

## St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

### Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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A special big HELLO to all our amazing children out there! We are missing seeing you all in 'real life' and school is just not the same without you here.

This doesn't quite seem to be the right way to start 2021 but please do know, I'm so proud of all our children and the massive effort you are making each day to make the best out of another Lockdown. The most important thing is you are all safe and healthy. Remember to be 'thankful' for this – we are very lucky to live in such a special place. The next best thing is being able to see you on google classrooms every day! This is a great way to see your friends and to help you stay focused on your learning each day. Achieving a learning task each day will help you to stay positive along with the following three promises:



#### **3 PROMISES...**You know what I'm going to say...

- 1. Keep enjoying reading! This is the single most important learning I need you all to promise to do every single day! Read a book, listen to a book online, ask a family member to read to and with you – every day, as many times as you possibly can! And if you are still finding your reading tricky, you need to keep practising reading each day so it gets easier! See the 'Borrow Box' letter from your class teacher.**
- 2. Your next promise is to be active every day – outside in the fresh air!**
- 3. Your last promise is to be 'kind'. Be kind to yourself, be kind to your family (especially your brothers and sisters) and you will feel soooo much better! I promise you will! Being kind can include doing something without being asked.**

**Families – Thank you!** It feels like it should be half term but it is just two weeks down! Your support over these last couple of weeks has been amazing – we have all gone through a massive transformation to adjust and adapt, yet again, what a brilliant community to be part of! The support, help and general goodwill has been incredible. This feels like a different lockdown with more challenges to juggle and an increase in government expectations for learning at home. A phone call is all it takes if you are struggling in any way - we are here to help to ensure you feel supported so you can support your child. Please do remember that 'remote learning' does not mean your child has to be sat for three or four hours in front of a screen. Learning happens in so many different ways including having lunch together – making it, talking and listening – this time can count towards learning. We are reviewing and adapting our remote learning offer on a weekly basis so please do feedback your thoughts. We hope to strike more of a balance next week to ensure we keep learning 'active'.

**Cornwall Council Borrow Box – Read at home!** Borrow Box is a Cornwall Council online library where you can borrow up to 10 books at a time and reserve books to read when they become available, just like in a real library. This is an invaluable resource, which brings our love of reading and the reliance of technology together to ensure children continue reading throughout school closures. Please see the instructions for how to do this in the attached letter from class teachers. If you need to borrow some books from school, this can be arranged each week – just send a message to your class teacher.

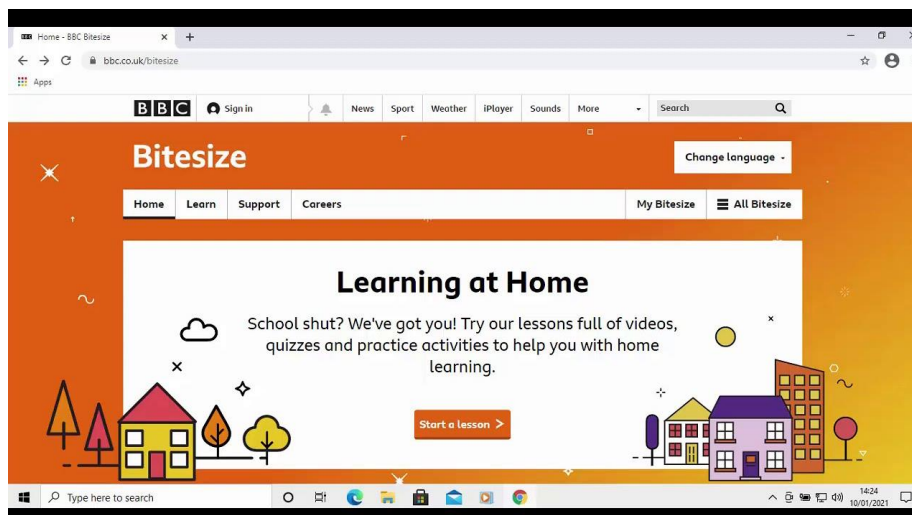
### **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: 'THANKFULNESS'**

**Thankfulness** is being grateful for what we have. At this time, it is important to remain hopeful and appreciate the little things that happen around us every day. What are you thankful for?

We are thankful for Mr Hughes joining our School and all the great learning happening in Team Topaz! Thank you children- for making Mr Hughes feel welcomed in these 'virtual' times.

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### **WEBSITES OF THE WEEK – Supporting Learning – see BBC Bitesize TV**



Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for kids. Interactive adventures, which build strength, balance and confidence - and get kids into yoga and mindfulness early!

### **LEARNING PACKS – change to times**

If you order a learning pack – please do collect from the **school hall on a Monday 12 -3pm.** We are printing a huge amount and many packs are still waiting to be collected. To cut back on the amount of printing we will be issuing an exercise book from next Monday.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

A massive thank you to the volunteers supporting the food larders in St Day and Carharrack. For the next week, we have additional packages of food for families while we wait for the government vouchers to be issued. In this time of changing needs, if your family is awarded Universal Credit and therefore becomes entitled to a Free School Meal – please let us know so we can ensure you receive £15 per child per week to use at a supermarket of your choice.



## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

Please keep the photos rolling in if you would like to see them published – it is great to see what you are all getting up to and it cheers us all up! We've seen lots of home learning including: Skyla sorting numbers, Amia reading, James fire making, Lilly's bug hotel, Carter's baking, Oli's bird kebabs, Evan's lego building, Max hunting for beasts, Isabel and Millie completing home learning packs. What will you get up to next week?



Thank you for supporting your children and us through this time. Establishing routines – to include learning, exercise and relaxation will help in maintaining your child’s well-being.

Please keep well and safe. With best wishes to all our children.

## Susannah Storey and the St Day and Carharrack Team