



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 8th December

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



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As a school, we understand and appreciate that unforeseen things can occasionally happen, which results in arriving at school late. However, we seek to promote prompt attendance so that pupils are ready to learn at the very start of the school day. All pupils are expected to be in school and ready to learn at 8.55am and do not have to be at school any earlier. However, the gates open at 8.40am and teachers use this time to settle their class, work with pupils on the previous day's learning, hear children read and practise a range of skills. If pupils arrive after the register is closed, this is classed as an unauthorised absence and pupils may miss out on some vital teaching. We appreciate everyone's efforts to get to school on time and late arrivals are very rare.

At Gerrans School, we seek to celebrate children's achievements both academic and non-academic, inside and outside of school. To support in this, we are adding an additional section to our school newsletter that will recognise children's out of school achievements so that they may be celebrated by our whole school community. If your child has achieved something outside of school (such as being awarded a karate belt, a Cub or Brownie badge or a swimming certificate) then please let either Mrs Hooper and Miss Smith know via secretary@gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk so that this may be added to the newsletter. Photos are encouraged!

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.

Many thanks for your continued ongoing support.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Towan Class News

This week we have been busy focussing on our play and looking forward to next week's performances.

Pendower Class News

The week Pendower class have perfected their non-fiction writing skills to produce leaflets persuading families to visit Hansel and Gretel's Wondrous Woods (based on The Lost Garden's of Heligan Night Garden). In Maths, Year 4s have completed their Multiplication and Division Unit and begun practising for their online Multiplication Tables Check. Next week we will be chopping and peeling seasonal fruits to create our puff-pastry based Christmas Tree Tarts, so yummy! Thank you to Lana's mum, Kat, for helping us learn all about food-miles and seasonality in preparation for our Eden Project trip next Thursday!

Porthcurnick Class News

The children have been working hard this week on their assessments and we are very pleased with their efforts. In English, the children have written some fantastic non-chronological reports about the Moon. They enjoyed making Christingles to take to the Christingle service in the church.

Totoms

We have been learning about repeating patterns. We made fruit kebabs with repeating patterns for snack time. Now we are making paper chains with repeating patterns.



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Nursery Sessions

Do you or someone you know have a 3 year old that would like to start Nursery?
Please can you complete the attached form if you require sessions after Christmas.

[Nursery Sessions](#)

Thank you

Class certificates

Towan - Sky for always keeping the school values and giving 100% every day in all aspects of school life.
Pendower - Lana Emmet and Nancy Pridmore for representing Gerrans School at the lantern parade in Tregony with such enthusiasm and delight.
Porthcurnick - Demelza for excellent focus and effort

Team points

Choughs: 141

Dolphins: 181

Pilchards: 198

Seals: 204

Letter reminders

- Towan Class -
- Pendower -
- Porthcurnick -

Attendance

Pendower: 96.5%

Towan : 95.2%

Porthcurnick: 97.8%



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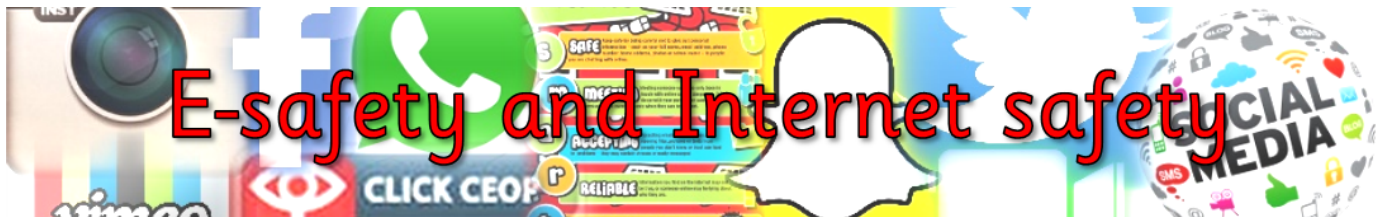
White band (15 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan:

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

Orange band (50 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: William and Bria

Red band (70 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: Georgina, Ozni and Freddie

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



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

[Online Safety Newsletter](#) December 23

<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

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

Just a reminder to take a look and to order personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas designed by your child:

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Username: Gerrans

Access Code: xEOa8A59

Then search by your child/s name

Tea Towel Fundraiser

The last few of our fantastic tea towels are still available to buy so don't miss out! Please email dodmanalice@hotmail.com with the quantity and your child's full name. Prices are £6.50 for one, or £5 each if you purchase two or more. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair - otherwise known as our Festive Fun Day - Saturday 9th December

Join us from 1pm-4pm in the Gerrans Memorial Hall tomorrow for an afternoon of festive fun! We've got 18 fun games to play, wonderful crafts, face painting and glitter tattoos, costing between 20p - £1. We'll also be selling delicious food and drink, running both an adult and a chocolate tombola and showing a Christmas movie. Oh and don't forget to enter our 'Design a Christmas Jumper' competition! Thank you to Philip Martin Estate Agents for kindly sponsoring this year's event.

Please be aware that there won't be any external stallholders at this event, but you can find some wonderful ones at the Plume of Feathers on Sunday!

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 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

Online orders via :-

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

Important - School Dinner- New pre ordering system

Don't forget to book your lunches this week!

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

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

Roseland Surgeries

Roseland Surgeries is planning to provide some of our patients with small gifts of seasonal food this Christmas. The patients we are focusing on are those on their own over the festive period and/or who



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struggle financially and for whom a small gift may bring a little cheer or assistance. If you know anyone who might benefit from receiving something, please let me know their names and a brief explanation of why and how many live at the address.

We are able to do this by using some shopping vouchers that remain from assistance provided during covid. We already utilise these for patients to provide assistance for food shopping when needed but we would also like to offer a little more this Christmas.

Contact is : sophie.maziere@nhs.net



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Other information

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



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