

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 29th November ~ Lantern Parade- 5.00pm
 Monday 2nd December ~ Nasal Flu Vaccine - am
 Monday 2nd December ~ Christmas Tree decorating service 2.15pm
 Friday 6th December ~ Christmas Fair - 3.00pm
 Monday 9th December ~ Carol Concert- 1.30pm-2.30pm Troon Methodist Church
 Wednesday 11th December ~ Gifts for Parents wrapping room (send £1 in with your child)
 Wednesday 11th December ~ Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.00pm
 Friday 13th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day.
 Tuesday 17th December ~ Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 10am - 11am
 Wednesday 18th December ~ Class Parties in the afternoon. Non school uniform.
 Friday 20th December ~ Children Break up for Christmas.
 Monday 6th January ~ Inset Day ~ Children do not attend school.
 Tuesday 7th January ~ Children return to school.



Christmas Movie Night - Wednesday 11th December 3.15pm-5.00pm



This year the FTS would like to hold a movie night for all of the children. Nursery children are also welcome to come back and attend.

This will happen straight after school and the children may bring a blanket/cushion or soft toy into school in the morning. The children will each receive a bag of popcorn and a hot chocolate so please provide your child with a mug also. We ask for a contribution of £1 for this event and this can be brought into school on the day.

Thank you again to the FTS school and the staff at Troon for making events like this possible for our children.

Emergency Closure

We understand that it is very difficult for working parents when the school has to close.

We do not take the decision to close the school lightly, however the safety of the children, parents and staff are our first priority.

If there is bad weather please listen to either Pirate FM, Radio Cornwall or Heart FM in the morning for the latest updates or follow us on Facebook or Twitter @TroonSchool.

We also remotely update our website whenever possible so it is always worth a check on our homepage: www.troon.cornwall.sch.uk.

We will also inform parents through our Schoolcomms service.

(PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OF ANY CONTACT NUMBER CHANGES AS SOON AS THEY HAPPEN)



Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk

All of our children really enjoyed the pantomime last week - it was lovely to see their smiling faces and their engagement with the actors. Many thanks to the parents who have paid their £2.00 voluntary contribution. If you have not yet remembered to pay, it's not too late!

At the moment we have booked another pantomime for next year but if we do not receive enough donations this may have to be cancelled which would be very disappointing for the children. The cost of hosting the pantomime in school was £1000 so a request for £2.00 per child would seem to be reasonable as the rest is subsidised from school funds. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post box will be outside of the office on Monday 2nd December

Please ensure envelopes have name and class of child on to ensure safe delivery.



Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone that donated money for wearing something spotty to school

We raised £62



The Sun - Books for Schools

The Sun newspaper has teamed up with Collins Big Cat to give primary schools a free pack of books worth more than £600.

We need to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday to qualify for the free books

Tokens will be available between Saturday November 23rd 2019 and Saturday January 18th 2020.

Please give any tokens to Mrs Mankee. Let's get collecting!



Break-time snacks

As we are part of the Healthy schools programme we need to ensure that food for break times and packed lunches are containing the right kind of foods.

Food for break -time (fruit, cheese, cereal bar or yogurt) Packed lunches should contain no more than one chocolate treat and no fizzy drinks.

Thanks for your continued support with this.



Special Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 10th December we will be providing a two course Xmas lunch for senior members of our community.

The lunch will be cooked by Mrs Moulton and our wonderful Chartwells kitchen staff and will be served by our brilliant Year 6 pupils. Guests can arrive from 1.30p.m and the meal will be served at 1.45p.m.

Our choir will be providing some entertainment.

If you would like to nominate an elderly resident to receive an invite please inform Mrs Mankee in the school office as soon as possible with their name and contact details.

A huge thank you to Robert and Sarah Kellow who are sponsoring the community lunch enabling us to provide it free of charge.



Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Lily (Yr6) who has become our first word millionaire on Accelerated Reader this term a great achievement. Lily received a £10 book voucher.

Keep up the amazing reading - very proud of you!



School Carol Concert - Year 1-6

This year we will be having a whole school concert on Monday 9th December at Troon Methodist Chapel starting at 1.30p.m and finishing at 2.30pm approx. Due to a decrease in the number of children attending the evening performance, it was decided last year to move the concert to an earlier time so that all children can be involved.

Children will walk down to the Chapel with their class teachers and can be collected from their adults or they can return to school with the class teacher. We are very much looking forward to have you join

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that all of the in **children in Reception, Year 1 and 2** receive 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.

Decoration for our Christmas Tree - reminder

Please design and make a Christmas decoration for our school Christmas tree. It can be made from any materials as long as it is not too heavy or too big for the tree! (No bigger than 20 cm tall please). You need to make it so it can be hung from or attached to the tree in some way.

You also need to name your decoration if you want it returned when the tree comes down. We will be decorating our tree on Monday 2nd December at our Tree Decorating Service so make sure you bring in your decorations by then.

The service will begin at 2.15pm and gates will open at 2.00pm (Please do not arrive before this time)



Improving Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.10pm. (Nursery 8.45 - 11.45 & 12.15 - 3.15)
The school gates will be locked at the following time 8.55am - 11.45am and 11.55am - 3.00pm.

Please ensure your child is here by that time and picked up promptly at the end of the day.

(Please note the school office has now moved to the car park end of the building and also has a new entrance - anyone entering the school between the above times will need to come through the new entrance)

We are still experiencing quite a lot of disruption in the mornings with children being brought in late to school. This is upsetting for the children who are late and disruptive for the rest of the class. We politely request that all children are brought in to school on time. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that children are punctual.

If you are late bringing your child to school please ensure that you sign them in at the office and provide a reason for why they are late and ensure their lunch is ordered. If children are not signed in correctly by the parent we cannot guarantee that they will be provided with a lunch and any children arriving later than 9.30am will be provided with a jacket potato unless a lunch has been ordered before hand.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.



Children's Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 11th December this year. Please see the menu below.

Full payment of £2.30 will need to be in by **Friday 6th 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 unless you tell us otherwise



Roast Turkey
or
Quorn Roast
Stuffing Ball & Pork Sausage
Roast Potatoes
Gravy
Carrots, Peas & Brussel Sprouts

Iced Shortbread Biscuit with Orange Slices
or
Christmas pudding with Custard



Winter Wear

Please make sure that children come to school with warm/waterproof clothing: coats, hats, scarves and gloves for playtimes and the journey to and from school. It may also be advisable for children to wear their wellies/waterproof shoes when walking in and going outside.

Please make sure they bring their inside shoes/plimsoles to school for lesson times.

Also if your child is riding their bike to school can you please ensure that they are wearing a cycle helmet. All bikes and scooters are to be pushed across the playground!



Lantern Parade

As always Troon School will be taking part in the Lantern Parade in Camborne, which will take place on Friday 29th November.

Year 6 will be playing in the Samba band and the rest of the school have been invited to walk in the parade. We have three large lanterns that we will be taking and have recently made some smaller lanterns that the staff will distribute on the evening. Please note we only have a small amount so unfortunately not every child will be able to carry one. The lanterns will contain LED lights or glow sticks. There will be no lit candles. If you your child is not carrying a lantern feel free to dress up for the occasion with tinsel, baubles and lights - anything goes.

All children must be accompanied by an adult in the parade. Parents will be responsible for their own children. Troon School staff will be marshalling the event and will not be responsible for individuals.

The Parade will form up in Rectory Road, Camborne (to the side of the Parish Church) at **5pm**, and will leave at 5.30pm. Parking is available in the residential streets, although we would recommend arriving in plenty of time. The Samba band will depart Rectory Road at 5.30pm, parading around the town and arriving back outside the Parish Church at approximately 6.15pm. After the Camborne Lights Switch-On at 6.45pm we will play for another 10 minutes as the crowds disperse, and we should be able to leave by about 7.00pm.

It would be great to have a big turn out by Troon School. The parade will go ahead even if it is raining so please ensure your child is well wrapped up and wearing a coat. Children do not need to wear school uniform.



Christmas Fair

We will be holding our Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December starting at 3.00pm. Please help us with donations on the following days.

29th November - Jam Jar Friday (any filled jars/ bottles of lovely goodies)

2nd December - Nearly New Monday (any unwanted new gifts for the present room)

3rd December - Chocolate Tuesday (any donations of chocolate, biscuits or sweets)

6th December - Cakes/ biscuits/ buns/ mince pies for the cake stall



Santa will be in attendance - you can book a time slot on arrival so you don't have to queue!

We have some amazing raffle prizes - so don't forget to buy your tickets. Once again every Troon child will have their name entered in to a special free raffle - to be in with a chance of winning your child must be in the school hall at 4.45 p.m when the raffle will be pulled. This free raffle is sponsored by the FTS and the prize is £20.00 of Argos vouchers and some lovely games.

There will also be a range of games and stalls to visit and hopefully purchase some bargains.

We will be selling cocktail pasties & mince pies & cream in the hall along with drinks so why not have a quick and easy tea with us! Thank you for your support.

Gifts for parents

On Monday 11th December our ever popular "Gifts for parents" room will be open during the school day for children to come and buy their adults presents and have them wrapped by our staff - all very top secret - most gifts will be £1.00.

Attendance

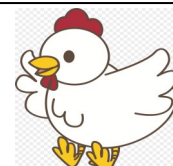
Well done to all of the children who are trying so hard with their attendance. Remember, that any child whose attendance is 98% or above at the end of term will be entered in to the special raffle and will have the opportunity to win £100 of Tesco vouchers for their family. Wouldn't that be an amazing Xmas present?

Good luck everyone and keep up that amazing attendance.

Chicken Rota

A massive thanks to Mrs Chattaway, Mrs Thomas, Miss Wynn and Mrs Cockerill for giving up their free time to take care of our four gorgeous chickens over the weekends and holidays

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out and the new chicken rota is available from Mrs Mankee if you feel you would be able to help. Many thanks for your support.



School Dinners - Important

Poor Mrs Moulton our wonderful Catering Manager is having a lot of issue with lunch not being paid on time. This wastes a lot of her time chasing money.

All Lunch money **MUST** to be paid **at the start of each week on a Monday** and sent into class in a named envelope stating the days your child requires a lunch. This helps Mrs Moulton to prepare for the week and ensure the stock she orders is the correct amount. It also ensures there is no confusion in the office or with lunch registers. Many thanks for your help with this.

We will not be able to provide a lunch for children if the money has not been paid in advance.

