



# Cusgarne School Bulletin

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Hello and Season's greetings to all the Cusgarne school community 😊

As we head into the darkest months of winter, it is easy to forget what an amazing term it's been, and how our children remain brilliant ambassadors for the small primary school they attend. Weekly, I am showing new parents around the school, some know us through connections to the school, others have come through recommendations. All visitors comment on how happy and engaged our children are with their learning, and what a lovely primary school setting we have, with strengths and qualities they want for their own children. This is also highlighted by feedback when we visit venues on excursions. I would like to say a huge well done to every member of the team for all that they do to create the nurturing and supportive learning environment we are privileged to enjoy at Cusgarne. It can be very easy to get distracted by negativities in life, and it is important to look for and focus on the positives. We should celebrate how hard all our team work and give them recognition for all that they do for our children. Thank you to all the staff at Cusgarne, for your inspiring passion for what you do, and the difference you make.

A big shout out to our girls' football team who continue their 100% winning record and remain 6 points clear at the top of the Truro Cluster Football League – the girls should be so proud of themselves, not only for their footballing skills, but also for their sportsmanship and teamwork – which has been commented upon not only by our parents, but also by some of the opposing



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schools.

Our boys football team have also been enjoying success in their league, and are currently unbeaten, although have not played as many games due to some match postponements. It's so wonderful to see our children enjoying their team sports, and to see how well they support each other.



In Robin Class we congratulate and celebrate Mrs Denton who has now qualified as our Forest School Lead, after two years of hard work. It is brilliant to be able to offer the children in Key Stage 1 weekly Forest School based activities as part of our enriched curriculum, and we have seen the children thrive as a result of this. Well done Mrs Denton! A wonderful surprise was the children creating two outdoor Christmas trees and decorating them with things that they had made using the bushcraft skills they had learned under Mrs Denton's tuition. The structure and support these sessions have given our children have brought through many qualities of teamwork, social skills, resilience (out in all weathers!) and some amazing challenge-based learning.



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This week Robin Class hosted their Nativity, and despite some absences due to illness, they delivered a fantastic show which the parents thoroughly enjoyed, and the children were buzzing about. Thank you to Mrs Turner and her team.



Over the last couple of weeks Reverend Liz has visited us a few times, discussing some bible stories with the children. It's always a pleasure to have her in school, and the children are always so pleased to see her.

Recently, Starling Class's year 4 children visited the RVS Health & Wellbeing Community Hub in Perranarworthal to sing some carols to the group, kitted out in their Santa hats! It was a lovely afternoon which was enjoyed by all, and it's wonderful for the children to have the opportunity to connect with older members in our community in this way. Thank you to Miss Palmer and her team.



Kingfisher Class have enjoyed an engaging and enlightening World War 2 topic this term, during which they have been learning about the challenges of war and rationing, together with what life was like being an evacuee. This included a day when they all made their own gas masks and came dressed to school as evacuees for a themed day. They created their own back stories and learned about some refugees that came to our parish. They also made an old wartime bread recipe, wrote poems, and experienced what it was like to experience an air raid – with blackouts and sirens and having to go under their desks with their gas



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masks. Thank you to Miss Medcalf and Miss Jones for all your hard work and creativity in planning this thought-provoking day.



Belated celebration and recognition of the amazing turnout to our school Harvest Celebration and Auction in which we raised £555 for Penhaligans Friends, a charity who has supported families from our school for many years. Thank you to our parents for being great sports and for the camaraderie during this event. The charity was chosen by our school council.

We were then lucky enough to have Penhaligan's mascot come and visit us in school, and we were able to present them with our cheque which was very gratefully received. Thank you to you all.



Today, we are lucky enough to enjoy a whole school visit to watch the Rogue Theatre's Winter Wood at Tehidy, and what a magical end to the term it will be. Thank you to the Friends of Cusgarne for their support of this trip, and all the wider fundraising they have done this term, including the fantastic Christmas Fayre we enjoyed last week.

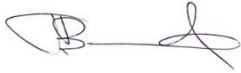
Just a couple of reminders before we end this term; After School Clubs and Wraparound Care will begin from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that Wraparound is booked for this week, by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Can you also please continue to book your child's school meals in advance via ParentPay, thank you. We finish school at 1pm tomorrow, and we return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



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I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and I look forward to all the exciting things to come in the Spring term.

Warm wishes,



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