

## St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

**Self-belief, Determination and Courage**

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Dear Parents

A big welcome to our new Reception families! 'COURAGE' is our virtue this week, and we will begin our special journey together – one-step at a time during this tricky and unknown time. We are coming up with exciting plans to make this all work.

I hope you all managed to enjoy the great outdoors and gorgeous weather we had last week.

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR OUR SCHOOL**

At school, we have been busy getting the building ready in line with government guidance – which I have to say all feels very strange. We welcomed small teams of staff into the building to help get the rooms compliant and there was also the opportunity to spruce things up – all very exciting and socially distanced of course – ready for the day we can welcome you all back!



Just look at our hand painted, bespoke library- transformed! It is stunning and all credit goes to the amazingly talented Miss Clark! (I was allowed a small green leaf to paint- two above the octopus on the right hand side!). It is a lovely space to be, relax and read and I know our children will love it! We are also excited to welcome our new children into Reception Class–

thank you to the great team tackling this area – scrubbing, painting and creating new areas, which spill into our KS1 playground. We are just missing the vital ingredient of children!

The Governing Body and myself would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding regarding our decision not to fully re-open until the provisional date of June 15<sup>th</sup> for Year 6 – we still firmly believe that this was the right decision. Under the **Coronavirus tab** on the website – you will find a detailed letter to Year 6 parents describing the changes we have been putting in place and how the school day will feel. This plan will form the basis for more children returning in the future – so please take a look for more information. I am afraid I do not know the plan for September yet and we are still operating on a week-by-week basis at the moment – monitoring all government guidance and health and safety reports.

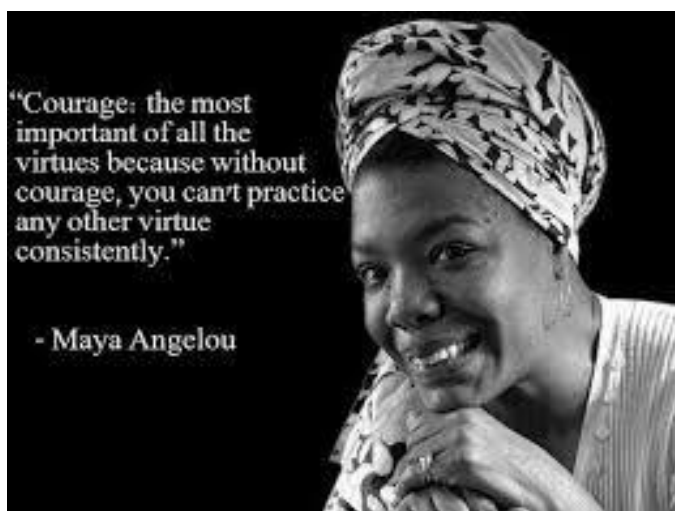
By delaying the re-opening of our school until 15<sup>th</sup>, research from the independent SAGE group states that this approximately halves the risk of infection for children. The report also reminds us that schools do not operate in a vacuum and what happens in them will have wider ramifications for everyone within and outside of school. We have a duty to protect our school community as much as we can during this unprecedented time; a responsibility we take incredibly seriously.

#### **The following continues to be in place for our school:**

- Children classed as vulnerable or whose parents/carers are key workers continue to have a place in school.
- Children learning at home are set work via class teachers and school websites.
- Weekly phone call home to support with wellbeing and learning.
- Weekly class newsletter and celebrations.
- Weekly Headteacher newsletter.
- Free school meal vouchers issued to entitled families.
- Provisional start date for Year 6 children only – June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be confirmed following another Full Governing Body meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will communicate with you any further plans regarding the wider and gradual re-opening of our School. New Reception families – we will support you come September and work out a plan to meet your individual needs.

#### **OUR NEW VIRTUE: COURAGE**



**Courage is bravery in the face of fear. You do the right thing even when it is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you do not give up. You try new things. You admit mistakes. Courage is the strength in your heart.**

*Use Courage to try the 5 **C**s*

**Build your 'courage' this week by taking the first step... try something new – be creative, communicate your ideas, collaborate with others, be a critical thinker and challenge what you hear...**

**Parents and children at this time are showing great courage with home learning and having to make tough decisions about a return to school. There is no right or wrong way – this is a very personal decision, which many parents have struggled with - it takes courage to do what is right for you.**

## SCHOOL REPORT COMMENT REMINDER – 1 day left!

Please return your child's comment for their school report as soon as you can today (see class newsletter) or over the weekend at the latest. It would be a shame for this to be left blank.

**We have received many lovely comments so far – thank you parents!**

## USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS

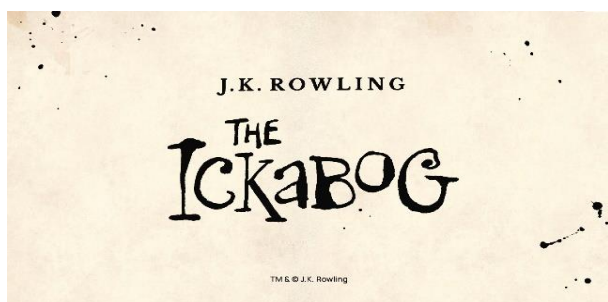
### [Early Years – Starting school and other transitions | Care and Support in Cornwall](#)

Please note: Due to Covid-19 we know that many children have not attended schools or settings for a long time. Therefore the ideas on the following pages may be helpful when supporting all children back to schools and settings. [www.supportincornwall.org.uk](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk)



### [Water Safety Wednesday – Home Schooling Resource 'Launched' by RNLI | RNLI](#)

The RNLI has launched to the rescue of parents and teachers who are in need of content and support for home schooling their children. The lifesaving charity is offering downloadable content as well as a Facebook Live event every Wednesday at 10.15am on their Facebook page. [rnli.org](http://rnli.org)



LOOK!

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

J.K. Rowlings' new novel - online available for all to read for free!

### **For families who have children with SEN**

A new page has been created on the website to support our families who have children with SEN. This will grow over time so please keep revisiting. You can find the page here:

[http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website/resources\\_to\\_support\\_children\\_with\\_sen/486347](http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website/resources_to_support_children_with_sen/486347)

The documents are not specific to our school but are there to support conversations with your child. Please do share any resources that might help other families - send through to

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

Please follow the **Together for Families Facebook page** - there are some great resources for everyone about emotional resilience and mental health during the coronavirus:

[https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=AKUFKNWkR\\_A](https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=AKUFKNWkR_A)

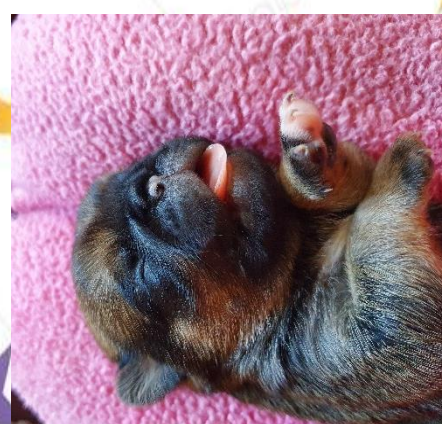
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/emotional-resilience-and-mental-health/>

Resources for parents from **Rachel Wilson-Powell, Parenting Worker, Together for Families**



## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF

Look at Kieran and Freddie's five puppies- very happy boys! Thank you Leo HW for doing your Times Tables Rockstars - every day - even over half term - I do get to hear about everything! Lovely to see Bella and her puppy and a very happy Jacob - our Wally PRIZE WINNER! Thank you to our staff teams for transforming the school and our wonderful key worker children for helping! We still have a £10 book voucher to give away- look at the previous newsletter challenge!



**Wishing you all a safe and happy week ahead.  
With best wishes, Susannah Storey Headteacher**