



# NEWSLETTER

## 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and carers

I have always said that the thing that makes Trekkenner so amazing is our community and our experiences over the last few weeks have proven how true this really is. As you are all aware, there was a covid outbreak in school but what is special is that we became aware of this even though many children did not have symptoms. Because of all of your vigilance in testing your children, even though you did not have to, we were able to identify all the cases in our school, isolate them, and because of this, I think we are now in a really safe position going through to Christmas.

Despite this disruption, some amazing learning has continued to happen at school: figurative poetry in Owl class, learning to write letters in Squirrel class and some amazing Science and DT in Badger class. The amazing thing is that even though several children were at home they still engaged with these experiences.

Whilst Christmas has not quite been what we planned, we have still had a wonderful Christmas Lunch, lots of in class activities and we have recorded our Christmas performance. At present, director Mr Lewin, is making sure it is perfect for all of you, but once it is complete, it will be sent out for you all to enjoy.

Next, I would like to say a big well done to some very special people. All our children are amazing, but once and a while children go above and beyond and become real heroes. The class hero award is the most prestigious award available at Trekkenner school. For children to be awarded it, they must show outstanding behaviour, consistent use of the learning powers and show outstanding achievement or progress. For this term our class heroes are:

Masie, Oliver, Megan, Cassius, Evie, Grace and Safia

Each of these children should be congratulated for their achievements.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

*Marc Wheeler*  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES .....to cut out and keep!

<b>December</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term
<b>January</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
7 <sup>th</sup>	Owl class Maya launch day (children dress up in Mayan costume)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers begin swimming
Please note, dates are added to the diary all the time as staff consistently try to adapt provision and plan new learning experiences for children as they become available so please keep an eye on class dojo for any updates.	

### Parent communications.



Our records show that most parents are signed up to our Class Dojo platform. Please be mindful that this is our main communication platform with parents. We will often send out updates and events on the school stream, so it is useful to have it easily accessible. Many parents have the app on their phone which makes this really easy to access. If you have any questions or want help setting up this app. Please speak

to your class teacher.

## **Starting School in September 2022**

Do you have a child who was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2017** and **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**? If so, you must apply for a school place for that child by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

All applications must be made online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Please pass this message on to any friends or neighbours who do not have an older child at the school.

## **Christmas Performance**

It was incredibly disappointing that we had to cancel the Christmas Performance; however, the children will be presenting their Christmas Show on Thursday afternoon and this will be videoed and shared online for parents and carers- we will most likely post this on Friday. We ask you to be mindful that this must only be shared privately and not posted on social media.

## **Road Safety**

Thank you to everyone for observing our voluntary one way system past the school and for being mindful not to block the access of local residents or park on verges. Please take care if you approach school from the Springer Spaniel direction and turn right at the top of Trekenner, there may be vehicles coming around the bend from the left who have right of way. It is also prohibited to stop on the zig zag yellow lines outside the school gate and let children out. Overall, we have very few complaints from residents which is thanks to the consideration shown by most drivers.

## **Friends of Trekenner School**

The Draw for the Christmas Hampers will be made on Friday. There is still time to buy numbers which are £1 each, and several amazing hampers to be won. As well as food and gifts, prizes include vouchers, cheese, wine and a joint of beef.

We are also grateful to FOTS who will be distributing presents to the children, again observing quarantine rules. Unfortunately, again this year the school will not be able to receive our usual visit from Father Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our school lottery. This is helping to raise essential funds for our Revitalize Trekenner School project which will help us to transform our learning environment investing in new furniture, has given the interior of the school a much needed face lift and purchasing new resources to enrich our children's learning. There is a guaranteed prize of £18 per week for one lucky member of our community and a chance to win a jackpot of £25,000. It is not too late to sign up for this lottery.

Just visit <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/trekenner-primary-school> and follow the instructions. The more players we get, the larger our prizes will become!

Our FOTS team is always on the lookout for new members. If you are interested, please speak to Kelly, Lisa, Kirsty or Helen. All parents and carers are very welcome to come along to any meetings and help plan fundraising activities.

Finally FOTS would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support in this challenging year.

## **Easy Fundraising**

Don't forget with Christmas nearly here that we are signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a simple way for us to earn money for very little effort. All you need to do is sign up, assigning Friends of Trekenner School as your chosen charity. Add the Easy Fundraising app to your phone or their add-on to your desktop toolbar and remember to go through this every time you go to an online retailer. In this way your visit will be logged and we will receive a donation. In no way does it stop you receiving the same great deals and discounts



that you would normally. The pennies all add up and if you book holidays, hotels, buy insurance etc via Easy Fundraising the donations are bigger. Please tell your friends and family. Search for Friends of Trekenner School with our postcode PL15 9PH.

## School Meals



We have an exciting menu over the next term which is available on class dojo. Having a healthy meal in school helps to aid children's concentration and engagement in the afternoon. Please remember that children in Squirrel class are entitled to a free school dinner.

For children in Key Stage Two the cost is £2.50, but this is great value for money and the tasty meals that our wonderful cook Caroline provides for us really is worth the money!

School dinners can be booked on the day through your child's class teacher.

It would be helpful if all dinner money, or indeed any money, could be brought into school clearly labelled with the child's name and what it is for.

**Please can all outstanding dinner money be sent to the office as soon as possible.**

**Next Newsletter during week commencing: 3rd January 2022**

## VOUCHERS / TOKENS / PRINTER CARTRIDGES:

Your help with these collections will be very much appreciated.....

Store / Product	What we Get	Scheme Ends
<b>Printer Cartridges</b>	A new scheme run by The Recycling Factory is now operating. However, only small inkjet cartridges can be recycled mainly Hewlett Packard, Epson, Dell Kodak, Samsung and Canon	Open ended

**Equality** To keep up with the constant changes in current legislation, we are asked to measure the impact of our equality schemes. If you would like to be involved in this process, please contact me. If you feel that you or your children are ever treated unfairly in any way, please make sure that I know about it. I would also like to remind you that if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time, appointments can be made with the teachers at the office.

**Safeguarding** If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or young person, there is a new telephone number at Cornwall Council – 03001231116. All calls will be handled by a professional social worker who will listen to the concerns and decide what action needs to be taken. Alternatively, please speak to Mr Wheeler who is our designated Safeguarding Officer.

***If you have any comments concerning the school, please enter them in the box below and return it to Mr Wheeler. Thank you.***

***Should you wish to contact the school the telephone number is 01579 370435  
or email [secretary@trekenner.net](mailto:secretary@trekenner.net)***

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All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor Cornwall Council will accept any liability arising out of those events.