

# St Day and Carharrack School Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fabulous start to our term with lots of exciting learning happening across the school in every class. We had an amazing Science Day full of explosions- thank you to Miss Peters for organising such a great day! Please take a look at our newly re-vamped website- we are working to get this up to date. In the meantime, all letters, newsletters and calendar of events are accessible on the site. The new school menu has now been delivered and is on the website- apologies for the delay from Caterlink.

We are looking forward to opening our doors and welcoming you into school on Friday.

**Here are some of the highlights from this last week:**

## CELEBRATING OUR NEW CLIMBING EQUIPMENT

There was a real buzz of excitement in the air on the first day back to school as children discovered our fabulous new climbing equipment. After a safety talk and demonstration, the children wasted no time in tackling the climbing wall and the traversing forest. Climbing on this type of equipment can benefit our children in so many positive ways. For example; encouraging imaginative play, problem solving, social negotiation and interaction, physical development, brain development and personal awareness. Huge thanks must go to all 'The Friends of St Day and Carharrack' volunteers for raising the funds over the years and contributing £2,000 to this project. We are very grateful to our parents and friends who arrange enrichment activities for our community and parents who come and spend money to support us. The large wooden climbing frame on the field is being enjoyed at lunchtime thanks to you all- and under your parental supervision it can be enjoyed after school until 4.00pm. We would very much like to re-start this supportive network of 'Friends' so if you have fundraising experience or are willing to come and initiate - please let us know by informing Ms Storey on Friday evening or signing up in the office so we can arrange a meeting to plan for Christmas!



## STAFF TRAINING

During our INSET training in September, all staff took part in 'REAL PE' workshops. We have a big focus on healthy minds and bodies to enable our children to lead healthy lives now and in the future. With new strategies we are encouraging all children to develop key skills and focus on improving their own 'personal best' in all areas of learning. It is great to see so many families now walking to school each day- thank you!

## TOPAZ VISIT EDEN



Topaz Class had a truly awe-inspiring trip to the Eden Project on Monday for our topic 'Flora and Fauna'. It was a great day, learning about incredible plants that can swallow bugs, close their leaves when touched and plants that are furry to touch! The children had a wonderful time wandering round the Rainforest biome looking at banana, pineapple, cinnamon, cacao and lemongrass plants. We are now writing about our trip, so please chat with your children to get them excited about retelling it!

## WHOLE SCHOOL SCIENCE ASSEMBLY DAY

KS1 and 2 classes enjoyed an assembly on Roald Dahl Day that was full of pops, bangs and whizzes! Dr Pidwell from Redruth School visited us and showed us how to create interesting noises, colours and explosions from items found around the house. The children asked brilliant questions and hopefully have been inspired to get involved with Science as lifelong learning.



## SAPPHIRE CLASS ENJOY ROALD DAHL DAY

Sapphire Class had great fun applying their scientific skills to find out what happens when you attempt to inflate a balloon using fizzy drinks and popping candy. They linked their Science learning to one of Dahl's most popular books – George's Marvellous Medicine. Ask a member of Sapphire Class how you can recreate this investigation at home!



## READING RECORDS

We will be sending home reading records with your child on Monday – this book is an important link between home and school and needs to be in school every day so we can support your child with reading for pleasure. Please spend time filling these books in with your child after they have read – we are requesting this for every child in every year group and need your support to ensure this happens. Reading is essential for the progress of your child throughout their life and establishing a daily enjoyable routine now is a real gift. You can record anything your child reads, in addition to their school reading book. Even Yr 6 need their reading record signed every day! Thank you for supporting us with this.



## MEETING JOHN BROLLY!

Opal Class are enjoying super creative drama workshops with John Brolly every Monday morning! They are action packed with story- telling and music – to support speaking and listening development. There was a giant spoon in Mr Brolly's bag....where did it come from? Ask the children and find out! Watch this space for more exciting up-dates on our adventures!



## EMERALD CLASS LEARNING



Emerald class used mirrors to sketch self-portraits, then crayons to fill in the detail. Finally, they created frames using lollysticks and glitter. Miss Perkovic had fun guessing who was who! Emerald have started weekly Capoeira sessions for this half – term, leading to a presentation assembly to show off all their new moves. More information to follow.

## SHELTERBOX VISIT TURQUOISE CLASS

ShelterBox visited Turquoise class on Friday to share the amazing work they do around the world. ShelterBox is a charity that provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to save lives in earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis and other natural disasters. Year 6 then shared their learning in an assembly for the rest of the school. We will be adopting ShelterBox as our local school charity for the year.



## TIMES TABLE REMINDERS

Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables at home. Sing them, paint them, learn them backwards, learn in the bath and make copies for around the house!

**[timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk)** is a really useful site enabling your children to progress through the different stages. Please see below for National Curriculum expectations. As of next year

**Year 1 :** x2, x5 and x10.

**Year2 :** x2, x3, x5 and x10.

**Year 3:** x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x 10.

**Year 4:** All times tables up to 12 x 12.



**\*Year 5 and 6 need to be confident with all times tables, inverse calculations and able to apply this knowledge to solve problems.**

## DATES/REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY

- You should have all received a paper copy '**CALENDAR 2018-2019**' with some key events, holidays and INSET days for the year. More will be added to the school website.
- **4<sup>th</sup> October – National Poetry Day and Census Day** – we will be providing a whole school '**special menu**' decided by the children. This is an important day for school funding and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal. Thank you
- **11<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu Vaccine for Reception- Yr5 available in school. Letter to follow – requiring an online consent form to be completed.
- **Attendance Monitoring** with the **Educational Welfare Officer** – Please note that all children need to be in school by **8.55am** at the latest. If your child is arriving late on a regular basis, this is passed onto the Educational Welfare Officer so a support plan can be put in place for your family. Our doors open at 8.45am to enable everyone to settle by 8.55am. Please note that due to the school's poor attendance rates, attendance and lateness will be closely monitored by governors. Only in exceptional circumstances can a leave of absence be authorised. You will find an 'absence request' form on the website – this needs to be completed in advance. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

In our sharing assembly on a Monday, we have time to reflect and think about how we can practise the virtue of the week.

### **Our Virtue for the first two weeks: COURAGE**

*Courage is bravery even when something is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you don't give up, you try new things and admit mistakes.*

### **Our Virtue for the next two weeks: UNITY**

*Unity helps us work and live together peacefully. We feel connected and accomplish more together.*

In our celebration assembly on a Friday, we all have time to reflect on our individual achievements and a Golden Star from each class will be selected to receive a certificate. This could be for outstanding learning in any area, for practising the virtue of the week or always keeping our Golden Rules. All children have had age appropriate assemblies to celebrate positive learning behaviours and also to remind everyone of the clear rules on how we treat each other and school property. **Here are our Golden Rules:**

**We are gentle**  
*We don't hurt others*  
**We are kind and helpful**  
*We don't hurt anybody's feelings*  
**We listen**  
*We don't interrupt*  
**We are honest**  
*We don't cover up the truth*  
**We work hard**  
*We don't waste our own or other's time*  
**We look after property**  
*We don't waste or damage things*

The following children have had a wonderful start to the new term – being wonderful role models and following all our Golden Rules – thank you



**Reception- Opal:** Grayson

**Yr1- Jade:** Elliot

**Yr2- Amber:** Leo

**Yr3 -Topaz:** Charlie

**Yr 4- Emerald:** Oliver

**Yr5 – Sapphire:** Olivia

**Yr6- Turquoise:** Perran



**We are very proud of all our children**

**Thank you**

**Susannah Storey – Headteacher and the St Day and Carharrack Team**