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Newsletter

Lots of proud moments to share with you this week...

On Monday, we saw Jackson in year 6 being presented with a 'Food Ambassador' badge and certificate by Nick Weight, Caterlink's Executive Chef. Jackson is the first pupil to be taking on this new role in the country! He will be sharing his and his peers' honest feedback about the food provided at lunchtimes. He has been selected as he has shown perseverance and determination in trying new foods and we are very proud of him!



Also on Monday, one of our talented and committed TAs was presented with a certificate and flowers for being nominated for the TA of the year award. Unfortunately, Sue didn't win this national award but she was still recognised for the incredible work she does every day with a variety of pupils as well as the wealth of knowledge she shares with teachers and TAs. We are very lucky to have her as part of the BB team and we were thrilled she was recognised in this way.

Other proud moments Key Stage 1 athletics, KS2 football and netball as well as our Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1's fantastic day of outdoor learning—the children had a blast! I'm sure there will be more to come!

Mrs Carmichael



The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. A leaflet giving more information about Operation Encompass can be found on the home page of our website. Alternatively, please see Mrs Carmichael or Mrs Parry.

BB Open Mornings

Wednesday, 1st November—KS2

Please note dates have been altered

Thursday, 2nd November—KS1

Arrive 9:00am to 11.30 am

Parents, grandparents and friends welcome
Experience a 'morning in the life of BB School'.

Experience inspiring teaching in classrooms
Get the chance to support your child and their friends in lessons.

See what your child is learning in school.

Christmas Performance Dates for your diary

BBabies/Reception (EYFS) - Mon 11th Dec

Doves, Fish & Lambs (KS1)— Tues 12th Dec

Peacocks, Phoenix & Pelicans (LKS2) - Thurs 14th Dec

Angels, Faith & Hope (UKS2)- Fri 15th Dec

There will be 2 performances, 10am & 2.30pm

A letter will be sent out next half term regarding booking of tickets and tickets will be limited to 2 per child.

Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Reception/Year 6 weighing & measuring—17th October

School Disco—20th October

Half Term—23rd—27th October

National Bug Busting Day—31st October

Parent Consultations—Week commencing 30th October

KS2 Open Morning—1st November

KS1 Open Morning—2nd November

Flu vaccinations (Yrs 1,2,3 & 4) - 8th November

Year 6 Swimming—9th November

Children in Need—17th November

St Luke's Christmas Fair—9th December

Christmas Lunch—13th December

Christmas Nativities—w/c 18th December

End of Autumn Term—20th December, school finishes at 3.15pm.

We hold a Baby/Toddler group here at school every
Wednesday from 1.45pm—3pm.



BB FRIENDS DISCO

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

RECEPTION & KS1 3.30PM—4.15PM

**(RECEPTION & KS1 CHILDREN TO BRING IN
DISCO CLOTHES AND MONEY TO BE GIVEN TO
TAs IN THE MORNING)**

KS2 4.30PM—5.30PM

£1 ENTRY £1 SNACK PACK

PAY ON THE DOOR ON THE DAY

On Monday night KS1 pupils had an opportunity to take part in an athletics taster day at Poltair. They tried their skills at a variety of events such as running, jumping, throwing and many more.

The children came away inspired and enthusiastic. We were very proud of all the pupils who participated with determination and honesty.

Well done KS1 Athletics team!

Mr D

This week, our pupils and staff celebrated after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit. The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

They felt so proud wearing their kit as they competed against Pondhu in their first football fixture of the season. The final scores were (Y3/4) lost 3-4 and (Y5/6) won 4-0. The netball team also won 4-1. What a great start to the season!



School attendance by classes.

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%.

Please ensure your child only takes time off for medical reasons. If they are unwell and absent from school please call the office on 01726 64322, as this could result in an unauthorised absence if no reason is given.

Please note Reception children have not been included in our attendance report due to not being of statutory school age, this will be subject to change in the Spring Term.

Just 1 day off each week means 2 months of lost education; that's 7.5 weeks, or a whole half term of missed lessons!

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Being 10 minutes late every day means your child misses 32 hours of lesson time each year. This is equivalent to 6 whole school days lost out of class per year!

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	93.38%	0
Little Fish	92.25%	0
Little Lambs	93.73%	0
Peacocks	93.13%	1
Phoenix	97.04%	0
Pelicans	97.04%	1
Angels	89.41%	4
Faith	92.4%	2
Hope	93.33	3
Total	93.63%	11

We're happy to report our continued attempts at raising the importance of positive attendance with pupils and have put the following in place:

For the class achieving the highest attendance each week, a Friday 'Popcorn Pass' will be granted. This involves an hour's treat of a film and popcorn to munch on! Here are the winners from this week..... **Pelicans & Phoenix**

For the individual children achieving 100% attendance throughout the week, their names will be put into a draw. Two names will be drawn and a small prize will be given to the winners.

Our current whole school attendance stands at 96%, a percentage that is in line with government expectations. Thank you for all your support in ensuring the positive attendance of your child and keeping school informed of any illness or absence.

Secondary School Applications - Children in year 6 will soon receive a leaflet for school admissions in September 2018. The online application system is now open and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or on request from the School Admissions Team.

When completing your application, please ensure you identify more than one preference. This WILL NOT lessen the chance of securing a place at their preferred school.

If you need support with the application process, please speak to our office staff or PSA or you can contact the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

Applying for a reception place for September 2018 - If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a reception class place. Please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions to complete the online application form. This will need to be completed by 15th January 2018. Please note that attending a school's nursery does **not** guarantee your child a place at the school—you still need to apply.

Parent Forum—Thursday, 12th October

5 eager parents joined Mrs Carmichael and Mrs Parry to share views, ask questions and discuss our school. The following topics were discussed:

- Girls with long hair! A parent shared that her daughter comes to school with her hair tied back each day but this isn't always maintained throughout the school day! Mrs Carmichael will request that teachers remind girls to keep their hair tied back as it looks neat and tidy but also can help prevent the spread of the dreaded nits!
- The '99' club was discussed. Parents expressed they thought this was a great help in ensuring their children are practising key maths facts. One parent checked how many times pupils needed to pass each level test. This was confirmed as once and the pupil will then progress to the next level. Mrs Carmichael will ensure practice sheets are loaded onto the website so if a child loses theirs, parents can still access via the website. Mrs Carmichael also emphasised the importance of learning multiplication facts and hopes that parents will encourage their children practise these at home!
- A Reception parent said how pleased she was with how well her child had settled into Reception. The transition sessions, staggered start and welcoming staff all helped. Other parents said how this was an improvement.
- A parent queried whether or not the scrapping of the 5 meals for the price of 4 offer and affected the take-up of school meals. Mrs Carmichael confirmed that this did not seem to be the case and went on to say that the new caterers, Caterlink are delivering a great service, with improved food quality. This has been remarked upon by the children.
- A discussion was held about how we can encourage more parents to attend our forums and it was suggested that these are 'tagged on' to other events. Mrs Carmichael said that our open mornings on 1st and 2nd November will include a coffee break when parents can speak to members of the Leadership team. We will look into joining forums with other future events. Our open mornings provide the opportunity for you to see what we do in school but may also tempt you in volunteering. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please see Mrs Kay in the school office.
- Parents commented on the change in Key Stage 1 and love the use of the outdoor area. Mrs Carmichael will pass on these positive comments to staff.
- We discussed communication with parents. Parents agreed that texts were great but that reminders on the day of events would help. There were mixed views on the benefits of social media and Mrs Parry will seek views on other forms of communication soon.
- A parent stated that advance notice of the Christmas performances was really helpful and an improvement. Another parents asked if the nativities would be filmed and DVDs produced for purchase. Mrs Carmichael stated that options have been investigated but none guaranteed a quality that we would be happy to charge for. If any parents know of any companies that could provide such a service please let us know!

Other information:

- * Mrs Carmichael will be meeting with Cormac on Monday, 16th October and hopes to be able to share more details on the planned traffic and parking improvements soon. In the meantime, please can parents refrain from parking in drop-off areas, the staff car park or the roundabout and be careful not to block the narrow roads. Thank you!
- * BB Friends have some new members but always welcome other willing helpers whether you can do so on a regular basis or for some events. Please let our office know if you are interested in offering some time.



Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents



Join us to find out more about the teaching of early reading, including:

More information about the scheme used in school,
Read Write Inc.

Specific strategies used in Class for reading and
spelling

Resources you can use at home to support
your child

The opportunity to ask questions and seek advice

Thursday, 2nd November

2.30pm

Please sign in at reception on the day



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In every force, in every school, for every child



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Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night



Don't forget your gloves.

Ben loves fireworks night. To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the **Firework Code**.

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Firework Code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't let off noisy fireworks after 11pm.

www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks

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