

Dates for your Diary



- 7th Dec Last day to bring in your Christmas Tree Decoration
- 7th December Last day to order a Christmas Dinner
- 10th & 11th Post your Christmas cards.
- 11th December - Santa's on the Run- Dress up Christmassy!
- 16th December Christmas Dinner
- 17th December- Class Christmas Parties- Party Clothes!
- 18th December- Break up for Christmas Holiday
- 5th January- Return to school



Dear Parents and carers,

Well here we are, nearly into December and I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by. I have really enjoyed seeing how engaged the children are in their class topics and have been truly amazed by the work the children are producing. After such a long time away from school it can be difficult to get back into routines and school life but the children at Troon school have managed incredibly well. Children and staff are working extra hard to try and catch-up on any learning that was missed during the summer term last year and we are having a big school focus on reading and writing.

It is so important that parents and carers support at home with reading and spelling practice. Daily reading with your child can have a big impact and make a real difference to the progress your child makes across the curriculum. Your child will also get to choose a prize once they have completed their star reading cards too!

As we move into December we have lots of exciting events to celebrate this special time of year. Please see the key dates above and visit our Facebook page regularly for updates and reminders. Please also visit your child's class SeeSaw page as teachers will be uploading spellings to learn to home and Headteacher's certificate winners each week.

Thank you once again to you all for your patience and understanding during these different times. Troon is a wonderful community and your support is very much appreciated by us all.

Best wishes, Mrs Wilkins.

Christmas Post Box

We are pleased to say that children will still be able to bring in cards for their friends this year if they wish. We will ensure the cards are quarantined before they are handed out to children.

Children will be able to bring in cards on the 11th and 12th of December and cards will be given out the following week.

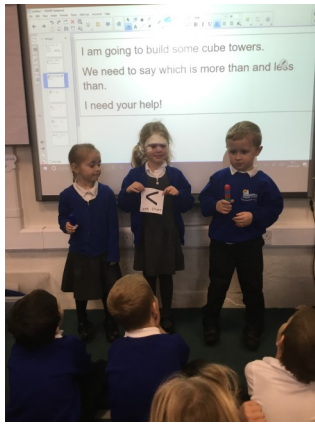


What have we been up to?

EYFS In Squirrel's and Hedgehogs Class we have been learning our letter sounds and names and how to blend sounds together. We have been practising drawing patterns and writing letters to help us write our own names so we can independently label our work. Every day we practise counting up to 20 and have learnt lots of counting songs to help us. We use objects to help us count and have been practising how to count carefully, counting from left to right, touching or moving each object as we count. For our weekly PE sessions, we have been practising how to throw, catch, kick and roll a large ball, move around a space safely and in different ways. Sometimes we have stayed inside our class for PE and have completed a yoga session. We are practising changing our shoes too! In our art sessions we have learnt about a famous artists Frida Kahlo and have looked at her self-portraits before drawing and painting our self-portraits...which of course are far more amazing!



Year 1 We have been learning new signs used in maths, making healthy pizzas and friendship bracelets in Willow class



Year 2 Beech class getting into the Samba rhythm



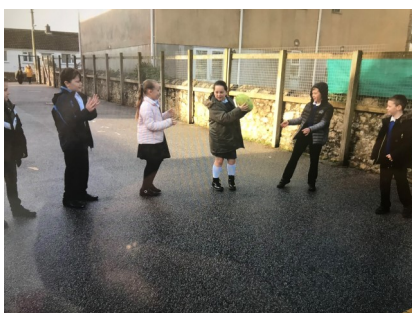
Year 3 Hazel class have been busy these last few weeks. For remembrance we create a video that was used as an assembly..

If you haven't seen it check out Troon school Facebook page. We have learnt about and written play scripts based in WW2. We have also learnt about evacuees and created our own propaganda posters although we all agreed that we wouldn't have wanted to have been evacuees!



Year 4/5

Oak class have had an exciting start to this half -term. We have started to learn tag rugby in P.E., have written some super biographies about Howard Carter in English and last week had our class treat for filling up our reward jar. We also enjoyed watching The Wizard of Oz which we then wrote about in our Big Write.

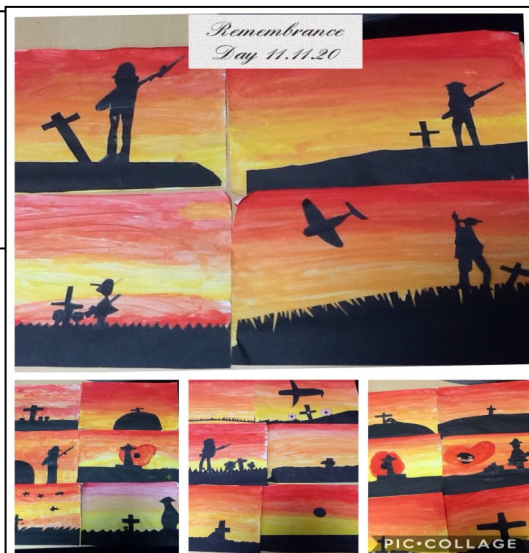
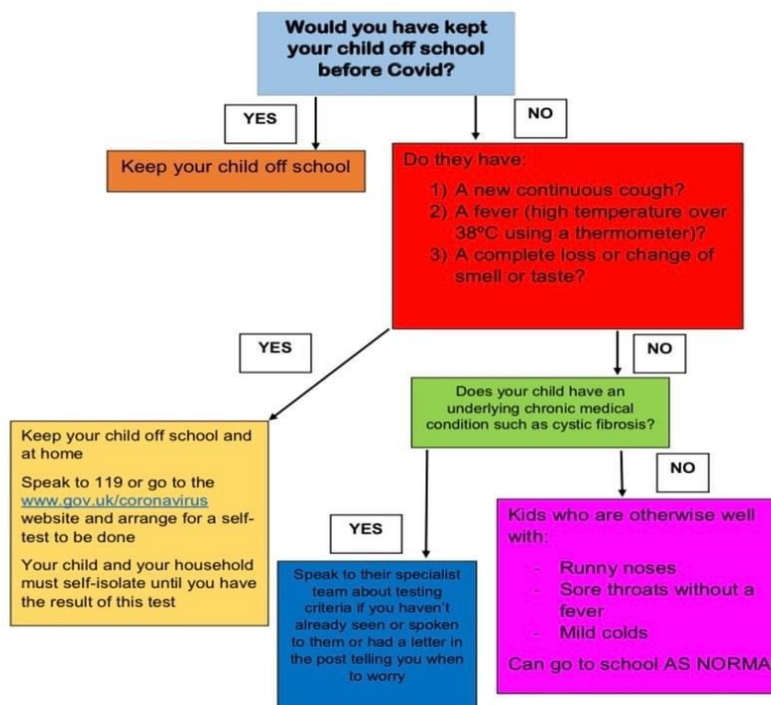


Year 5/6 Holly Class have had a great start to the second half of the term, they have been working as a team to show all the school values and earn their class treat. They produced some beautiful Remembrance silhouette artwork and made thoughtful discussion points. In English we have been writing biographies about famous people in Cornish history and working hard on our four types of calculations in Maths. In topic we have developed our map reading skills to find six-figure grid references of local landmarks.

If your child is feeling unwell, this simple flow chart will help you make a decision on what action to take.

If you are still unsure, please call our school office on 01209 714289.

It is vital that you inform the school office if your child will not be attending school.



Breakfast & After school Club

We are delighted to be able to continue to offer wrap around care for our families but to ensure correct staffing and provision are in place it is important that you pre-book your child into the sessions required.

Our online system- Scopay allows parents to book and pay. If you need any support using or logging onto this system, please contact

Mrs Mankee in the school office.



New Lunch Menu

After half term there will be a new lunch menu with a lot of new choices. Your child will have brought home a new menu today. Please note that school meals have increased to £2.34 a day. Chartwell's are still offering the buy 4 meals and get the 5th free (£9.36 for the whole week)

Just a reminder that all of the in **children in Reception, Year 1 and 2** received a universal free school meals.

This is a government initiative and it looks like the children are really enjoying the wide range of food! The kitchen staff are doing a fantastic job and are providing really lovely meals—three choices each day! Part of our school budget is made up of what is called "Pupil Premium" and this is largely based on the amount of children in the school who are entitled to free school meals. Unfortunately, with the free school meals for all infants initiative, we are at risk of this part of the school budget being greatly reduced if eligible parents do not still apply. We are therefore urging all parents who feel that they may be eligible, regardless of whether their child does or does not take up the meal, or whether they are an infant already receiving free meals, to apply. Any parents would be eligible to apply if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits: **Income Support; Income based Job Seeker's Allowance; Income Related Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit with an annual income of no more than £16,190.**

Please collect a form from Mrs Mankee in the school office. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Remember if you are eligible and do not apply our school and your child is missing out on valuable funds.

Supermarket vouchers will be given to all families entitled to this benefit for the Christmas Holiday period so please do apply if you think you may be entitled!

Children's Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 16th December this year. Please see the menu below.

Full payment of £2.34 will need to be in by **Monday 7th December**, envelopes need to have your child's name, class and "Christmas Lunch" on the front. **Please ask your child to give the envelope into the classroom - no money should be handed to the office.** If your child has a free school meal a lunch will automatically be ordered for them.



Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast

Stuffing Balls and Pork Sausage
Roast Potatoes
Button Sprouts, Carrot & Peas
Gravy

Iced Shortbread Biscuit with Orange Slice
or
Christmas Pudding with Custard



Winter Wear

We have all noticed a change in the weather and the darker evenings. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school with them everyday. If your child rides a bike or scooter to or from school, it is essential that they are wearing a helmet.

Santa's on the Run

On **Friday 11th December 2020** we will be taking part in the Santa fun run to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. Children can come to school dressed ready for Christmas (tinsel belts, festive jumpers, Christmas hat) where they will complete a fun run for charity.

The fundraising for this will be done differently this year and you will receive an email next week to explain more. We will be asking you to donate any money raised directly to the hospice yourself using an online link!

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**Santas
on the Run
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your Christmas gear!

Friday to Sunday
11 to 13
December 2020

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Please design and make a Christmas decoration for our school Christmas tree.

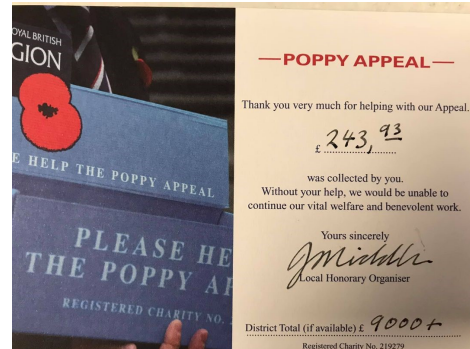
You also need to name your decoration if you want it returned when the tree comes down. Please bring your decoration to school by Monday 7th December.



Alternatively, why not donate a class book which the children can enjoy on your child's birthday and keep in the story corner!



A big thank you to everyone that donated money for wearing something spotty/non school uniform to school!



Troon school
raised
£243.93!

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Christmas 2020 and New Year

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What's on:
Christmas and the New Year

Theatre shows

Festive events

Book reviews

Videos to watch and stories to hear

Offers and free events

Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird

Prizes Available

Be proud of your Village decorating the front of your Houses with
the chance of Winning these fabulous Prizes

3rd – £20 Tesco Voucher

Thank you to RG Kellow for donating
two Christmas Trees

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