



**The Bishops' C of E  
Learning Academy**

**Faith to Belong, Believe, Aspire and Achieve**

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th December Autumn Term 14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday we complete what has been the most unique and challenging year for the school that I can remember. It is with great pride and pleasure, however, that I can look back and say that as a school and a learning community we have not only risen to the challenge that has faced us all, but managed to create a supportive, positive, enjoyable and above all safe environment for all our young people. We remain as one of the very few schools in Cornwall who have not had a single case of Coronavirus. Should this occur in the New Year it would still not detract from what has been a magnificent effort by the staff, pupils and you the parent/ carers in supporting the learning and wellbeing of so many young people at this time.

If your child develops Covid symptoms in the 48-hour period after the end of term please [book a drive through test](#) and use our [out of hours report form](#) to inform us. This will be responded to by a member of Kernow Learning staff who will be available to assist you until Tuesday 22nd December. If the test is positive, we will have to contact all members of the bubble and advise them of their need to isolate.

If your child develops symptoms after Sunday 20th December this does not affect school contacts, track and trace will assist you in the event of a positive case.

I sincerely hope that all of our children and families remain clear of any possible or confirmed cases of Covid 19 over the Christmas holiday. I have also attached some summary guidance for the Christmas break from Cornwall Local Authority.

During this break I do hope of course, that all of us remain safe and well, and to support you, the parent/carer in regard to particularly the risks associated with online activity, can I remind you and refer you to our [website](#) or the latest [government advice](#).

**School returns for all pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.**

It just remains for me to say, as a very proud Head teacher, thank you for your continued support and may you have an enjoyable, peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Mr Adam Richards  
Head teacher



**Bible verse of the week:**

**Matthew 2: 10** "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him."

**TERM DATES**

**INSET DAYS 2020/2021**

Friday 12th February 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

**BANK HOLIDAYS**

Monday 3rd May 2021

**TERM DATES 2020/2021**

**SPRING TERM**

04.01.21 to 12.02.21

22.02.21 to 01.04.21

**SUMMER TERM**

19.04.21 to 28.05.21

07.06.21 to 23.07.21

**Attendance**

Whole school attendance is currently 97%. This week's attendance award goes to Perran and Atlantic Class who had 100% attendance this week.

**Parentpay**

Our new menu for the Spring term is now available on Parentpay to make bookings.



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## Little Fistral Nursery

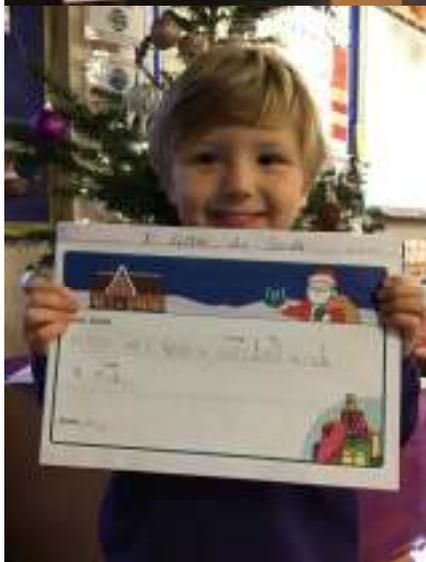
Little Fistral have had a week of Christmas fun, especially at their Christmas party. The children played games and danced and did the conga!! We shared some special snacks and sang songs. We took home special Christmas cupcakes which we baked and decorated ourselves. Mrs Hulance, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Allen and Mrs McHugh are very proud of the Nursery children. They have settled into school so well this term and we have loved getting to know them. The Christmas play was AMAZING and we would like to wish all our Little Fistral families a very happy Christmas. See you next term!



## Towan Class

Wow! What a busy first term our Reception children have had at school. We can't quite believe how quickly the time has gone and how much we have managed to fit in. Our final week has been just as exciting and the children couldn't wait to share our Christmas performance, 'The Nativity' with their parents. The children have worked so hard and we couldn't be more impressed with the show they put on. In the classroom, they have blown us away with the progress they have made in their writing, using their sound knowledge to write brilliant letters to Father Christmas. We really couldn't be prouder of

our Early Years children and hope they enjoy a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays. Wishing all of our families a merry Christmas and a happy new year.





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**Perran and Porth** Year 1 have blown us away this term with their fantastic attitude towards learning. We have loved investigating our topic question 'What makes me special'? Finishing our topic with burying our very own time capsule to reopen in Year 6! Well done on all your hard work and effort this term, we are very proud of all of you. Have a lovely restful Christmas, Miss Barnard and Mrs Warren.



## Harbour and Watgate

In Year 2 this week we have continued with multiplication in maths, we have been writing Newspaper reports in Literacy and in DT we have been making fruit salads. We have completed our topic asking the question 'If you had a time machine what time would you set?' Children were Time Travel Agents trying to convince Time Travellers to travel to their favourite time in London's history. We put the finishing touches to our Nativity puppet show, the children really enjoyed putting together the show and learning the songs. It has been a wonderful Term for Year two we have been incredibly impressed with all the children's effort and enthusiasm for learning. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas from all of the Year 2 Team.



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## Atlantic and Tolcarne

Year 3 have been really busy this week rounding off their topic 'Why wasn't Rome Built in a Day?' and completing their computing lessons. One of their tasks was to write an email to Mrs Roberts for the newsletter this week, summarising what they have done this term. Here are a couple of examples that we chose to share with you...

*We only started our topic in September but we have still done lots of work on Why wasn't Rome built in a day? We had a Roman dress up day and tried Roman food we also video called Julius Caesar and asked him lots of questions. We made pots out of clay because they did in Roman times. We also learned about roman characters, made shadow puppets and tested how far catapults could go (we did lots of writing). Everyone has had fun. As it's getting very close to Christmas we won't be at school often though so we are doing as much work as possible.*

**By Kizzie Wason**

*We have been learning a lot about the Romans and we have been doing lots of research. We have made catapults for home work and we tested them in science. I made one and my one won. It went 5 meters! And we have made roman peg dolls and shadow puppets and made our own version of Romulus and Remus. We have been finding out about Roman legacy and we have tasted Roman food and we had a Roman dress up day. At the end of the day the teacher chooses people to have advent chocolate most people have had one but not all people have had one yet. Miss Burnett is leaving and we are going to have Mr Prince. I'm excited for a new teacher.*

**By Benji Willdig**



If you haven't watched the Year 3 legacy video yet you can do so on our website here:

[https://www.thebishops.kernowlearning.co.uk/web/tolcarne\\_year\\_3/505126](https://www.thebishops.kernowlearning.co.uk/web/tolcarne_year_3/505126)



## Gannel and Whipsiderry

As we draw to the end of the year, we thought we would like to share a picture of ourselves wishing you all A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! If you look closely you can even see Gannel shouting this out! We have done so much this term and the children have really embraced learning in what has been a very challenging year. We are now in the process of enjoying the Christmas spirit and we know that they are looking forward to a well earned break. We would like to thank you for all the support that you have given in sending your children into school with home learning, reading books each week and donations for our incredible museums. Thank you so much.

Have a great rest and break and we will see you on the other side of Christmas.

Ms Hine and Mr Rowe.



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## Crantock, Holywell and Lusty Glaze

We've had a very busy and exciting final week of term in Crantock, Lusty Glaze and Holywell. In English the children have written some fabulous persuasive letters, including a letter to the government regarding free school meals; a letter to Sir David Attenborough about saving the coral reef; and a letter to the Head Teacher about bringing pets to school to name a few! The highlight of the week was Science Day, where the children became Polar Scientists and learnt about the underwater environment, polar creatures and food chains, and the importance of polar research for climate change. We also investigated how scientists collect samples from the seabed and designed our own ROV's. Finally, all the children successfully made and evaluated their own 'ocean grabbers' – a great day was had by all!

We would just like to finish by thanking the children for the effort and commitment they have put in this term, their positive attitude towards their learning and for adapting to the new systems in place. We wish them, and yourselves, a very peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in January. Mrs Yeomans, Mrs Mace, Miss Parr and Mrs Rule.



## Christmas Hampers

We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our local community. Local charities got together to provide presents, Christmas goodies and food hampers for us to distribute to some of our families. Everyone was delighted with their festive treats. We would like to say a massive thank you to Disc for donating presents, Newquay Foodbank for the Christmas treats and Winter Fresh (the Food Power for Generation Covid initiative) for the fresh fruit and veg.





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CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK	HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	READING AWARD
LITTLE FISTRAL NURSERY	All of Little Fistral	Mark T	
TOWAN	Daisy J	Hamish S	
PERRAN	Alfie C	Matas S	Milly S
PORTH	Billy C	Andrew M	Arlo O
HARBOUR	Millie W	Sahara C	Kye B
WATERGATE	Madison C	Jack V	Daniel I
ATLANTIC	Ava M	Betsy D	Alfie H
TOLCARNE	Abella J	Anja G	Franek P
GANNEL	Liam C	Aldo G	Amia R
WHIPSIDERRY	Jesse M	Tyler P	Jasmine J
CRANTOCK	Chloe W	Stella M	Matteo L
HOLYWELL	Piotr O	Maisy B	Maia-Jade
LUSTY GLAZE	Oskar S	Laila R	Noah Y

Well done to everyone, you are all superstars!



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## Frequently asked questions when schools have to close a class bubble:

### **My child has been told to isolate because of contact with a confirmed case. Should I get them tested?**

**No.** You should only arrange a test for your child if they have at least one of the 3 main symptoms of COVID -19. These are:

- A new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for an hour or more or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If they normally have a cough this may be worse than normal.
- A high temperature – feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- A loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Your child does not need to get a test if they do not have any of the symptoms listed above.

### **My child is isolating because of contact with a confirmed case. If I have them tested and the result is negative, can they come back to school?**

**No.** If your child has been asked to isolate, they must isolate for the full 14 days even if they have had a negative test result. This is because the virus can take up to 14 days to develop.

### **My child has been told to isolate because of contact with a confirmed case. Does the rest of the family need to isolate?**

**No.** It is only those who are identified as close contacts that need to isolate. Other household members are contacts of a contact at this stage so siblings can continue to attend school.

If your child who is isolating develops symptoms, then you should arrange for your child to be tested and the household should isolate at least until the result is known. If the result is positive, your child should isolate from 10 days and the household for 14 days from when they developed symptoms.

The times when you must self-isolate are:

- When you have been asked to do so as a public health measure
- When you have been asked to do so by NHS Test & Trace
- If you or a family member have symptoms and are waiting for test results
- If you or a family member have had a positive test result

### **My household is isolating because one of us had symptoms and their test result has now come back negative. Can we stop isolating?**

**Yes.** If you have not been identified as a contact but a member of your household develops symptoms, if there is a negative test result the household and the family member affected can stop isolating. Children should only return to school though when they are well, and they have not had a temperature for 48 hours.



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## Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small>
Fever (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No



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a runny nose, is sneezing or  
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But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

**These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP**