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Dear Families

In PSHE lessons, we have been considering a range of strategies to support positive mental health for

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

This year the theme is **Nature** and how connecting with the natural world can support good mental health. Recent National Trust research found a link between feeling



connected to nature and having improved wellbeing. In school we have continued to focus on the **Five Ways to Wellbeing** and in addition to this, we have worked hard to ensure that we provide all classes with the opportunity to be outside as often as possible. We are grateful for the beautiful location of our school and feel lucky to have so much outdoor space, which we are using

and developing as much as possible. Thank you to the small team of helpers – including Mrs Moule, Mrs Bolt and Mrs West – for supporting Mr Hughes to get our new polytunnel firmly rooted in the ground – this will give every class year round access to the outdoors. Next week, we see the start of our outdoor gazebo going up on the field for classes to be learning regardless of the weather! If you would like to support us with our outdoor area, please contact the school.

We welcomed Mr Ayre back this week, with



every class getting outside for PE. 'Take-out' lunch is proving very popular on a Friday.



### **WELLBEING by Year 5...**

Year 5 have been talking about positive coping strategies, they have a brilliant list of ways to help you feel better and to keep your mind and mental wellbeing happy including:

- booting a football, lying on my bed and listening to loud music
- petting my dog and drawing
- going in my garden and looking at things
- building things out of Lego
- going on my bike and peddling really fast
- reading my book on my bed
- just being still and quiet
- talking to someone
- baking and eating it
- talking to mum and dad and making cookies

Some great ideas that many of us could try - well-done Year 5!

**What do you call a chicken from space? An *egg-straterrestrial*.**

**Stop press we have some EGG-CELLENT news.....**

**Chickens** soon to join in St Day and Carharrack School



**BUT we need YOUR HELP!!!**

In preparation for our new feathery friends to begin their lives in school, we need your help.

**This Thursday (20<sup>th</sup>) after school**, we will be lifting concrete slabs to fit around the chicken coup.

If anyone would like to give a hand, we would be very grateful – more hands the merrier.

Alternatively, if there is anyone out there who would be willing to lend a hand in **building a fence** to keep the foxes at bay – please also be in touch. If you know of anyone or think you and your family would love to be involved in our exciting new adventure in any way please get in touch! This includes the holidays and weekends! Please leave your name and phone number with Angie in Reception or contact myself on:

[vhorne@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:vhorne@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thanks Miss Horne

**What is a great afternoon activity for chickens? A peck-nic.**

## LEARNING FROM OUR YOUNGEST TO OLDEST CHILDREN...



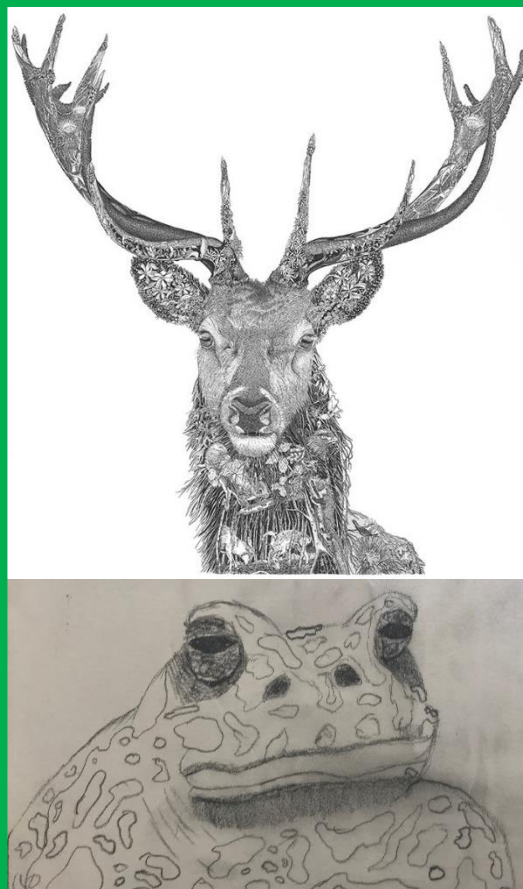
**RECEPTION and YEAR 1** children are excelling with their individual and shared reading, brilliant maths and art skills - studying Claude Monet and using flowers to print. Well done!





## LEARNING IN YEAR 6...

This half term, Turquoise class have been learning all about climate change. In art, they have been looking at the intricate and impressive work of Cornish artist, Jon Tremain. They have been building their mark-making skills, practicing drawing from observation and learning about composition to create artwork in his style. Turquoise class have been very lucky and were able to get in touch with this amazing artist. Jon Tremain has kindly answered the children's questions, generously given each child a print of their own and offered to display the children's artwork on his website when they are finished! Year 6's drawings will highlight some of Britain's most vulnerable and endangered species. Here you can see a page from Bracken's sketchbook where she has used brilliant observation skills to draw this illustration of an endangered Natterjack toad. Well done Bracken!



## UPDATES

**COVID-19** – From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the country's roadmap is going ahead. As restrictions ease, we continue to take a cautious approach in school especially with news of the new variant. We are still encouraging hands, face, and space and would urge families to do the same. Our school restrictions will ease, **starting on 24<sup>th</sup> May**, in line with DfE guidance. In school we will maintain class bubbles but with some flexibility – enabling two classes to come together at times. We also have some 'COVID Keeps' –for example, high expectations for hygiene in and around school and additional class bubble breaks learning outdoors. More details will follow as we read and make sense of government guidance. As always, thanks for all of your brilliant support and patience for the huge amounts of changes (and changes back) that we have made over the last 14 months.

## DROP OFF and COLLECTION TIMES - CHANGES

**From 24<sup>th</sup> May, SCHOOL DROP-OFF will be between 8.45 – 8.55 for all children. Teachers will be in class ready to receive your child – reading books need to come in everyday for the start of the day. Please use the same entrance. Collection will be 3.00pm for KS1 and 3.10pm for KS2.**

**ATTENDANCE mark – The gates will be locked at 8.55am. Please support us to arrive on time – when your child is late, it takes staff away from classes. Your child needs to be in school by 8.55am to avoid a late mark. Registers close at 9.00am – if your child arrives after 9.00am, they will receive an unauthorised absence.**

**BREAKFAST CLUB and AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROVISION – to resume May 24<sup>th</sup> for working families.**

**Bookings and payment will need to be made in advance to secure a place. Golden Rules will need to be followed for children to access this provision. Please see the letter coming out next week with further details and revised charges. We are not aiming to make a profit by running this provision but we do need to cover costs to make this viable.**

**ADVENTURE LEARNING WEEK** is planned for the week beginning June 21<sup>st</sup> – we will be getting outdoors everyday with trips planned including surfing, beach days, forest school, local walks and class 'sports day'. For Year 6 children, we will be planning an overnight camp on the school field– the first of its kind!

**SUN SAFETY** - We are hoping for some lovely weather this term. On sunny days, please send your child to school with sun cream already applied. They should also remember to bring a named hat or cap to wear at break and have a water bottle in school at all times. Thank you.

Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Susannah Storey (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at [head@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk) or, if it is out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116; email:

[multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk) Please be aware of where your child is out of school hours and what apps they are accessing. In school, we have had to spend a lot of learning time unpicking a number of out of school concerns involving inappropriate language, behaviours and use of social media. Children spending a long time gaming are struggling in school to access their learning and displaying concerning and inappropriate behaviours. We have concerning incidents of children playing with strangers online – do you know whom your child is playing with and the language or potential grooming they are exposed to? We would appreciate your support with this by encouraging your child to play age appropriate games. If you require any additional support with this, please contact us.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our celebration assembly, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals and virtues. So many of our children have been displaying **ENJOYMENT**, **ENGAGEMENT** and **EXCELLENCE** in all aspects of school life. Well done St Day and Carharrack children! We are proud of all of you.

