# **St Day and Carharrack School Newsletter**

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# KINDNESS RESPECT ANTI-BULLYING



We have had a great week across the school discussing what bullying is and is not and learning from each other about rude, mean and bullying behaviours and how to stop them. We have been so impressed with all our children this last week- they have all been reflective and keen to talk about past experiences, leading to some children apologising or asking for help. Our children know that a one-off rude or mean action can turn into bullying if it is intentional, hurtful and happens again and again. We are saying NO to BULLYING and our Reception children have been reminding the whole school about

how we can show KINDNESS to stamp out any mean behaviours. Through circle-times, assemblies and lessons, our children have been incredibly honest and reflective, discussing sensitive issues respectfully. We are carrying on with the themes of KINDNESS and RESPECT this week, so we can actively CHOOSE kind and respectful behaviours over rude, mean or bullying behaviours. We are discussing 'British values' as part of our learning – with a focus on 'Respect and Tolerance'. As a staff team, we are being reflective and listening to the children when they say that sometimes different adults respond in different ways. With additional staff training, we hope to ensure consistency of approach across the school.

Please see our website for all the Anti-Bullying information and below for learning taking place across the school.

Inspired by 'The Story of the Kindness Elves', our Reception children took on the very important role of being 'Kindness Ninjas' yet again! This all started with a kind donation of eggs and a







discussion about what to do with the eggs! This got the children thinking and planning kindness acts throughout the week and ending with a HUGE celebration of kindness- with the children sharing their GIANT cake. This took three days to prepare and cook (a huge thank you to Mrs Goven). The children chose to share this cake with everyone in school and put up a stall in the playground - after sampling it of course! The cake was made with love and kindness and had certain elements to it, which the children decided on. It had to be BIG, like a



rainbow, have flowers, sprinkles and people on it to represent everyone in school! We even measured it and found out it was as heavy as a table! PHEW!

Across the whole school, we have been discussing name-calling and British values relating to **respect and tolerance**. Every child and young person, regardless of their background, should feel like school is a place they belong – where they are treated kindly, free from bullying & name calling, treated with respect, and benefit from excellent teaching in safe and inclusive learning environment. Children from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities should, like any other child, feel safe and supported in school. To achieve this, we need to ensure that all cultural backgrounds are valued and respected. Remember that children take the lead from adults in how they treat others – let's all set a good example of how to be kind & respectful to other people; ultimately this will enable our children to grow into kind and respectful adults. We are working closely with the Teyluva Centre and will be starting an exciting art project in the next few weeks.



Sapphire Class have taken an extremely thoughtful and mature approach to this week's focus. On Monday, we set ourselves the challenge of completing 1000 acts of kindness by the end of the week so we will be counting these up to see if met our total - hopefully families have felt the benefit of this at home also! We've explored name-calling and labelling people with words that can be offensive and we've discussed why people might bully someone else. The children have created brilliant posters - 'labels are for food not people' and they created a

kindness chain listing all the ways in which we can show kindness. Most importantly, we've investigated what we can do if someone else's repeated actions are having an effect on us. It's been a brilliant week for all Sapphire children and the staff are proud of the contributions you have made.



Amber class have been learning all about different ways to be kind and caring. We have been learning some trust games in PE, which we can use in the playground independently. Amber class were keen to learn what it meant to be kind so we discussed and discovered 'the key to being a good friend'. Do pop in to see our display of ideas.

In Jade class we have been talking about kindness, what it can look like and how we can show it. The children all shared their ideas on how they think they have been kind and how someone has shown kindness to them. We made kindness posters to help everyone remember something they can do to help others and we also read 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' all about spreading happiness through acts of kindness.



Topaz class have used the ipads this week to film anti-bullying videos and posters. Sky and Kathleen B were one pair from many that produced an excellent video on what bullying looks like, and how it can



affect people. They even included suggestions on how to make sure you are not being unkind. Other pairs, like Jacob and Zach chose to do online posters about how to recognise and stop bullying.

Emerald class decided
'It's cool to be kind'
and thought of times
when they had been kind

at home or in school. They are also in the process of making a class book showing how to show kindness and respect to others.



# SAFEGUARDING, HEALTH AND SAFETY – OUTSIDE LEARNING SPACES

Please supervise your children closely out of school hours – children should not be in the wooded area unsupervised. Den building is a school-hours supervised activity only – this is a learning area extension of our school, which should only be accessed during the school day under supervision. Thank you for your support with this.

**CLASS TEACHER APPOINTMENT** - we are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new member to the team — Verity Rogers will be joining us from the start of the new school year in September as a class teacher. Huge thanks to our brilliant School Council for the part they played in this appointment- displaying democracy and choice in action. Recently we have had many visitors to our school, commenting on how friendly our children are.

## ATTENDANCE - LATE MARKS AND PENALTY NOTICES

The school doors will be closed promptly at 8.55am. If your child is later than 8.55am they will have to enter through the front door office – this means your child is late and their late time will be recorded on their individual attendance record. Please be aware that a build up of ten or more lates after the register closes at 9.00am - will result in unauthorised absences and lead to Educational Welfare involvement including a first warning penalty notice being issued. KS1 parents are kindly asked to arrive at 8.45am if you wish to settle your child in class. We are requesting all parents to leave the school building promptly through the KS1 or KS2 entrance by 8.55am rather than walking through the school building unsupervised. This is a safeguarding and safety request. We will be reviewing parent drop off to ensure safeguarding procedures are efficient and to enable all of our children to have the best possible start to the day.

### **REMINDERS**

**BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA!** Please support us and sign up for a school dinner on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> for School Census day. See the attached menu.

**SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS-** Please can we ask for sun cream to be applied before school and for both sunhats and coats to be in school daily due to the changeable weather. Thank you.

**WATER BOTTLES AND PE KITS** – Please return your PE kits to school and remember to bring your water bottle in each day with fresh water in. Without a PE kit, your child may miss additional opportunities to be involved in sport and physical activity; these pop up all the time in school so please help your child to ensure they are fully equipped every day. If a PE kit goes home following a club, please return it the next day. Thank you.

**St Day Community Litter Pick** - Saturday 11th May 10am, meet at Community Centre - (with school pre-litter pick in the community on Wednesday 8th May)

**St Day Community Bake-Off -** Saturday 6th July - Judging at 10am in Methodist Church Fields in Trust

**St Day Community Picnic in the Park -** Saturday 6th July 1pm St Day Rugby Field **St Day Community in Bloom** - Pots and baskets - Judging end of July - Date TBC

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURES -** We have launched our very own **KINDNESS, RESPECT and ANTI-BULLYING RAISING AWARENESS WEEK** to ensure that every member of staff and child in our school feels happy and safe every day. We are continuing with this theme as the children have shared many ideas. Please see the letters sent out including reference to the updated policies and procedures on our website.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

**Opal class - Harvey** for always doing what is asked of him and for following instructions. **Kane** for being kind and thoughtful.

**Jade Class - Molly** for modelling kindness at all times.

**Luna** for consistent kindness towards others and fantastic story writing. Also for having a great attitude and effort towards her learning.

**Amber Class - Leo R** for being consistently kind and helpful to everyone.

**Hugo** for helping others to think of strategies in order to solve problems and being kind.

**Topaz Class - Meisha** for learning how to do column addition, subtraction and reading at

home. **Carter** for respecting all adults in school and being kind to members of the class.

**Emerald Class - Olivia** for improved positive attitude to all areas of learning.

**Gabriel** for showing kindness to other children in school.

**Sapphire Class - Faye** for a focused, brave and hard-working return to school.

**Naomie** for demonstrating thought and empathy when considering different social situations. **Turquoise Class -Layla** for getting stuck in with her learning.

**Sophie** for showing kindness to all.

We are very proud of all our children

Thank you – The St Day and Carharrack Team