

St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Families and Children

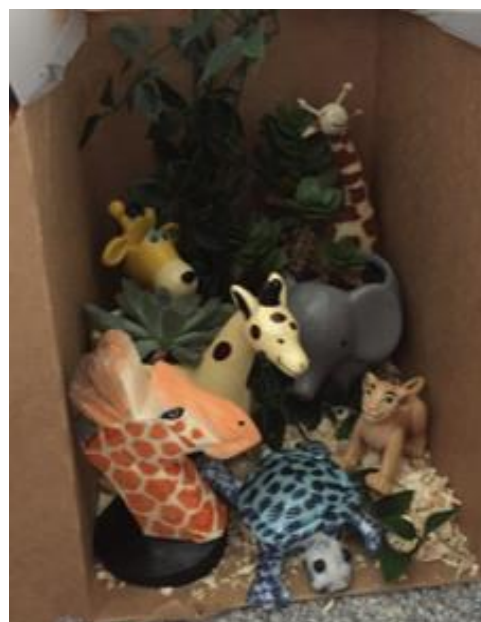
It is officially half-term!

Children – you have been amazing – look at your incredible commitment to learning and everything you have achieved despite tricky circumstances! Parents, you have made it to half –term taking on and juggling many additional learning commitments- thank you! Staff in school – you have been in everyday supporting children in school and at home online – an amazing pulling together from everyone- thank you!

Everyone has played an important part and I am very proud of the Community efforts from everyone in trying to make the best of it. We are getting through this and it will make us stronger!

Please step away from screens next week and try to enjoy a different sort of break. I am looking forward to playing games with my girls, lazy mornings, cooking, doing a bit of what Ruan is doing and reading books of my choice... I hope that we will have some positive news about returning to school with the Government update on the 22nd February. Stay safe for now and let's hope for a turn in the weather so we can enjoy some sunny days.

CELEBRATING HOME LEARNING



PE and the great outdoors with a twist...



Year 6 children have been creating habitats based on the adaptations of an animal of their choice. Evie has started her own flower garden – we can't wait to see how this grows. Thank you to the children who participated in our virtual games – a great effort, adding to the miles for our Tokyo challenge. Freddie – what a beautiful picture! Arthur, despite missing his football, has been getting outdoors teaching Flo – this looks like a great save Flo!

Year 5 have been getting creative in all sorts of ways this last week. Here is Lydia's dream school and description:



'Ok, so here is my dream school I've been building on the Sims! It has a really pretty entrance, lockers in the hallway, a cosy classroom, there's a whole science room, and fancy bathrooms with showers because there's a swimming pool with a glass roof and the floor looks like lava! There's an auditorium with a stage and lights and a huge TV and platform seating. There's a big cafeteria with a cupcake machine and tea and coffee for the teachers and an outdoor seating area for the summer. Upstairs there's an IT room with drones and cameras and ipads and computers, a dance studio with mirrors and music. A soundproof music room with mixing decks and instruments. A big art room. A huge library with a secret bookcase door to a secret kids hangout room. There's fish tanks and cosy sofas. Outside there's a pond and camping equipment and swings and a horse stable. And lots of pretty trees! And there's Miss Pops at her desk!'



Lydia – what a dream school - let's make this happen! I love the sound of the cupcake machine for staff and the secret bookcase! Thank you for thinking about everyone.

COLLECTION of Home Learning FREE BOOKS + Learning Packs: Monday 22nd February – Please come at the agreed time for your class bubble- see class email. There will be directions to the hall (if cold/ raining) or the playground.

You will still receive a learning pack to support with our wider curriculum learning offer but the books will help to cut down the vast amount of photocopying, waste and costs.

Please return previous learning packs and exercise books. This helps teachers to keep track of the learning for every child so can plan interventions and offer additional support if needed.

FREE HELP FOR PARENTS WITH HOME LEARNING – fun grammar sessions to help you support your child – please book a place!

Tuesday 16th February 2021 7pm -7.45pm or

Wednesday 24th February 2021 7pm – 7.45pm

This 45 minute session is free to all parents who have children at primary school

In the current climate, we understand how difficult it is for parents to navigate the demands of home schooling. The importance of subject knowledge is key in ensuring that grammar learning at home is successful. 'Dandelion Learning' are running fully funded online sessions specifically for parents focusing on basic grammatical terminology. Please book a place here: [Free Online Training! Helping Parents with Home Learning: Getting to Grips with Grammar.](#)

In this session for parents, we will explore:

- Grammatical terminology. Consolidate your understanding of word classes including nouns, verbs, adjectives, determiners, conjunctions, pronouns and adverbs.
- Ways to support your child at home with their understanding of grammar.

Thank you to all the families who took the time to complete the 'surveymonkey'. Thank you for your feedback – always very helpful – and thank you for many kind comments. We will summarise the results and share them with you.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU TO MISS ROGERS



Sadly, for us, Miss Rogers has taken the decision to resign from her position as Class Teacher and School Governor and will not be returning after half term. Miss Rogers is a brilliant team player, fun and caring teacher - someone who can walk into a room and instantly brighten it up – with her uplifting colour combinations, smile and optimism. I am sure you join me in thanking Miss Rogers immensely for all her contributions to our Community. Miss Rogers is a great teacher and will be missed by everyone at school - including children, staff and parents. We wish Miss Rogers many colourful adventures in the future.

With best wishes for a safe and happy, half term

Susannah Storey and the St Day and Carharrack Team