



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 15th September

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),

It has been a busy second week back here at school with children getting thoroughly involved in their learning. It has been a pleasure to visit classes and to hear about children's recent work. It has been good to see classrooms come alive with children's work, which is going up on display, and to see children so proud of what they have already achieved this term. It is clear that our new routines are allowing children and teachers to maximise every minute for learning.

Please can we remind all families that smart watches are not to be worn at school, for safeguarding reasons. If they must be used on the way to or from school, children can hand them into their teachers on arrival and they can be kept safe until the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

It was a pleasure to welcome families into school this morning for our first 'Meet and Greet' event of the year and we thank you for your attendance.

In school, we have refreshed our school houses. During Monday's assembly, the children voted on house names and they decided on Cornish animals. Our new houses will be: pilchards, seals, choughs and dolphins. The children have each been allocated a house, along with any siblings they may have in school, and have now been working hard to be awarded house points for their effort, hard work and behaviour.

The Karate Reading scheme has been relaunched this academic year. Reading is a lifelong skill which develops as a child journeys through our school. Even for some of our older children, as they become fluent readers, it is still important to be read to, or to be heard reading.

The Karate Reading scheme counts the regular reading of children and they are rewarded with a coloured band for how often they read. For our youngest children, those in reception, sharing a book with a parent or adult counts as a read. For those children in years 1 and 2, sharing a book for around 10 mins counts as a read. For those children in KS2, reading a book aloud or alone counts as long as it is for around 15 mins or more. Children are free to choose any book to read and may choose to read a book that is not provided by school, however we do ask that those children on the Read Write Inc programme read these books daily. We ask that an adult signs the reading record (they may write a comment if they wish) so that these can be counted in school. Reads are counted on a set day in school (please see class letters for the day) and a running total is kept so that bands can be awarded accordingly. For all year groups we only count one read per day and we ask that your child reads a minimum of four times a week.

Next week is Jeans for Genes week. Jeans for Genes is a national fundraiser/children's charity, which raises money for the care of children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. People across the UK make a small donation to wear their jeans to school. Money that is raised is then distributed through the Jeans for Genes Grant Programme for care services for children and information and support for families. We are inviting pupils to wear their jeans (with their usual school tee-shirt and jumper), for a small donation on Friday 22nd September. The Gateway will be open on Monday morning.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Towan Class News



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Towan Class have had a super week; the children have settled into new routines well and attitudes to learning are positive. In Science we have had a fantastic initial delve into the wonderful world of materials, and in History the children enjoyed guessing who their friends are from photographs of themselves when they were much younger. Some of us had changed a lot but some hardly at all!

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to name clothing, it is such an enormous help, especially on PE days!

As we get going with RWI, please ensure reading record books and reading books remain in book bags please.

Porthcurnick Class News

In maths, Porthcurnick have continued to focus on place value with Y5 learning about powers of 10 and how to round numbers to 1,000,000. Y6 have been comparing and ordering integers and using number lines to 10,000,000. In reading, we have been reading *Incredible Journeys* by Levison Wood and discovering his adventures and those of other trailblazers from around the world through history. In English, we have been planning and writing non-chronological reports about the blucher plant from our class novel - *Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen. In history, we have been learning about Anne Boleyn using primary and secondary sources of evidence. We have continued using gymnastic movements to build up sequences in PE.

Pendower Class News

In Reading, Pendower class have delved into the world of *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* by Jasminder Bilan as we begin to answer and write our own who, what, where, why and when questions.

Pupils have begun to learn our Talk for Writing text inspired by Hannah Gold's lost whale, you could ask your child to share the introduction with you as Rio arrives in California to stay with his Grandma. Today everybody wrote a descriptive piece about the sea, focussing on punctuating their sentences and using adjectives.

During Maths we have been consolidating our Place Value knowledge and calculating the intervals on number lines.

Our best memories of this week must be when we dissected lily flowers in Science to reveal the filaments, anthers and style...We were investigative scientists!



Class certificates

Towan - River & Beau
Pendower -.Edda
Porthcurnick - Millie

Team points

Choughs: 475

Dolphins: 172

Pilchards: 502

Seals: 568

Letter reminders

- Whole School Attendance Letter
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Attendance

Pendower: 99.4%

Towan : 93.5%

Porthcurnick: 99.3%



White band (15 reads) -
Yellow band (30 reads) -
Orange band (50 reads) -
Red band (70) -

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



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

<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

Wednesday 20th September - PTA meeting, 7pm, Standard Inn.

Friday 22nd September - Meet & Greet with Mrs Douglass, Mr Richards and Laura Read ~ 9.15am - 10am - SEND Parent(s) & Carer(s).

Wednesday 18th October - Bag2School clothing collection

Saturday 9th December - PTA Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall

Friday 19th July 24 - Last Day of Summer 24 Term

Is my child too ill for school?

[NHS Guidelines](#)

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 or new medical details that may have risen over the holidays. If you are unsure of what records, we hold please contact us and we can check for you.

Have you moved address or changed your mobile or email, please let us know so we can update your records.

Many thanks

New Office Email & Staffing

Monday & Tuesday - Ashley Dredge

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Tracy Hooper

For general office enquiries please can you use the following email address: -

gerrans-reception@gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk

PTA Update

PTA Meeting



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The next PTA meeting is being held on Wednesday 20th September. If you haven't been to a meeting before - please join us! We'll be at The Standard Inn at 7pm.

Bag2School

Our next clothing collection is on Wednesday 18th October. Getting involved is easy...just take the opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and donate good quality items for reuse. We are collecting men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together please), handbags, belts and hats. Donations can be put into a normal bin bag/s and brought to school on the 18th October before 9am. Bag2School are currently paying 50p per kilo and all proceeds will be used by the PTA to help fund future school projects.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for the school with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely free. Brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - so far we've raised over £80. These donations really help us fund activities for the children, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started and please do share the link with family and friends. You can find our page by searching for Gerrans School www.easyfundraising.org.uk

School Uniform

We do have some sweatshirts in stock (selected sizes), please see Mrs Hooper.

Online orders via: -

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

School Dinners

Please check your School Gateway for balances, any unpaid balances from last year have been brought forward.

Free School Meals

Find out if your child can get free school meals, how to apply, and understand how to get extra funding for your school.

Preschool children aged 2, 3 and 4 (not yet in a reception class)

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if they meet the [eligibility criteria](#) and attends:

- the nursery class of a school/academy

To be eligible for a free school meal, your child will need to be attending sessions before and after lunch on that day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding.

Your child will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals if you meet the [eligibility criteria](#).

Children in Year 3 and above

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the [eligibility criteria](#).

If eligible for Free School Meals, your child will also be eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning.

Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carers (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:



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- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are not eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

There are different [eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits](#) (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)

Free School Meal transitional protections

The benefit related free school meal (FSM) protections policy was introduced in 2018 to protect those eligible for benefit related FSM from becoming ineligible while Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out. This was originally set to last until March 2022 and was subsequently extended to March 2023.

The end date for protections has now been extended further until March 2025. This is when we expect UC roll-out to be complete for most cohorts.

This means that a pupil who was benefit related FSM eligible on 1 April 2018, or who has become eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria since then, will continue to receive free meals, even if their household income exceeds the eligibility threshold, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education.

Cycle to School Week

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school? Then get involved with Cycle to School Week! This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between

Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2023.

Bikeability Trust and Sustrans, are celebrating the fun and freedom of an eco-friendly cycle commute, and encourage all families, pupils and teachers to get involved.

Win with Sustrans Cornwall special incentive for schools in Cornwall! All you need to do is email cornwall@sustrans.org.uk your Active Travel data for a day during your C2SW and post your C2SW photos on Facebook [@SustransCornwall](#) before Monday 16th October and the winning photo will be awarded a book pack for their school library; on topics such as cycling, scooters, climate change and the environment.

Also: Make a pledge – and win with Bikeability Trust

This year the Trust is asking pupils, parents, schools and teachers to **make a cycling pledge**. From Friday 1 September, simply [CLICK HERE](#), choose your pledge, and be entered into our prize draw to win a brand new Frog children's bike worth **£535!** Don't forget to share your pedal power pledge with Bikeability Trust on social media to



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boost your chances to win. Stay tuned for more information, and huge cycling giveaways on our social media channels. Follow Bikeability on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Gerrans Horticultural Show

Don't forget to bring your geraniums! You can drop them off Friday evening or Saturday morning before 10am.

**GERRANS ANNUAL
HORTICULTURAL &
HANDICRAFT SHOW**

at

GERRANS MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

DOORS OPEN 2.30pm

Teas, Cakes and Raffle

Admission to show
Adults £1 Children Free



The Roseland Academy

Open Evening
Tuesday 19th September
6.00 – 8.00pm



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and highly successful school.**



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Charles Rashleigh
Charlestown and China Clay

22 September to 23 December 2023
Exhibition at **Wheal Martyn Clay Works**

2023 marks the **bicentenary** of the death of Charles Rashleigh, who built Charlestown in the late 18th century. Although initially created to ship copper, Charlestown quickly became one of the major clay ports in Cornwall. Discover more about Charles Rashleigh's remarkable life and legacy.

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