



### Times Tables Rock Stars

On Thursday this week Mr McGowan and Davy Class launched an exciting new way to boost our children's times tables knowledge! 'Times Tables Rock Stars' has created something of a buzz around school with both children and teachers pitching their mental maths skills against each other! If you've not come across this fantastic resource, essentially TT-Rock Stars is a series of different x-tables games that help children improve their recall and speed. Players are assigned an avatar character with a rock



star name. The more games they play, the more coins they earn with which they can 'buy' additions for their character - new instruments, cool clothing, hair styles and lots more!



Players also need to work on speeding up their response times for answering questions. The quicker you get, the better your 'rock status' is. I'm already a 'Rock Legend' (Mr Johnson), but Ruby in Year 6 is too and she's quicker than me!! I'll have to get practising!

All children from Y2 to Y6 have been given a username and can log on to get playing. This can be done inside and out of school via the website or by downloading the app. We're sure that the TT-Rock Stars hype is certainly going to build the children's maths skills and be lots of fun too! If you want to find out more, grab a rock star teacher and ask!



### Ofsted Visit

As I'm sure you all know, on Monday afternoon we received 'the call' from Ofsted. This is something we've been anticipating for quite some time and so it was not really a surprise when it came. It was a Section 8 inspection which is intended to confirm that the school is still 'Good' in Ofsted terms and not 'Requiring Improvement' or 'Inadequate'. Ofsted assigned two HMI inspectors to Perranporth; one to lead the inspection and one to quality assure the process.

The day itself was definitely busy but the children and staff just did what Perranporth does best - excellent teaching and great learning! This was very quickly apparent to the inspectors and they seemed pleased with what they saw. They spoke to lots of parents who showed fantastic support for our school and lots of children who were their usual brilliant selves. It was a nice opportunity to show off all of the things the school does and has - fantastic children, supportive families, excellent staff and committed governors! Certainly a winning combination. The inspector identified a few things that could be developed further which was helpful feedback to receive, but on the whole the school showed itself to be the quality outfit we know it to be. Whilst the official decision cannot be released yet (we have to wait until they send it to us in writing, probably not until after Christmas I'm afraid), we can say that we were very happy with the outcome and a good day was had by all!

I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to everyone. Your children were absolute stars, they did us proud as they always do. The whole Perranporth Team were simply superb, doing their very best for our learners as they do everyday. Our governors were the devoted and fiercely passionate body that we know them to be. And finally, you, the families and community of Perranporth are the close knit, faithful and supportive people that make our school what it is!

Thank you.



### Indoor Athletics

Also on Tuesday this week, children from Y3 and Y4 headed off to Newquay for an Indoor Athletics Festival. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and it was great to have parent helpers for transport and encouragement through the event too. All the children competed brilliantly in sprints, hurdling, speed bouncing and long jump and other events, including a first place for the team in the relay event - well done to all of them.



### ~ This week's attendance ~

Trevithick YR	St Piran Y1	Penhaligon Y2	Boscawen Y3	Trengrouse Y4	Trelawny Y5	Davy Y6
99.3%	96.3%	93.5%	98.1%	97.9%	93.5%	93.4%

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## FOPS News - Christmas Fair



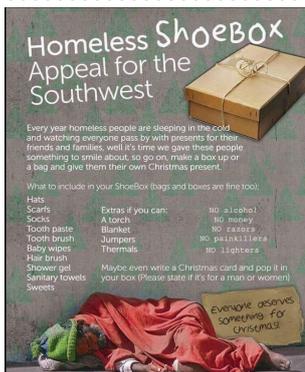
Don't forget the school Christmas Fair is on Friday 14th December from 2.30pm to 5pm. At 2.30pm Children can be collected from classes to attend. The fair will be spread out throughout the school this year, with children's crafts for sale in their classrooms and a central hub with tombolas, refreshments and more in the hall.



**Santa's Grotto:** We have been working hard to make this year's Grotto even more magical. We are booking times to begin queueing for the Grotto this year with activities to do whilst you wait. Tickets are limited so be sure to purchase yours on Monday-Thursday after school at the parents shelter or from the school office at the cost of £2.50 per child.



**Hampers:** Thank you all very much indeed for your hamper contributions. If you have any spare, good quality items you would like to donate to the hamper raffle, please drop them into the School Office. We are also on the look out for any spare hamper baskets if there are any donations. Thank you.



## Homeless Shoebox Appeal

At our School Parliament meeting this week the children felt very strongly that they would like the families of Perranporth School to support a local appeal in aid of homeless people in Cornwall at Christmas time. The Homeless Shoebox Appeal is an opportunity for us to give a little thought to those less fortunate at this time of year. By preparing a shoebox or bag with some essential items (hats, scarf, tooth paste, torch jumpers etc), a huge difference could be made to someone's Christmas. The children have suggested that if families would like to prepare a shoebox, these can be dropped at the parent waiting shelter before Thursday 19th Dec when Mrs Wordly, who very thoughtfully suggested the idea, will transport them to the distribution centre. For more details on the appeal please follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shooboxappealwestcornwall/>

## What's coming Up?

- ◆ **Sunday 9th December** -3pm Choir Performance at Christmas Tree Festival – St Piran's Church
- ◆ **Monday 10th December** -1.45pm School Choir Performance at The Memory Café
- ◆ **Tuesday 11th December** -EYFS & KS1 Christmas party
- ◆ **Wednesday 12th December** -Christmas lunch Day, 1.45pm School Choir Performance at Perran Bay, 2pm Y2 Christmas Performance
- ◆ **Thursday 13th December** -2.30pm Y3/Y4 WW2 parents open afternoon, 5.30pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas performance, \*\*After School Clubs finish for the term\*\*
- ◆ **Friday 14th December** -2.30 pm Christmas Fair

## Kind Donation

Very sadly a great supporter of our school, Joan Elizabeth Philp recently passed away. Joan's husband, Harold Philp sent on a letter explaining her wishes this week. In her Will, Joan requested that all donations at her funeral be given to the school to be used for a worthy project. Her relative, Jack in Year 6, thought it would be a lovely idea to use the very generous donation of £500, towards our school ipad fund. We are extremely grateful for this very touching gesture and would like to pass on both our thanks and condolences to Joan's family. Thank you.



## Helping Hand - Foodbank



Newquay Foodbank are running a Christmas Giving project for families in need of support from the Food bank. The project runs from 11th Dec for 2 weeks for any families in need of referral. Families will receive a food parcel with 6 days worth of meals plus additional items including a gift voucher for a butcher's shop, chocolate selection box per child, mince pies and Christmas pudding. If you are in need of referral to the Foodbank, please feel free to let a member of staff

know or pop into the School Office. Thank you.

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