as the results have arrived and reports have been written) and we will begin to offer telephone appointments with staff once you have had a chance to digest the information.

My apologies for the delay in this process, which is entirely out of our control and, I suspect, reflects schools' needs to set a baseline following Lockdown, which is entirely understandable, as this has been our own approach.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Mann





School Notices



Bubble 3 Polwhele Lantern Parade

On the 26th November 2020 the Children in years 6 , 7 and 8 are invited to take part in the Polwhele Lantern Parade.

The parade will start at 5.15pm and will weave its way around the school grounds and at the end of the parade there will be sparklers, hot dogs and hot chocolate for all the children taking part in this special event.

We had hoped that parents would have been able to watch the parade, but sadly due to Covid regulations, this will now not be possible.

The children will be ready to be picked up by parents from the gravel car park at 5.45 pm .

All children participating will have tea after school finishes and then will go to Science Club with Mr Kellas until the Lantern Parade begins.

Children will need to wear school uniform, remembering that warmth and waterproof properties are essential (as well as gloves—or no sparklers!) We will keep our fingers crossed for dry weather!

Year 7 and 8 children are currently creating lanterns with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Marsden on the theme of endangered animals. Year 6 children will carry the mackerel fish lanterns created for last year's parade.

Please can you confirm your son/daughter's attendance by emailing Mrs Jones in the School Office (including any allergy information) so that we have clear list of children attending, by Thursday 19th November 2020.



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School Notices



A huge thank you for your generous donations for the Harvest Festival which were gratefully received by the Truro Foodbank.

We write to thank you and everyone in your school for your support during this year's Harvest Festival. This is so crucial in these difficult times. Every contribution is appreciated and helps to provide food to those living in food crisis in the Truro and surrounding area.

Kind regards

All at Truro Foodbank

A Big

THANK YOU



POLWHELE SCHOOL

for supporting Truro Foodbank at harvest 2020.

Especially in these covid times your donation really helps to make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Truro foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



Remembrance Day



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Remembrance Day



The Poppy

(Read by Isobel Thrasher)

Poppy, poppy pure and red.
Grew where soldiers once lay
dead.



They must have been so very
scared.

In Flanders Fields it was not fair.

A silence fell on Armistice Day.
The 11th month, the 11th hour of the
11th day.



To honour those that gave their
lives.

Those that fought but did survive.

We wear poppies as the bugle
plays.

To always remember
Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day



We held three Remembrance Day services, one for each bubble.

At each event we listened to George Butterworth's *The Banks of Green Willow*, read the traditional Laurence Binyan verse, printed on the first page of our Remembrance tribute, led into the silence with the Last Post and concluded it with Reveillie. As the children left, we played Elgar's *Nimrod*.

We were very proud of the children's interest and respect during these services.



Remembrance Day





Remembrance Day



The War Horse (Read by Elian Quinney)

I am in my field, thinking about my memories of war.
My name is Goliath, an old Clydesdale horse.
I have experienced war so I shall tell you my story.
I am the lucky one to be alive

I was taken to war from my master.
I was frightened at first but I made lots of friends.
Many horses died because of the gunfire and gas.
Others exhausted from pulling wagons.

There was not enough food so many starved
Because we only had a little grain.
And some got wounded and sick
The lucky ones were saved by the veterinary staff

My work was to pull the artillery wagons,
Guns, weapons and ammunition to the front.
Trudging through mud, deep as a man,
Raining, cold with gunfire all around

While working one day we met with the enemy.
Their terrifying tanks were too strong.
They destroyed our battalion,
I was lucky to escape, I never saw my friends again

I was alone, injured, hungry and weak.
I kept running and running until I found some men.
They took me to hospital and treated my wounds.
No good for war, but I recovered and was sold.

My old master bought me at the sale.
I was saved from the war
And went home to my field,
Where I am now telling you my story.



Prep News



In the first half of term the Wall Street Wizards learned about running a business and making a profit. It was not all plain sailing and there was much learning involved (for example: remember to book in the customers; remember to advertise...)

However, the club made a profit of over £100 (with thanks to those who had their cars washed) which is to be commended.

The reward for their labours was to have Domino's Pizza delivered for their lunch. They selected a Tuesday as they knew that the deals happen then! The club members chose the pizzas democratically and thoroughly enjoyed their feast.

The Clic Sargent charity will receive the rest of the money, which was the decision of the club members.

We feel that we have the makings of some exceptional entrepreneurs in our midst!



Prep News



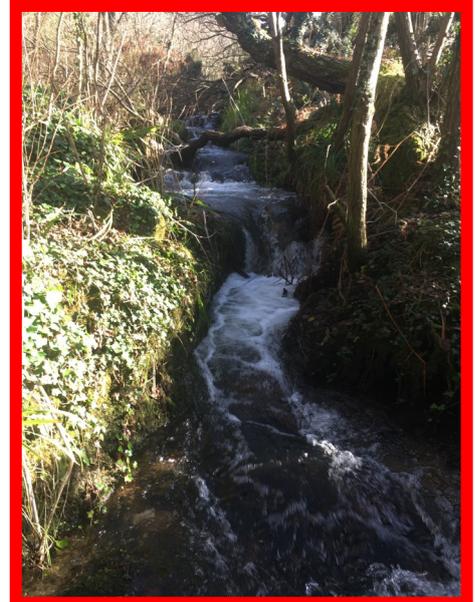
Year 7 & 8 Geography Field Trip

On Thursday 12th November, our Y 7 and 8 students departed PHS for a Geography field trip at Cot Valley / Porth Nanven cove. This area is famous for its mining history, a raised beach with the famous 'dinosaur egg' boulders, completely smoothed and rounded by thousands of years of the action of the seas and, of course, a river running through the valley.

Fortunately, the weather was glorious for this time of year. Our students came well equipped with wellingtons, water-proofs and warm clothing. Did this mean that they all went home dry? Definitely not! After looking and discussing the geology and geography of the coast and surrounding area, the students divided up into three groups and spent the rest of the day wading through the river at four different locations. Armed with tape measures, ranging poles, stop-watches and other bits of equipment, the students measured river velocity, width, bedload size and roundness, and water pH.



Lunch was taken on the old mine workings, eating our PHS ham and cheese rolls, and at the end of the day we watched the power of the sea with the seals and gulls. The students were a credit to the school, working really well together in teams and collecting a lot of data for their write-ups.



Equestrian News

We're delighted that our Tack Room portacabin has had a new roof fitted during half term, and we will now be water tight for winter ! We have been very busy painting the portacabin, and also planting some lovely tulips and daffodils, that we hope you'll enjoy seeing this coming spring. It's always lovely to see the results of our progress, but we thought you might enjoy looking at some of the photos over the past months.





Equestrian News



Armistice Day





School Menu



The Weekly Menu

• FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD •

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with baked beans and salad Flapjack
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese/Vegetable Bolognese Served with salad and homemade bread Orange Shortbread Biscuit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken/Italian Bean Stew Served with roast potatoes, peas and swede Steamed pudding and custard
Thursday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce/Falafels in Tomato Sauce Carrot Cake
Friday	Fish Fingers/Tortilla Lasagne Served with potato wedges and mixed vegetables Jelly Mousse Cake



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