

8 SEPTEMBER 2023: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome (in terms of both hospitality and temperature) to the first edition of the Bulletin for the academic year 2023/24.

The return of the sunshine after a somewhat unsettled summer has been greeted with open arms but this has been outstripped by the appreciation that the staff have felt upon the return of the pupils. Indeed, the staff were hard at work well before the children returned and we completed our preparations with two days of Inset which included sessions upon Quality First Teaching, positive behaviour and rewards, and all manner of updates on educational, safeguarding and medical issues. Reading this back, perhaps this goes some way to explain why the staff were so delighted to see the children again? Remaining on the topic of children, they have come back in exceptionally good form and it has been a pleasure to see them revelling in the return to school and the opportunity to see their friends.

In terms of 'starting off on the right foot', our focus in assemblies and form tutor time has been on 'making good choices'; in the classroom, throughout the games and activities programme, and with regard to their relationships with each other (which naturally includes supporting our new pupils). Continuing on this theme, next week's quote of the week sums this message up perfectly: 'We are free to choose but we are not free from the consequences of our choices' will be delivered in an age-appropriate fashion with the emphasis on making positive choices and it will be very much in evidence throughout the school.

Finally, and with parents in mind, I warmly invite you to join us for a coffee morning in the Dining Room between 0845 and 0945 next Friday, 15th September. This will be a super opportunity for new and existing parents to catch up after the long summer break and to enjoy cup of tea or coffee with a Danish pastry in hand. Donations will go to Macmillan and I hope that you will be able to join us and support this worthy charity.

With every good wish,  
Rob Morse  
Headmaster

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## UPCOMING DATES

### NEXT WEEK

#### Wednesday 13 September

Year 4 Instrumental  
Scheme begins

#### Thursday 14 September

Pre-Prep Parent Workshops  
Early Reading 9am-9.45am

#### Year 5 Walk

Bodmin Moor 9.10am-3.30pm

#### Year 6 Swimming

Time trials at SBA pool, Truro School 1pm-3pm

#### Friday 15 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning for Parents  
(Dining hall) 8.45am-9.45am - all welcome

### MON 18 SEPT - FRI 22 SEPT

*Please note that some details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates*

#### Monday 18 September

Tempest Individual Photographs

#### Tuesday 19 September

#### Year 4 Walk

St Anthony 9.30am-3.30pm

#### Wednesday 20 September

#### U11/U10 Rugby Festival

Plymouth College (A) 12pm-5.30pm, 1.30pm  
start (match times tbc)

#### U11/U10 Hockey Festival

Plymouth Marjons (A) 12pm-5.30pm, 1.30pm  
start (match times tbc)

#### Thursday 21 September

#### Pre-Prep Parent workshops

Early Maths 9am-9.45am

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## NOTICES

### Traffic and Parking

It has been lovely to make the most of the the dry weather this week, with parents being able to use the school field at pick up time. Now that after school clubs are fully up and running, from Monday onwards we will revert to parking on the roundabout, the driveway, at the front of school and in the car park behind the sports hall at the end of the day.

The roads seem particularly busy around the county at present and especially in Truro. Please remember that we would much rather see you in school safe and sound than you take any risks on your journey. Please also remember there is no right turn into the driveway from Tresawls Road.

### Uniform

It was lovely to see everyone looking so smart on the first day of term. However we have already stumbled across a problem where we have not been able to return items to children as the clothing and kit is unnamed.

Please would all parents ensure that all items of uniform and kit are clearly named.

### School Dog

You may be aware that there is a growing movement in many schools to introduce the concept of school pets as a way of teaching and supporting children and providing a source of pleasure, therapy and learning. Last year we introduced our own therapy dog, Tayto, to Truro School Prep. Tayto belongs to Ms Simpson and has proved to be very popular with our children.

For new parents, we would like to reassure you that we have followed all the necessary health and safety recommendations for bringing an animal into a school environment, including updating our risk assessment and holding Tayto's vaccination and insurance certificates.



More details about Tayto and his involvement at Truro School Prep.

Tayto is a 10 year old springer – collie cross. He regularly goes to the vet for yearly vaccinations, flea and worm treatment.

Tayto is based in Ms Simpson's office which is separate from all classrooms. Children are only able to interact with him under strict supervision. When he is moving around the School, he is on a lead and always either with Ms Simpson or another designated adult.

Children have been guided through the rules for how to behave when near Tayto.

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## NOTICES

### Further Considerations

We are aware that some children (and adults) can be allergic to dog hair and also recognise that some children may have a fear or phobia of dogs. Whilst we can assure you that Tayto is not able to 'roam' around the school freely and is only in contact with children that want to work with him, it is still important to us to be aware of everyone's needs. Over a period of time, children who are fearful of dogs may be supported in approaching and handling Tayto and in gaining confidence in managing their fear. If you would like to request that your child(ren) either does not work with Tayto or come into contact with him, we would ask that you email Ms Simpson immediately so that we can make the appropriate accommodations.

If you have any individual questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email Ms Simpson (srs@truroschoo.com) or myself (mi@truroschoo.com).



## Be Dog Smart

### How to say hello to a dog...

It's important to remember that not all dogs will want to be stroked

- 1** Approach slowly, calmly and quietly from the side of the dog.  
Stay further than arm's reach away from the dog.
- 2** Ask the owner if it is okay to stroke their dog. Wait for the owner to respond.  
**If the owner says 'no':**  
Move away calmly and quietly.  
**If the owner says 'yes':**  
Stand at the side of the dog calmly and quietly. Keep your arms by your sides. Say 'hello' quietly. Wait for the dog to approach you.
- 3** **If the dog does not approach you:**  
Move away calmly and quietly.  
**If the dog approaches you (and remains there):**  
Stay at the dog's side. Stroke them along their side or shoulder. Stroke slowly and gently in the direction of their fur.
- 4** **If the dog moves away at any point:**  
Move away calmly and quietly.





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## A Warm Welcome Back to Prep Pupils

It was wonderful to welcome back an array of smiling faces today as our Prep pupils busily caught up with their classmates after the summer break.

We look forward to seeing what the autumn term brings and celebrating all things courageous in line with this year's school value, Courage.





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## Year 6 Walk

Year 6 made the most of the Cornish sunshine yesterday as they ventured from Chapel Porth to St Agnes. Walking along the coastline they learnt all about Cornish mining and WW2 anti-aircraft memorabilia as well as enjoying the picturesque nature Cornwall has to offer.

They enjoyed a picnic lunch along the way before finishing their walk at St Agnes Beacon to listen to the tale of the Bolster. A wonderful time was had by everyone.



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## Inspiring Words at Prep



Positive choices were on the agenda at Friday's Prep assembly. Led by Mr Morse, pupils were taken through the new behaviour initiative being launched this term at Prep. The policy encourages positive choices but acknowledges that, when learning, we will all get things wrong at times. The behaviour policy helps to guide children to make good choices and to support them to turn their behaviour around when they take a wrong turn.

Mr Morse told the pupils, "We will get things wrong, especially if we are being courageous. Trust your conscience or ask your support team if you are unsure about what to do next. You are free to make choices, but not free from the consequences of your choices. But we can always ask for help and remember that poor choices are a learning opportunity."

Mr Morse encouraged the children to remember how good it feels when we make a good choice or do something for someone else. The positive feedback we receive will make us want to do good again and again and again. He challenged the children to see how many positive choices they could make in a day, with at least nine good choices being made for every poorer choice each day.



**TRURO SCHOOL PREP**

### REWARDS & CONSEQUENCES

*To Be and Not to Seem to Be*

- TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK**

**CLASS REWARD:** Everyone is playing their part by demonstrating our values, learning habits and routines.
- I CAN AND I WILL**

**INDIVIDUAL REWARD:** You are exceeding expectations by demonstrating our values, learning habits and routines consistently.
- IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP**

**HELP ME:** You might be feeling stuck or unsure of what to do next. Your teachers can give you some choices to help you move forwards.
- WILL YOU GO LEFT OR RIGHT?**

**WARNING:** You're not on track and moving away from our values, learning habits and routines. Take a moment to correct your choices, ask for help and turn this warning into a positive.
- ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES**

**CONSEQUENCE:** Your choice of behaviour was under expectation. Remember! The consequence is a chance to learn from your mistake, reflect and avoid making the same mistake again.





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## A Busy Start to Term at Pre-Prep

It has been a busy start to the term for the pupils at Pre-Prep. While Nursery were off swimming, Reception pupils were enjoying a music and dance lesson before their first Spanish lesson. The pupils have been settling in this week, getting to know routines, learning about rules and safety in Forest School and making new friends.

Year 1 dived straight into their learning with a woodland walk before getting to grips with their IT, class rules and procedures. They have been learning about the new school value of Courage and talking about how to be kind in PSHE.

The Year 2 pupils were learning about the life cycle of a hen today in their Science lesson. We particularly enjoyed their 'concentration faces' as they carefully cut out their worksheets.

We look forward to sharing more lovely photos from their learning as the term progresses. You can view more photos [here](#).







# TRURO SCHOOL SENIOR



*Please join us for our*

# OPEN MORNING

Saturday 7  
October 2023

*Co-educational excellence for ages 11-16*



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# What's On



**DIVORCED,  
BEHEADED, DIED:  
AN AUDIENCE  
WITH KING HENRY  
VIII**

22 SEPT



**CONFETTI**

29 SEPT



**SARAH  
MCQUAID**

2 DEC



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# PETE WARD EXHIBITION

## **PETE WARD EXHIBITION**

Private View Event Thursday 19 October 5-8pm

Pete Ward Pigments Workshop Saturday 21 October

Pete Ward 'In Conversation' Event Saturday 4 October

Saturday and Sunday 21/22 October 10am - 3pm

Saturday and Sunday 28/29 October 10am - 3pm

Saturday and Sunday 4/5 November 10am - 3pm

Saturday and Sunday 11/12 November 10am - 3pm

Saturday and Sunday 18/19 November 10am - 3pm

Saturday 25 November 10am - 3pm