

# Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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**Finance:**  
School Meals £2.65 per day, £13.25 per week. Please pay via ParentPay

**Early Bird** - £2.10 or £2.80 per session  
**Kid's Club** - £7.35 per session  
*This must be booked in advance!*

**You may replace:**  
Book bags @£4.00

**Uniform** - [www.hartpersonalised.com](http://www.hartpersonalised.com)  
or - [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

Trannack Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Trannack-School-275021094306153>

Tax Free Childcare: [www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

## Diary Dates

INSET Days - Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> & July 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas - Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> inc.

Half term: Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> inc.

Easter: Mar 29<sup>th</sup> - Apr 12<sup>th</sup> inc.

Half term: May 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> inc.

Summer: Jul 25<sup>th</sup> - Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> inc.

Dear Parents/Carers

## Parents' Consultation Evenings

Please ensure you sign up for this if you wish to see your child's class teacher.

## Helston Food Bank

We received this letter from Helston Food Bank:

*This is just a short note to thank all the children and staff at Trannack Primary School for their very kind harvest gifts to Helston & the Lizard foodbank, which amounted to 84.10 kilograms.*

*Your kind donations will ensure that the food gets to those people in our community who are in need during these difficult times and I know they will receive this food with much appreciation.*

*Without your gifts people go hungry. So, this is a big heartfelt thanks from all of us here at the foodbank to all of you.*

God bless

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Foodbank Project Lead

Helston and The Lizard Foodbank

## Diabetes Awareness Day

In aid of Diabetes Awareness Day one of our parents came to school to talk to the class about diabetes, the symptoms and the treatment. The parent explained to the children how the insulin pump works on her child (one of their peers) and how diabetes affects the body. It was a very informative



afternoon, giving a greater understanding about the child's diabetes and their needs in the class, signs to look out for and how we can support them. Thank you, Donna G, for giving up your time to run this brilliant informative event.



## Little Learners

Little learners made firework explosions using different coloured water by mixing it with paint. To make it more authentic they also added glitter and sequins to the mix and used language and words which related to fireworks.

## School Photographs

A reminder that to avoid unnecessary postage charges, photographs must be ordered by 19<sup>th</sup> November at the latest, that is this coming Sunday.

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance last week was Praa Sands class with 96.9%.

## ENGLAND ROCKS:

What a tremendous time Trannack has had taking part in Times Table Rockstars' ENGLAND ROCKS tournament. In the tournament, Trannack placed:

- 56th out of 4078 primary schools that took part across the country, placing us in the top 1.4% of schools nationally! WOW!
- 3rd out of 73 local/Cornish primary schools that took part! AMAZING!

The highest scoring pupils in each year group are:

- Scarlett
- Frankie
- Rufus (the highest scorer at Trannack!)
- Liam

I'm extremely proud of the brilliant effort you have **all** put in and have loved seeing so many of you showing such enthusiasm for times tables!

## School Council and Eco Council

Hello my name is Maisie-Faith, I am in Y6, my role at Trannack is a School Councillor and an Eco Councillor. The role of a School Councillor is to come up with ideas to help the school and an Eco Councillor's role is to help the environment as well as the school. As an Eco Councillor you get to go on a trip once a year to represent your school and discuss ideas that could be carried out within Crofty Mat rather than only our school, especially if it is something that needs to be done by someone who has higher power than us.

Hello my name is Sophia, I am in Y6, my role at Trannack School is to be a School Councillor and to be there to help the school. Also, to help decide what the money we save or raise is spent on and to help make good changes that will benefit and help the school.

My name is Percy and I'm a Y6, my role at school is an Eco Councillor. We go to Crofty meetings online and sometimes we meet the other School Councillors and Eco Councillors in Crofty MAT. Our School Councillors in Godrevy are: Maisie, Sophia and Reggie. Our Eco Councillors are: Percy, Maisie, Seth and Ashiqa.

My name is Reggie, I'm a Y5, my role at Trannack School is to be a School Council member. That means that you show the little kids that they can do this when they are older they can do our job, so when we leave Trannack they will be inspired to do the same job as we are doing. Hopefully they will have just as much fun as we have had and get to go on just as many trips as we have.

We will maybe introduce Water Wizards and Energy Experts - these might be:

Water Wizards: Seth and Ashiqa - They will do a survey to see how many people use reusable water bottles.

Energy Experts: Lachy, James and George – They will go around the school to make sure lights, smart screens and heaters are turned off to save electricity.

**Digital Parenting - Ask the Experts -**  
*The answer to your digital dilemmas*

## Wrap Around Care

Invoices for wrap around care for last half term are now on ParentPay. Prompt payment is much appreciated.

## School Meals

Please ensure that school meals are regularly paid for on ParentPay.

## FTS - Upcycled Christmas Gifts

Thank you for the gifts already received, please keep them coming in. It's a great way of upcycling unwanted gifts that someone else will get pleasure from.

## Hearing Screening

Hearing screening will take place for Yr1 pupils on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you wish to opt out please see Mrs Hoskins.

## Diary Dates:

Deadline to order photographs - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultations - Tue, Weds & Thur of next week

Hearing Screening for Yr1 pupils - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Christmas dinner - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Godrevy Trip to the Maritime Museum - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas plays - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Penlee Museum visit (Portreath Class) - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

## **"How do I know if my child is spending too much time gaming?"**

**Dr Mark Griffiths says:** "I devised the following checklist to help you to check if your child's video game playing is getting out of hand. Does your child...

- Play video games every day – and for long periods (three to six hours)?
- Play as a way of forgetting about other things in their life?
- Get restless, irritable, and moody if they can't play – or you make them stop?
- Sacrifice social and sporting activities to play?
- Play instead of doing their homework?
- Struggle to cut down their amount of video game playing?

If the answer is 'yes' to more than four of these questions, your child may be playing too much. If their schoolwork, physical education, peer development and interaction are not affected, there is little to worry about. Excessive gaming doesn't always have negative consequences, the content and context of the game are more important than the amount of time spent gaming."

The deadline to apply for a Reception place in a primary school is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions.

House Points	
Fleetwood	★
Hepworth	★ ★ ★
Davey	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Trevithick	★

*This week's certificates go to:*

Name	Class	Certificate	Reason
Liam	Godrevy	Learner of the Week	For his infectious enthusiasm towards practising times tables – he certainly spurred everyone else on!
Ethan H	Godrevy	Citizen of the Week	For taking responsibility for playing with some of the younger children at lunchtime.
Rowan	Portreath	Learner of the Week	For super focus and a fantastic diary.
Rupert	Portreath	Citizen of the Week	For being resourceful and using the working wall to support his learning.
Ash	Praa Sands	Learner of the Week	For using great adjectives in his writing!
Ryan	Praa Sands	Citizen of the Week	For being super helpful for the adults in class.

Reading Karate		
Name	Colour	Class
Maisie	Yellow	Godrevy
Ashiqa	Yellow	Godrevy
Autumn	Yellow	Godrevy
Reggie	White	Godrevy
Jake	Yellow	Portreath

## Week 1

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## Helston Railway

Book your children to see Father Christmas and have a steam train ride on the Helston Railway, the most southerly railway in the UK. Tickets were booked up very quickly last year, so if you're interested book early. Tickets must be booked online. Please see the information below:



December Trains run on:

**Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th -  
Wednesday 20th - Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd.**

**Trains start at 10.30am and on the hour until 17.30pm departure with a late train at 18.15pm  
with Sherry and Mince Pies!**

*Book your children to see Father Christmas and receive a present  
full details on our website.*

**Booking essential via our website.**

**[www.helstonrailway.co.uk](http://www.helstonrailway.co.uk)**

**Trevarno Farm, Prospidnick Helston, Cornwall TR13 0RY [info@helstonrailway.co](mailto:info@helstonrailway.co)**



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# HELSTON

HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**SATURDAY**  
18th November, 2023



**START AT**  
10-30 - 12.30

If you wish to come along there is a £20 donation, which helps to keep the charity running. For this you will get a box filled with groceries, to include:

- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Pasta or rice
- A selection of tins
- A large bag with a selection of crisps
- A bag of frozen items
- A bag of fresh fruit and vegetables
- A bag of pasties or pies



### Devon & Cornwall Food Action

Devon and Cornwall Food Action will be visiting Helston Community College again this **Saturday 18 November** at their **North Site** from **10.30-12.30**. DCFA are supporting local communities by providing a week's worth of groceries for a £20 donation.

DCFA's last visit to HCC was extremely popular, with 100 families being supported! All visitors are requested to park in the main car park on the North Site.