



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 24th November

Multi Academy Trust
Our Mission, Vision and Values

Mission: The Roseland Trust provides outstanding education for our communities, where everyone succeeds.

Vision: To inspire a love of learning within environments that are happy, respectful and challenging, where everyone feels valued and able to reach their full potential.

Values: Kindness, Ambition, Responsibility.

Gerrans Very Golden Values

We are **G**entle and kind

We **E**ncourage each other

We have lovely time visiting We **R**espect others and property

We are **R**esilient learners

We are **A**lways truthful and trustworthy

We are a **N**urturing environment

We are **S**upersonic

Respectful, Responsible and Resilient



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

In the run-up to Christmas, it can be a busy time for everyone and so below we have outlined the key Christmas dates for easy reference:

Friday 1st December - PTA non-uniform day in aid of the Christmas Festive Fun Day Tombola.

Sunday 3rd December - Tregony Lantern Parade (see below)

Friday 8th December - Christingle Service at Gerrans School at approx 2:45pm. All welcome to attend. The children will be making Christingles in school that day.

Saturday 9th December - PTA Christmas Festive Fun Day at Gerrans Memorial Hall from 1pm.

Tuesday 12th December - Nursery, EYFS and KS1 nativity, Gerrans Church 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 15th December - School Pantomime Trip.

Monday 18th December - Santa Walk and Class Christmas Parties. On this day, children can wear santa-inspired clothing (e.g. santa hats, santa suits) and also bring a Christmas party outfit for the afternoon.

Tuesday 19th December - Last day of term. All welcome to our end of term Christmas Assembly at 2:15pm.

This week, children in KS2 have made lanterns with Mrs Husband. Children and families are welcome to come to Tregony Lantern parade to walk through the village. This is a local tradition and we thought it would be nice for Gerrans children to be involved this year. There is no expectation that children attend. For those that would like to, we will be meeting at Tregony Primary School at 5:45pm. All children who do attend need to be accompanied by a parent.

Please can we politely request that payments for school events are paid and up to date.

All families were emailed an eSafety newsletter on Monday this week, there will be a new one each month. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they are doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. Another challenge is not knowing about new platforms and the potential risks with them. This newsletter will keep you up-to-date and informed so that you support your child/children with them at home.

Please can we ask that all school dinner arrears are paid and up-to-date prior to the new system being rolled out which will not permit a school dinner being ordered if in arrears.

Thank you to parents who have completed the most recent wrap-around-care questionnaire. We have had very few responses so far and this facility is very much dependent on pupil numbers to ensure financial viability. Below is a link to the questionnaire please complete this by Monday 27th November.

[Wrap Around Care](#)

Many thanks for your continued ongoing support.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Porthcurnick Class News

In English and reading, Porthcurnick Class are continuing to enjoy learning through our Hidden Figures text in English and finding out what Olive, Cliff and Esther are getting up to in wartime Devon in Letters from the Lighthouse. In maths, both year groups have impressed us with their effort and achievement at the start of this fractions unit. In science we have discovered how the philosophers' Aristotle, Ptolemy and Copernicus viewed the Earth in relation to the Sun and how long a year is in Earth days for each planet in the Solar system. The Invaders unit based on netball skills is ongoing in P.E.

Congratulations to all Year 6 pupils who achieved level one in Bikeability on Thursday afternoon!



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Pendower Class News

A huge well done to all pupils in Pendower who have had a big Maths focus this week; Year 4 delved into calculating areas of rectilinear shapes whilst Year 3 have begun formal written methods of adding and subtracting three-digit numbers...Very impressive!

On Wednesday we became interior designers for insects as we collated our ideas for our Minibeast Mansion and on Thursday children got a little chilly as they considered life in Antarctica. Creating the structures for our lanterns from bendy willow and learning the lyrics to Cornwall My Home was a charming way to end our productive week.

Towan Class News

We have had many different adventures this week!

The children have made a great start on the nativity play - The Big Little Nativity. Please support your child to learn lines and get into character.

In Maths, the children are being challenged with solving number problems involving addition and subtraction, and have learnt to use different strategies to help them.

In response to exploring a letter from Town Mouse, the children have taken on the character of Country Mouse and written letters back. We have really looked at features of letters in preparation for any other letters (of a Christmas nature) that may be written in the immediate future!

Totams Class News

Totams Class have enjoyed another busy week. We have been practising the songs for our nativity and enjoyed some Diwali dance. The children have enjoyed creating all sorts of things



Towan - Harris for his excellent piece of story writing.

Pendower - Poppy: For her tireless resilience and determination to complete a challenge.

Porthcurnick - Moss for consistent effort, focus and achievement

Team points

Choughs: 418

Dolphins: 610

Pilchards: 588

Seals: 595



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Letter reminders

- Towan Class -
- Pendower - Mini Beasts
- Porthcurnick -
- All - Santa Run 2023

Attendance

Pendower: 97.5%

Towan : 95.5%

Porthcurnick: 97.5%

Reading Karate

White band (15 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan:

Yellow band (30 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: Oscar

Orange band (50 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower: Lana, Josie, Nancy
Towan: Harrison, Zoe, Harry, Frank

Red band (70 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower: Wilf
Towan: Harris, River

Purple band (95) -
Green band (120) -
Blue band (150) -
Black band (180) -

E-safety and Internet safety

Please see the link below for our latest online safety newsletter and up-to-date guidance on how to stay safe online.

<https://cdn.newzapp.co.uk/customers/18375/documents/OLSNewsletterforparentsOct2023-db5e82bb.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Inset Days for 2023/24

- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July
- Wednesday 24th July

Diary Dates

Friday 8th December - Christingle Service - 3pm Gerrans Church

Thursday 30th November - Gerrans Bake Off

Friday 1st December - PTA Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Tombola

Saturday 9th December - PTA Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12th December - Nursery, EYFS and KS1 nativity, Gerrans Church 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December - Whole School Christmas Treat

Wednesday 20th - January 3rd - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January - First Day of Spring Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Tuesday 19th March - Bag2School Collection

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday

Friday 19th July - Last Day of Summer Term

School Records & Contact Details

It's important that we hold the most up to date records of your child in school. Please can you let either Mrs Hooper or Miss Smith know of any changes. Have you moved address or changed your mobile or email, please let us know so we can update your records.

Many thanks



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The PTA are busy arranging the following events:

My Child's Art

Each child created their own Christmas artwork which is now available to view. To take a look and to order personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas designed by your child go to:

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Username: Gerrans

Access Code: xEOa8A59

Then search by your child/s name

Tea Towel Fundraiser

If you would like to pre-order one of our fantastic Gerrans School self-portrait Tea Towels please email dodmanalice@hotmail.com with the quantity and your child's full name. We have limited numbers available and they are selling fast so do get in quick! Prices are £6.50 for one, or £5 each if you purchase two or more. Thank you for your support.

Great Gerrans Bake Off - Thursday 30th November

We're running our ever popular Great Gerrans Baking Competition and Sale next Thursday. The theme this year is 'Winter' and entrants can bake and decorate any sweet treat - cakes, muffins, pies or biscuits. But no nuts at all please due to allergies. If your child would like to take part, please bring their entry to morning drop-off on Thursday, clearly labelled on the base with their name and year group. During the day our external judges will make their decisions, with all entrants receiving a school house point and the winner from each year group winning a wonderful prize.

There's no entry fee to take part, but please do join us in the School Hall at 3.30pm where all entries will be on display ready to be devoured. Cash donations only please. If your child would rather take their own wintery creations back home to enjoy, please state this on your label to avoid any sugary tears!

Own Clothes Day - Friday 1st December

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school (no theme or specific colour) in exchange for a donation to our Christmas Tombola which will be held at our Festive Fun Day on the 9th December. All donations are greatly appreciated and ideas include chocolate, bottles, non-perishable treats, trinkets, plants or gifts - if you would like to win it then so would someone else! Please bring your donations to morning drop-off all next week.

Festive Fun Day - Saturday 9th December

Join us from 1pm-4pm in the Gerrans Memorial Hall for an afternoon of festive fun! Expect new games, competitions, music, plenty of glitter and great prizes. There will be some free activities for everyone to enjoy, but please come with plenty of coins in your pockets as games, face painting and crafts will all cost 20p, 50p or £1. We'll also be selling delicious food and drink, running our popular Tombolas and showing a Christmas movie. We're still looking for volunteers to help out on the day, please email

katemorse@hotmail.co.uk

Help us to raise money when you shop online this Christmas!

This month our supporters on EasyFundraising made the PTA bank account £75 richer with minimal effort and zero extra expense themselves! So a huge thank you to everyone who is using EasyFundraising when they shop online. If you're planning on buying Christmas presents online this year, or if you regularly shop with brands such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, Argos, H&M, ebay, John Lewis, M&S, Amazon (or thousands more), then you could easily be helping to raise funds for the PTA and in turn helping to subsidise fun activities for our pupils. All you need to do is sign up to EasyFundraising using their website, or the App and choose to support for Gerrans School PTA

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gerransschoolpta>. When you want to shop online simply search for the shop you want on EasyFundraising and follow the link. The shop's website is exactly the same and the prices are exactly the same. The stores simply give cashback to EasyFundraising for the referral which is then passed onto the PTA. It's just two extra clicks before you shop. You can even set up donation reminders so if you're browsing a shopping website that's affiliated with EasyFundraising your computer or phone will automatically let you know before you make a purchase! If anyone would like to



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join up but needs some extra tech support, please grab Kate Morse at the school gate and she'll help you press all of the right buttons.

School Uniform



As the cost of living continues to rise, we understand the importance of making every penny count.

That's why we're bringing you an Early Bird Black Friday Sale on school uniforms.

Starting November 22nd, there's a whopping 15% OFF on our entire range with offer code BF15.

Head to [schooltrends.co.uk](https://www.schooltrends.co.uk) and enter your school postcode to find your school. Sale ends 27th November.

Online orders via :-

https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Gerrans_Primary_School_TR2_5ED

Important - School Dinner- New pre_ordering system

From Monday 27 November we will be moving to a pre-order system for all our school lunches through the Schoolcomms payment system. This system will be in place for orders made after Friday 24 November for menu choices from Monday 27 November.

The price of the meal will remain at £2.41 for Nursery and Key Stage 2 children. Children in Key Stage 1 and those in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to be entitled to a free meal each day but are still required to make the food choice selection.

Each week's menu will be uploaded into Schoolcomms and you will be able to view the menu options. You will need to select your child's choice for each day and confirm with payment. No selection is confirmed until payment is made.

Each day's food choice will need to be confirmed by 8.30am on the day. You can book as far in advance as you wish to. If you forget to pre-book your child's meal they will be provided with the pasta option for that day and you will be notified that you need to make payment.

There may be occasions when the menu is altered for theme days. We will let you know in advance through our usual communications when these occur.

Please see link for guidance on how to book school lunches.

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4409418879889>

Calling all Childminders

We are often looking for recommendations of registered childminders or babysitters to assist our families. If you have are a childminder, or a parent with a recommendation, please send the information to Laura Read lread@tregonyschool.co.uk

Many thanks



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COFFEE MORNING!

At St Gerrans Church

In aid of Truro Foodbank

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER
10.30 - 12.30

Please join us for coffee!

Stalls will include Cakes, Raffle, Books, Bric a
Brac, Plants.

Why not raid your larder and bring something as a donation to the Foodbank? If you cannot come to the Coffee Morning you can leave any food donations in the church.

The Foodbank is urgently in need of

Long Life milk
Long-Life Fruit Juice, Fruit Squash/Cordial
Tinned meat or fish
Tinned Soup (Chicken, Leek & Potato, Minestrone)
Tinned Carrots Or Sweetcorn
Tinned Pulses (Chick Peas, Lentils, Red Kidney Beans)
Shampoo

Laundry Liquid or Powder

If you are in need of any help and would like a delivery from Truro food bank. Please contact Jill on 01872 580117



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Other information

Portscatho Christmas Market Weekend

Hosted by Insoll Interiors



3pm to 8pm

1st & 2nd December

At The Yard, Portscatho

Festive Food & Drinks

Christmas Gifts & Crafts


& Lots More...

Gerrans School PTA
Join us for our
Festive Fun Day
Saturday 9th December
Gerrans Memorial Hall

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Food and drinks
Games Festive film Music
Face paints Prizes Crafts
Adult & Chocolate Tombolas
Competitions

Price points for games, crafts and face painting will be 20p, 50p and £1 so be sure to bring along your loose change



Gerrans School PTA

Winter

BAKING COMPETITION

Thursday **30th** November

Take part in our Great Gerrans Bake Off and be in with a chance of winning a wonderful prize!

1. Make a Winter themed sweet treat.
2. Bring it to school on Thursday morning, labelled with your name and year group.
3. Be happy that you've just earned yourself a house point!
4. Bring your parents/carers back to the School Hall at 3.30pm with some coins in their pockets.
5. Congratulate the winners and buy something yummy to eat!

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