



HEAD'S BLOG...

Well the days are getting chillier and shorter—the countdown to Christmas is well underway. Children have been busy creating Christmas crafts as well as the finishing touches to Nativity costumes and movie scenes. They look fab!

You should have received your Christmas cards, mugs, coasters and so on this week. We are sorry for the delay as we only received them from the suppliers on Wednesday. We hope they were worth the wait!

At the end of the week, we had a great time supporting Cornwall Hospice's Silly Santa day with children dressed up in honour of this great cause. All went home with a medal or a Santa suit—we are so proud of the fundraising efforts, which culminated in an amazing grand total! Thank you to each and every one of you!

As advised in last week's newsletter, we have a new member of our team joining us in January. Tom Keyes will be teaching alongside Mr Hobbs in Phoenix class. You can find out a little more about him later in this newsletter. Mrs Bray will remain with us but in a different role as she will be supporting pupils in Key Stage 2 as part of our Catch-up plan.

Catch-up Plan

We all know that children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus. Those from the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds will be among those hardest hit. The impact of lost time in education will be substantial for some and we must respond to this.

The government has pledged £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.

Our plan on how we will utilise this funding to support children to catch-up on lost learning can be found on our website: [Catch-up Premium plan](#)

And finally, I'd like to confirm with you that despite the recent announcement that schools could use an INSET day to enable an earlier end to this term, we have not chosen to do this and school will remain open until 3:30pm on Friday, 18th December.

Enjoy your weekend!

Debbie Carmichael

Coronavirus reminders If your child develop any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he MUST NOT come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.

NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo. Thank you.



Achievers this week



Each week we will be awarding children who have gone the extra mile with the following:

- **Achiever Certificate** - for showing awesome learning behaviours
- **Christian Value Certificate**—for showing how we can demonstrate our Christian Values.

Doves

Ami

For lovely focussed
fox craft

Fish

Ebony

For great perseverance
in all your work.

Lambs

Karys

Great writing in her
seasons poem.

Pelicans

Helena

For brilliant column
related subtraction.

Peacocks

Gracie

For reaching for the
stars in everything
she does.

Phoenix

William

For giving everything and
concentrating this week.

Angels

Marco

For taking a responsible
attitude to learning.

Faith

Toby

For having a brilliant
attitude to his learning
and trying his best in
everything.

Hope

George

For having a fantastic
attitude towards all
aspects of his learning.

These children have been awarded with a certificate for showing our Christian value of perseverance:

Doves - Poppy

Pelicans - Ruby

Angels - Henry

Fish- Bethany Smith

Peacocks - Amelia

Faith - Jamie

Lambs- Sophie L

Phoenix - Mia

Hope - Jacob



Drumroll please..... We raised the grand total of....
£3115.33 !!!
 What an amazing achievement! Thank you to each and every one of you that sponsored the children and big thanks to the children for getting so involved.
 What an amazing time we all had!



OTHER NOTICES

Hi, my name is Mr Keyes and I am excited to be joining Year 4 in January. I grew up in Cornwall and have taught in schools all over England and even one school in Malaysia. My favourite subjects to teach are maths, history, geography and PE. When I am not working in school I love to be by the sea: swimming, surfing or just digging with my family and my dog (called Barney!) I also enjoy playing my guitar. I look forward to meeting you all soon.



Reminder of dates for cards and gifts in school:

11th-15th December

Cards and gifts will be 'quarantined' in the class boxes. We will not accept anything for distribution after Friday, 11th December.

Wednesday, 16th - Friday, 18th December

Cards and gifts will be distributed to be taken home the same day.

It was my absolute pleasure to be able to take your donations of Christmas presents to the Salvation Army on Tuesday. I must say, I felt super proud to be part of the BB family. The pile of donations was absolutely massive!!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the cause. The photos show the donations in our staff room, the presents taking up my card, and then all of the donations are with a lovely lady called Rebekah who works for the Salvation Army.

Thank you so much everyone, Mrs H 😊



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Week beginning 14th December—Christmas party and virtual panto week

Tues 15th December—Christingle

Wed 16th December—Christmas lunch

Fri 18th December—No after school club

Mon 21st December-Fri 1st January—Christmas holidays

Mon 4th January 2021—Back to school

Mon 15th February 2021-Fri 19th February 2021—Half term

Fri 2nd Apr 2021-Fri 16th April 2021—Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May 2021—Bank Holiday

Mon 31st May 2021-Fri 4th June 2021—Half term

Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term



Online safety update— How can I help my child have a safer digital Christmas?

The Internet Matters expert panel give their answers and top tips.

When it comes to digital media, safety is really a question of context. Video games aren't good or bad in and of themselves. But we do need to create a healthy context in which children can enjoy, interpret, and discuss them.

More than getting the latest consoles or gadgets for children this Christmas, the best gift is often spending time playing with them. Games like [Moving Out](#), [Among Us](#) or [Horizon Chase Turbo](#) are a great way to play together without breaking the bank.

Although parents and carers can be cautious of intruding on children's playtime, and of course, kids don't always want us there, they are usually really excited if an adult takes an interest in what they are playing.

Setting aside half an hour to sit with them and play. Making a point of sitting down together to play a game. Talking about games at the dinner table.

These are all brilliant ways of ensuring the video games our children play is consumed in an appropriate way. It anchors them as a part of family life and grants us valuable insight into the world of play that our children get so much from.

Click [here](#) to find out more on apps, consoles, hand-held devices and ensuring a screen-time balance.

PARENT SUPPORT



'BB-Conn-ect'

Our monthly virtual coffee mornings providing a safe space to meet and connect with others with a gentle focus on wellbeing.

Details on how to join these meetings are shared via Dojo each month but please do express an interest by texting Terri-Anne

As always, you can drop me a text on **07903 613074** or email terri-anne.old@celticcross.education.

We all know things are hard at the moment but if you find yourself struggling, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can support you with a wide variety of issues including information on financial support and help with food bank vouchers. Nobody should ever go hungry, especially at this time of year!

Coming soon... 'Targeted Parent Sessions'

for small groups of parents to come together for some group support relating to specific topics/themes

To begin with we are welcoming expressions of interest in being part of some small group sessions if you have a child who is

- a) Either on the ASD pathway for diagnosis or has an ASD diagnosis
- b) Experiencing and struggling with anxiety
- c) Presenting with challenging behaviour that you are finding difficult to manage

These will begin in the New Year providing we have sufficient interest to facilitate some supportive group sessions. **Please contact Terri-Anne** if you'd like to be involved.

OTHER NOTICES

A Big **THANK YOU**



Sennen and Lilli

for supporting St Austell foodbank

Your donation of 116.6kg makes a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

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

foodbank network

Registered Charity Number: 1128896. Registered in England and Wales.

This December

WHEAL MARTYN CLAY WORKS

Festive events at Wheal Martyn

Join us throughout December for some festive family activities in the woodlands! Booking essential.

- **Reindeer Hunt: 3 - 23 December**
Find all the reindeer hiding in the woods!
- **Elves and Rein-dog Weekend 12 - 13 December** - Dress up your children and dogs in festive gear!

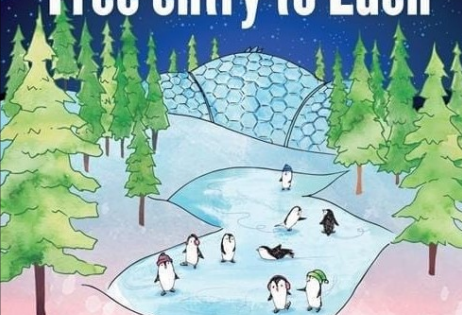
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www.wheal-martyn.com

eden project

Community days

Free entry to Eden



- NHS staff, care professionals, 'Blue Light' workers - 7-10 December 2020
- Teachers, teaching assistants, school/college/uni staff, and home educators - 9 & 10 January 2021
- St Austell residents (postcodes PL24, PL25, and PL26) & Bodmin residents (postcodes PL30 and PL31) - 16 & 17 January 2021
- NHS staff, care professionals, 'Blue Light' workers - 23 & 24 January 2021
- Armed Forces employees and veterans, RNLI employees, Charity staff and volunteers, Cornwall and Devon council employees - 30 & 31 January 2021

Limited number of free tickets available* Skate on our glittering ice rink**

*All Community day visits must be pre-booked online: see our website for a full list of dates, who's eligible, what form of ID to bring with you, and instructions on how to book. Subject to availability. **Additional charge applies for skating, plus a timed entry slot to Eden must be pre-booked online to start at least 30 minutes prior to your session.

edenproject.com/community-days

Christmas : StartNow Cornwall

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun....Click the link below everyday to open the calendar door for some fun Christmassy resources.

<http://www.startnowcornwall.org.net.uk/get-involved/christmas/>

OTHER NOTICES

Struggling local families across Cornwall need YOUR help

Two weeks ago the CHAOS Collective, a group of amazing individuals and organisations from across Cornwall, joined together to record a special Cornish version of the 'Do They Know it's Christmas' charity single made famous by Band Aid.

The **Feed Cornwall** song and video is part of a new campaign aimed at increasing awareness of the problems caused by food poverty in the country and raising money to help families who are struggling to put food on the table.

You can view the Feed Cornwall video on the CHAOS website at www.chaosgroupcornwall.co.uk/feed-cornwall

Every single penny of the money raised by the song and video will be used to support food banks and other projects to tackle food poverty in Cornwall.

Donations are being managed by the Cornwall Community Foundation who will work alongside local organisations, including the Cornwall Food Access Alliance, Transformation Cornwall and the CHAOS Group, to ensure funding is targeted at helping vulnerable people.

We know that some people in Cornwall are in danger of going hungry this Christmas. Please help us to help them by supporting our campaign.

You can support Feed Cornwall by:

- Posting messages of support on your own social media channels and encouraging your family and friends to share them (#FeedCornwall)
- Resharing or re-tweeting the messages on the CHAOS Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels
- Recording your own mini videos supporting the campaign and posting them on social media
- Making a donation on our Crowd funder page : <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/feed-cornwall>

If you own a business or manage an organisation please encourage your staff, volunteers, suppliers and any others you work with to watch the video and support our campaign.

We know that some families were already struggling before the Covid pandemic and want to ensure that no -one in Cornwall goes hungry.

You can find out more about the campaign—and what you can do to help on the CHAOS website:: www.chaosgroupcornwall.co.uk/feed-cornwall

Thank you



School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School in September 2021 is now underway. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION IS 16th JANUARY 2021.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU APPLY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO



Morning and
afternoon
spaces now!
available!



High quality
teacher-led nursery
provision

**Come and join
the fun at**

BBeebies Nursery

at Bishop Bronescombe C of E School

"Staff provide high-quality opportunities for children providing a solid foundation for future learning. Relationships across the Nursery class are nurturing and children are well prepared for when they start the Reception Year."

Ofsted

Contact us on 01726 64322 or email

bishopbronescombe.secretary@celticcross.education

get more information or book a visit!

Lots of outdoor
learning
opportunities!



Child led approaches
to learning within a
nurturing, homely
environment



Funded sessions
available

Dedicated and
experienced
staff



Fresh and
healthy snacks
provided daily