

St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Families

Wow – a big WELCOME BACK to our AMAZING Year 6 children! It has been an absolute delight to welcome you back and see you in person! They have all been brilliant at following the social distancing guidelines and regularly washing their hands for 20 seconds. Following the green 'hearts' and 'spots' has helped everyone to remember to keep their distance and follow the one-way system.



HOW HAS YOUR WEEK BEEN?

According to our children:

'It's different but fun'

'Different than I thought - better!'

'Lovely, because it has been relaxed and it has been great to see people even though we can't get too close'

'Good because it is different to home'

Next week, Yr 6 children will return for the slightly longer hours of 9.00am – 1.00pm to include staying for lunch – please read the email for Yr 6 families.

As this week has been so successful, we will be offering a similar package to children in

Reception for the week beginning: 29th June

Year 1 for the week beginning: 6th July

A letter and risk assessment will be sent to you. To be able to plan for this, we will need an expression of interest from you by 12.00 Tuesday 23rd June to guarantee a place in a small 'bubble' group.

This decision remains firmly with families. If your child comes to school, we will be accessing the same learning that we send home to you on a weekly basis, on the website.

Our priority is still to go slow and steady following the latest scientific advice and hopefully build up to welcoming every child back before we officially close for the summer break – even if only for a transition day. We feel this would enable every child to have some closure, see their friends, see that we are still here and that school is a safe place to be especially in anticipation for a September return. It was clear that our Yr 6 children were nervous on the Monday and we were quickly able to support them by giving them opportunities to talk about their experiences.

Due to the complexities of staffing, a growing 'key worker' group and in response to any changing government advice, we need to review our offer of provision on a weekly basis. Our risk assessment is 'dynamic' and subject to change.

LAUNCHING THE SOCK OLYMPICS FOR NEXT WEEK!



This year, Sports Day is looking a little different! Due to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics being postponed until 2021, St Day & Carharrack School have planned a Sock Olympics just for you!

You will love this! Get your socks out and have a go – see the attached flyer! We want lots of photos to post of you all for next week please! Your children being able to see each other will make us all smile! In the meantime, **watch staff members on the website demonstrating each activity superbly** – can you beat their record? All you need is a pair of your finest socks- everyone has a pair of socks – but are they Olympic socks?!

Deadline for photos or videos: Thursday 25th June.

https://st-day-carharrack.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/491833

CLASS ZOOOOOMING NEXT WEEK!

We are so excited to roll this out and see everyone! We will include key worker children who are in school at the time – as they would love to see their class friends. Please note, this virtual contact will replace phone calls for next week. However, if you cannot make the zoom session, you can request a phone call for your child by emailing your class teacher. It is important to follow the zoom guidelines (in the attached letter) to make this a safe and happy experience for everyone- we will be sending all the details via your class email.

See our website for a great social story on having a successful video call. Yr1-Yr6 classes will be split into two groups for this first week so everyone has a chance to say hello and not feel overwhelmed. Please ask your child to think of something they could share that they have achieved or enjoyed during 'lockdown'. If this is successful, we have exciting plans for the week after that Yr6 have been experimenting with and thoroughly enjoying!

If you do not have access to any IT equipment at home, please get in contact with Action for Children's IT equipment fund for families by leaving an enquiry on the following website page. <https://www.kernowyoungcarers.org/contact-us/>

WHAT IS THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

This summer we are going to get silly! The 2020 summer reading challenge is called the 'Silly Squad'. Children can set their own challenge and are encouraged to read anything that makes them happy. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. There are a wealth of downloadable books and activities that can be enjoyed by the whole family! Your local library may be closed but the online facilities are great! Please go to this link for joining, to access a range of content including newspapers, comics, e-books and audio books. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/libraries-coronavirus-update/>

**With best wishes,
Susannah Storey Headteacher**

While the real world is closed our imaginary worlds let loose...

The power of reading in a crisis

“These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone.”
Roald Dahl

- Children are aware we're in a crisis – affecting mental health, self esteem, friendships and relationships
- Lives are in limbo – children and parents are missing structure, inspiration and guidance from schools and libraries not knowing when 'normal' will return
- Children are missing other children – we need to provide a sense of community and connection

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