

## St Day and Carharrack Newsletter

### Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Parents

We have said 'hello' and 'goodbye' to many children this last week for our 'special sessions' – it was a pleasure to see so many children before the official summer break! Thank you for all your kind words and emails, the staff have really appreciated this.

### FOND FAREWELLS and THANK YOU

It is with great sadness that Mrs Hooper will be retiring at the end of this term, sooner than planned. Mrs Hooper has been a dedicated member of staff for 23 years! Mrs Hicks, another dedicated member of staff, will also be leaving us to go onto teacher training. Both members of staff will be greatly missed by everyone in our community- especially our children. We are thankful for their commitment and dedication over the years. You have changed lives. We wish Mrs Hooper and Mrs Hicks all the best for the future. I know they will both be popping back in at some point to see all of us – especially the children.

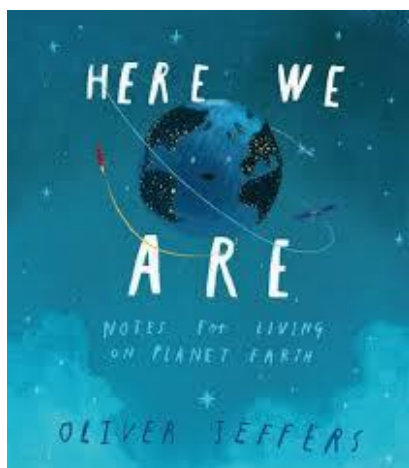
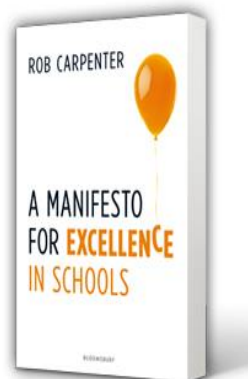
Teachers have taken part in some socially distanced training today - with an inspirational leader, Rob Carpenter. We have exciting plans for September to make sure we are delivering 'excellence' for all of our children all of the time. It is crucial to continue to support each other and build on this lockdown experience.



*'A Manifesto for Excellence in Schools is a book that needs to be on the shelves of every school... It is a bold book and one that offers an exciting vision for the future for schools.'*

Dr. Jonathan Doherty, Senior Lecturer,  
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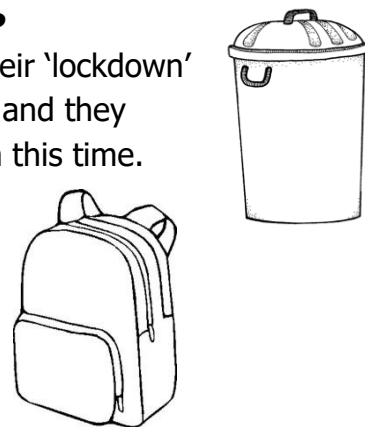
In September, every class in our school will learn through focusing on these two great books at the start of September so we can all reconnect together and move forward with a whole school celebration of learning through a values-led curriculum.

If you would like to purchase your own copy for home reading together, that would be great.

## **BIN IT OR BAG IT? What would you write in your bin and bag?**

This week, the children from Team Topaz, spent some time considering their 'lockdown' experience. They thought about the things they would 'bin' - to get rid of and they considered what they would 'bag' from lockdown – to take with them from this time. They suggested (you decide whether it was a 'bin' or a 'bag'):

- Queueing at supermarkets
- The rain
- Caring for animals
- Being at home
- Watching films
- School and seeing friends
- Spending time with family members who aren't normally around as much



Like the children, staff have been reflecting on what we want to restore, re-invent and retain. Your questionnaires also served a similar purpose.

**RESPONSES TO PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE** - A big thank you for finding time to complete this. Your views are valued and vital in enabling us to make changes to benefit all our children.

### **Below is a short summary of the main findings:**

- 86% of parents told us that having their child at home gave them a clearer understanding of their child's strengths and weakness. You also told us that you would like to know more about these strengths and weaknesses on a regular basis. [This is something we can do.](#)
- 91% of parents found the home learning packages supportive. [This is great news.](#)
- The majority of parents told us that having the knowledge or methods of how to engage and help their child was a barrier to supporting them with their learning. Your child's engagement to focus was also a barrier. [We will find ways including parent workshops, to support with this.](#)
- **All parents 100%** told us that daily reading, times tables practise and talking about learning topics is something that you will continue to do. [This is great news, as these are the foundations of all learning.](#)
- Some of you said you like the idea of flexible start times, shorter days, more outside play and learning that is more active. [We will look into all of these suggestions.](#)
- Some of you said that your child has displayed anxiety towards being around people. [Staff have taken part in a wide range of social, emotional and well - being 'TIS' training during lockdown and we will help and support with this.](#)

### **REMINDER OF DATES**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last Class Newsletter emailed from teachers. **Letter regarding our plans for September will be emailed to all families.**
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of school for Key Worker children.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – School intends to re-open for Yr 1 – Yr6 children.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - New Reception children will start transition.

### **CELEBRATING PETS AT HOME**

Thank you to Jessie, Shannon and Lydia for your fabulous art learning!



**With best wishes, Susannah Storey, Headteacher**