

Half-Term

School will be closed for the half-term break for the week commencing 15 February 2021. The children will not be set any school work during this time.

Financial Support over the Half-term Break

In addition to Cornwall Council agreeing to provide vouchers to children entitled to benefits related free school meals over this half-term break, it has also informed schools that it is able to extend this offer to other families who may need support but are not entitled to benefits related free school meals. The value of the voucher for the half-term break is £15 per pupil.

These are very difficult times for all families, many of who may be struggling financially but for one reason or another are not able to access benefits related free school meals. **If you feel that your family needs a little bit of extra support over half-term and would benefit from receiving a voucher please contact Tracy (secretary@nancledra.cornwall.sch.uk) no later than the end of school on TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY. We cannot order vouchers after this date.**

The administration of these vouchers will done by Tracy and Mr Gill in school (not the Council—we only need to provide them with the number of vouchers that we have issued) and will be treated in the strictest confidence. Families who access these vouchers will not be added to the free school meal list. The vouchers do not specify that they are for free school meals.

Families will receive the voucher via an email during the w/c 15th February and it can be spent in Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi, Asda, Iceland or Sainsbury's.

We would like to wish Head Gardener, Phil Griffiths, from Trengwainton Gardens lots of luck for the future. Due to the National Trust Reset programme brought about as a result of these hard times in Lockdown, the Gardens have now lost that post.

We at Nancledra School, have had a long & lasting relationship with Phil & Trengwainton Gardens for many years! He has shown nothing but patience & guided many classes through the planting & harvesting of crops on our designated plot there. We will miss him and hope to continue some kind of connection with the Gardens once we are back to normal life. The children have got so much out of visiting there. Good luck, Phil!

School Dinners

This is a reminder that school dinners are available to all children attending school. Please order your meal through parent pay as normal.

What are you Reading?

Sam in year 2 is enjoying reading 'Landy' by Veronica Lamond. Landy (the Land Rover) is the first in a series of Landy and Friends books. "Landy is feeling sad and neglected, his only friends are the farm animals. Landy gets a new owner Jack, which makes him really happy. You need to read the book to find out what exciting adventures Landy goes on."



Are you Entitled to Free School Meals?

We understand that being in lockdown again has put further financial pressure on many families. As such we would like to provide information about how to apply for **Free School Meals (FSM)**. The government FSM scheme is based on a families income and what benefits they are in receipt of.

Qualifying Benefits

Qualifying Benefits Families must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium.	
Universal Credit with net ('take-home') income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)	
Income Support	
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance	
Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	
The guarantee element of Pension Credit	
Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC	
Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit	

All Families

- If you think that this may apply to you please submit an application.
- Applications for FSM are managed by Cornwall Council. You can apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals
- If you have a query please contact the Free School Meals team direct on schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk or 0300 1234 101.

Children in years - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible to receive a free school lunch regardless of household income or benefits, this is referred to as Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM).

However, it is possible that the government could stop this scheme at any time.

You can still apply for FSM if you think the above criteria applies to you. Either way, your child will be entitled to a free school meal but the FSM confirmation also attracts pupil premium funding for school.



Happify (17th century)
(verb)

To make happy; to gladden.

Blackbird Pie Magazine

The February & March issue of Blackbird Pie's digital Magazine is now available to view. It is produced in Cornwall, for families across Cornwall. Find lots of free activities, vouchers, competitions, and resources for families. Make mini pizzas with a local chef, outdoor play ideas, indoor arts, crafts, story-telling, news & creative fun from local museums, attractions and artists. All FREE to download. Just click below.

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallfebruaryhalfterm/>

Information about Children Being Unwell

We would like to remind parents to check for fever and take children's temperatures for all ailments and illnesses, because a temperature is one of the symptoms of COVID-19. The key symptoms to look out for are:

- A high temperature **OR**
- A new cough where you keep on coughing. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three **or** more episodes of coughing in a day **OR**
- Losing **or** a change, to your sense of smell or taste

If your child does have a temperature **OR** one of the other symptoms (not necessarily all of them together) we are required to ask you to have them tested for COVID-19 by phoning 119 or visiting the NHS website.

Early Help – Penwith and Kerrier

Parenting Advice

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?



To get in touch with your questions please send an email to Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk or call 01209 310000 and leave a message mentioning Parenting Worker Advice Line with your contact details and the best time for us to contact you. You will receive a reply within two working days. You'll be able to contact us.



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Clubs and Activities w/c 8th February 2021

Monday	1.30pm KS1 Assembly via Zoon 2.00pm KS2 Assembly via Zoom
Tuesday	am Woodwind lessons via Zoom
Wednesday	no activities
Thursday	no activities
Friday	school closes at the end of lunch time

Package to support and enforce self-isolation

As there is now a legal duty to self-isolate, the Government has introduced a new Test and Trace support payment of £500 to help those on low incomes. For more details please refer to the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-package-to-support-and-enforce-self-isolation>

COVID-19: Legal Duty to Self-Isolate

We felt it was important to remind everyone of the **legal duty to self-isolate which came into force on 28th September 2020**, people in England are required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS **Test and Trace**. This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Fines have been introduced for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000, and could increase up to £10,000 for repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.

Employers who force or allow staff to come to work who they know should be self-isolating will also be liable for fines of up to £10,000.

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