



HEAD'S BLOG...

We made it! The end of the Autumn 2020 term is here and, despite the undoubted challenges along the way, we can truly look back on some special moments. There's been lots to be thankful for and lots to celebrate during difficult times; I feel very fortunate that our community—pupils, parents, staff and Church—have pulled together to provide as 'normal' a time as we can.



Christmas in school has been different but we have still made sure that children have experienced joy — panto was great fun, Christingle was special, Silly Santa was, well... silly and Christmas lunch was delicious! We were even 'brought together' to produce a Nativity like no other. At the time of writing, Mr Nicholas is furiously resolving some technical difficulties. I know he won't give up so keep an eye on Dojo as we will let you know as soon as possible when all has been resolved. There will be a link on Dojo but you will also be able to access the film on our website under: Pupils / Virtual Nativity 2020. It will be available for you to download and watch over the Christmas holidays but will be removed when we return in January. All we ask is that you do not share the film or post on any social media platform.

Thank you for your support over recent months; a global pandemic is going to be challenging for everyone! However, without your support, things would have been so much more difficult. Thank you to respondents to our wellbeing survey too, the results of which have been very positive and reassuring. We have seen pupils thrive since returning in September so we're glad you see that too.

It only remains for me to wish you the happiest of Christmases, in your Christmas bubbles (although I think they should be called baubles over the festive season). Stay safe and well and enjoy the things that bring you joy and peace!

Debbie Carmichael

See Parent Support page for important information about Christmas Track and Trace!

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

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



We have been made aware about a small number of students in another school using an app called Omegle. It seems that students make contact with strangers, it appears of Indian and Arabic origin who then connect the students (mainly girls) into a group chat which has sexual connotations.

Safety advice regarding this app can be found here:

[Omegle](#) | [Free Online Safety Guide](#) | [National Online Safety](#)

Online safety at Christmas With technology gifts being high on wish lists each year, it is important to ensure that you and your children are safe when playing with new devices. To help you over the holidays, the UK Safer Internet Centre have set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online.

Set boundaries

Our advice is to set some ground rules, and ensure they understand them. For example:

Apply Screen Time Limits

Agree a time limit or number of games beforehand, to avoid repeated disagreements around how long they can spend online.

Sleep comes first

We advise that phones or tablets stay out of the bedroom overnight to charge. This avoids those night time distractions.

Ask for access If you're concerned about something happening or want to take a look at the games and apps they are on, ask them to allow you access to the phone.

Monitoring vs having a conversation

It is possible to install software onto devices that monitors online activity on devices. This type of software is becoming increasingly popular, but while this might sound tempting, it does pose a number of issues around your child's right to privacy. Instead why not have a conversation about the types of things they are doing online, and create a family agreement to set out expected behaviour.

More advice on setting up phones and tablets; deciding on gaming and setting New Year's resolutions can be found here: [UK Safer Internet Centre Christmas tips](#)

OTHER NOTICES



If your children like arts/crafts, sports, being green, outdoorsy stuff, cooking, challenges or all of the above, click on the link for a free 19 page activity booklet to keep them busy!!

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/45228575/doing-december-differently.pdf>

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Incredible Years

for parents of 3 to 5 year olds

Do you need support and advice on managing children's behaviour?

Sessions include:

- Play
- Positive parenting
- Promoting self esteem
- Praise and rewards
- Developing routines
- Difficult behaviour

Dates: Thursdays 7th January – 1st April 2021
(Excluding Half Term)

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: This programme will be run online using Zoom

To request a place, visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelpclub and complete the request for help form.

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PARENT SUPPORT



Do you need extra help to pay your rent?

2,300 people have already received help through Discretionary Housing Payments and you may also be eligible.

Please contact us as soon as possible as we may be able to help you with:

- Extra money
- Help getting into work
- Advice on managing debt

For more information and how to apply please visit

www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits

There is also an online contact form on this page if you have any queries or alternatively you can telephone us on 0300 1234 121.



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Christmas Track and Trace

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of their last day in school, please obtain a test immediately. If you receive a positive test result, please contact us as soon as you can via email on enquiries@celticcross.education. If you have no internet access, a message can be left on the answerphone using this number: 01208 590150.

Please state your child's name, class and school when communicating with us.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION PLATFORM, AS THESE WILL NOT BE MONITORED DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. THANK YOU.

If your child develops symptoms after being away from school for more than 48 hours, you do not need to contact us, but you should still isolate, seek a test and follow NHS guidance.

If you are planning a trip abroad over the Christmas period, and you have to quarantine for 14 days upon your return, you should inform your Head of School as soon as possible.

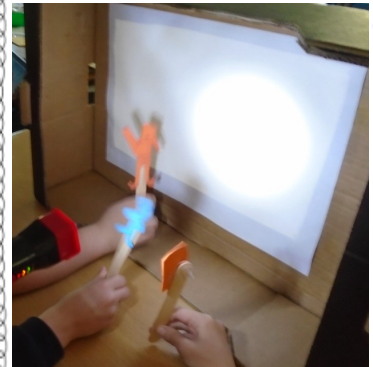
THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS...



This week, we have had a jam packed week of fun!! From braving the elements while playing rugby, clay modelling Henry VIII busts and creating shadow puppets to our traditional Christingle-making, it has been non-stop smiles.



The children really engaged in making and showing their puppets using lights to create shadows to tell a story.



We really have had a fantastic week and are proud of each and every one of you.

Well done everyone!

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.

We are very proud to support the Feed Cornwall campaign – will you join us and make a real difference to the lives of people in need?

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
Babs Rouncevell on behalf of the Feed Cornwall campaign.

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



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afternoon
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available!



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teacher-led nursery
provision

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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