



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

The nasty rain has unfortunately put paid to our rugby team's hopes of sporting success this week but our y3/4 and y5/6 athletes made up for it on Thursday by performing brilliantly in their competition. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mrs Cleaves and Mr Bone for superb preparation leading up to the event. More details below...

We are holding an open afternoon for families looking for Nursery provision on Tuesday, 22nd May. Please share this with friends and family...all welcome to find out more about what we offer.

We have received a really great e-safety update and have attached to this newsletter. This will also be available on our website. Please take some time to read this important information.

Have a lovely weekend. We are all praying for some dry weather for our y3 and y4 campers next week!

Mrs Carmichael

Prayer Week

This week, we came together to celebrate Thy Kingdom Come prayer week to recognise and appreciate the importance of prayer. Children from nursery upwards spent an afternoon reflecting on what they were thankful for and what they wanted to ask God for to help others in need.

We celebrated God's creation and reflected on how he made the world for us to enjoy. The children spent time looking at photographs of God's wonderful world and added their reflections to a prayer tree. Interesting discussions took place about how God made us in his image and how he made us to love us and live in a relationship with him.

In our secret area, we enjoyed the sunshine and wrote prayers for our families and friends. We worked together to tie these to the trees. We also thought about the work being done in St. John's Nursery School in Tanzania and wrote prayers for them. We asked God to stop famine and prayed for more funding for their schools to provide them with better resources. We were amazed at the thoughts and reflections of the children and every child's contribution was reflective and unique.

A huge thank you to those involved in making this wonderful opportunity possible for our children.



AMAZING BB ATHLETIC TEAMS!

Yesterday, our year 3/4 and year 5/6 athletic teams attended the Mid Cornwall, quad kids, school games qualifier at Carn Brea. All the athletes who competed were at an extremely high standard. Every child in our teams gave 100% and we were proud of their behaviour and performance. Fortunately, we came 2nd in both year groups which means that we have qualified for the School Games Final which will be held on the 30th June at **Budehaven/Launceston**! The children were absolutely delighted and certainly deserved the result. A special mention to Paige Tyler who got a silver medal as the second top-scoring girl in the year 3/4 competition and Sam

Taylor who showed perseverance and determination when he fell but continued to complete the 600m.

Thank you to Mrs Slade who drove our mini-bus and Mr and Mrs Barnard who supported the team and helped with transport. A wonderful opportunity for our children! Well done BB athletes, I am proud of you all!

Mrs Cleaves



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

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

Year 3 Residential Trip to Camp Kernow

22nd—23rd May

Year 4 Residential Trip to Porthpean

22nd—24th May

Nursery Open Afternoon

Tuesday 23rd May at 2pm

BBeebies trip to Mevagissey

Thursday 25th May

Half Term Holiday

29th May—2nd June

INSET WEEK

5th June—9th June

Parent Forum

Tuesday 13th June at 2.15pm

St Luke's Big Lunch

Sunday 18th June at 12.30pm

Year 6 Residential Trip to Barton Hall

19th—23rd June

Year 4 swimming lessons start

Tuesday 20th June

Reception Open Day

Thursday 22nd June at 10am

Roseland Open Day

26th June

Summer Disco

30th June

Penrice/Poltair taster days/evening

3rd & 4th July

Maths Open afternoon

Thursday 13th July at 2pm

BB Sports Day

Friday 14th July pm

BBeebies graduation

Tuesday 18th July at 10am

Rainbows graduation

Tuesday 18th July at 2pm

Year 2 Graduation

Wednesday 19th July at 2pm

Year 6 Communion

Thursday 20th July at 2pm

Year 6 Leavers' Ball

Friday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers' performance

Monday 24th July at 2pm

Attendance by class -

Congratulations

To Pelican's Class with 99.2% attendance!

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| Little Doves | 94.6 |
| Little Fish | 94.2 |
| Little Lambs | 94.6 |
| Peacocks | 96.7 |
| Phoenix | 95.4 |
| Pelicans | 99.2 |
| Angels | 97.8 |
| Faith | 95.3 |
| Hope | 90.8 |

BB school & St Luke's are hosting an 'Eden Project Big Lunch Neighbourhood Get Together' on Sunday 18th June at 12.30pm.

Bring a picnic (No BBQ's please).

Notability choir will be entertaining us

We will be giving 100 cream teas away.

Donations on the day in aid of St John's Nursery School in Tanzania.

Everyone welcome.



Parent Forum – Friday, 12th May

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our half-termly Parent Forum last Friday. As usual, a wide-ranging discussion took place about the following topics:

Proposed merger – A few questions were asked about how this may affect our school. Mrs Carmichael reassured parents saying that, in essence, the school would not be affected but that the merger may well open up future possibilities for our school as part of a larger MAT. It would also be good to have links with another larger school. If you were unable to attend the consultation meeting on Wednesday, you are free to email to: bbsecreatary@stpiranscross.co.uk and we will forward your comments onto the Trust directors.

Traffic and parking - Some parents commented on the fact that other parents sometimes park inconsiderately, blocking pathways and/or the staff car park. The school is consulting with Cormac to improve parking and drop off areas but, in the meantime, please ensure walkways are kept clear!

Dog mess - Several parents commented on the fact that there is often dog mess fouling the pathways around the school. Anyone can call the council to alert the dog warden to this problem. Please call: 0300 1234 212 if you would like to help us tackle this problem.

Tuck - One parent was not aware that children in Key Stage 1 could purchase tuck from our canteen but was also concerned about younger children being responsible for their own tuck money. Mrs Carmichael shared a suggestion that this could be paid via ParentPay, perhaps with a '5 for 4' incentive. This will be considered in the new academic year. We will ensure all parents of children entering year 1 in September know of tuck availability.

PE & After-school clubs - One parent queried how often PE was being taught in school. This is timetabled to be taught at least once a week but there are some occasions when this does not happen due to weather, hall timetables and other school events. Teachers do their best to ensure extra PE is delivered in subsequent weeks.

Discussion around the provision of after-school sporting clubs followed with Mrs Carmichael advising that a questionnaire will be coming out soon. This is so we can assess what sporting activities children and parents would like to be offered as this is something we may be able to provide using the school's Sports funding. Please complete these and return to school to have your say!

Early Morning Maths - Some parents wanted to check if a child was classed as 'late' if they did not attend 'Early Morning Maths'. Mrs Carmichael confirmed that this was an optional activity and one that teachers provide as an additional learning opportunity. Registration is at 9am so no child is late if they arrive by this time. A number of parents expressed their appreciation for this additional opportunity for children to practise their maths facts.

School photos - We used a different provider for our Group photos this year. There seems to have been a mixed reaction to these. Please let our school office know if you didn't feel they matched up to the quality of our previous provider.

SOCIAL MEDIA APP BULLETIN

Roblox is a user-generated massively multiplayer online social gaming platform dubbed the 'new minecraft'. In the game, players are able to create their own virtual worlds within the platform, and invite others to join. Activities in the game world include exploring, crafting items, resource gathering, and combat. The game can be played on mobiles, tablets and computers.

A recently added chat facility on the site means strangers can message young players directly and chat to them, with no age verification—with no way to screening contacts or block messages. Players can add other people they meet in the game to their friends list, which can be done while playing. The friend system allows a maximum of 200 friends and infinite followers. Players also have the option to join community groups. After joining, players can then advertise their group, participate in group relations and set their primary group.



AMINO—COMMUNITIES, CHAT, FORUMS AND GROUPS is an app that lets users access and contribute to communities about a range of subjects, including bands, books, genres and activities.... When you tap a community, you can view its description, community guidelines and the number of registered users in that group.

Like many apps there are risks involved for children as there is a chat facility and obviously would be an ideal platform for grooming to take place.

You can not completely disconnect children from the internet, unless you are going to raise them in the jungles of the amazon; In the world we live in today the technology to bring people closer together is only going to expand, including adding chat or live streaming functions to the majority of apps. No matter how much we try, reality cannot be ignored and the best protection is always to educate children in the dangers as well as the enjoyment these apps can provide.



MovieStarPlanet is an online game with social networking aspect, which is popular with 8-13 year olds. The game allows children to customise a movie star character and explore a virtual world with a movie star theme. Children are able to make animated films, design art books and play online games. The social networking aspect of the game allows users to use chat rooms to make contact with other users. There are a range of safety features and advice available. In the previous month numerous reports have been noted where adults are contacting children via this app for the purpose of grooming and acquiring indecent images.

There is no minimum age requirement, however the app is aimed at children aged 8—15 years. As part of the Moviestarplanet's child safeguarding policy, they do not condone the use of the site by adults, except for parents or those with a professional interest. Therefore if any inappropriate contact is made, report it using the yellow triangle to allow moderators to view that content.

Parents worried their children are swapping inappropriate pictures and selfies with friends or even strangers online are being offered a smartphone app to automatically spot suspect images. The firm behind Gallery Guardian says it uses sophisticated image recognition software to scan pictures appearing on a child's mobile to detect naked skin, genitalia or breast exposure. If the app spots a suspect image on the child's phone, the parent is immediately sent an alert reading "suspicious image detected". Gallery Guardian also provides resources for parents to help have those sensitive conversations with their children if an image is detected.

A young person (under 18 years old) is breaking the law if they:

*Take an explicit photo or video of themselves or someone else.

- Share an explicit image or video of a child, even shared between people of the same age.
- Possess, download or store these images.

However, even though a young person has broken the law and the police could provide evidence that they have done so, the police can record that they chose not to take further action as it was not in the public interest, known as outcome 21 by the Home Office.

With the internet and apps evolving every week it can be easy to feel like technology is moving too fast for us, however it doesn't change the fact that young people will always seek to interact with technology and will always require our advice and support when online.

Below are a number of resources to help educated adults and young people around the issue of online safety and app security:

The UK Safer Internet Centre; where you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.

The Revenge Porn Hotline; the only organisation providing such a service in the UK, providing support and advice to the victims of the non-consensual sharing of intimate images and cyber-enabled blackmail (known as sextortion).

POSH (The Professionals Online Safety Helpline); The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is a free service for all professionals and volunteers working with children and young people. It provides signposting, advice and mediation to resolve online safety issues staff face about themselves, such as protecting professional identity and online harassment, or problems affecting young people, for example cyber-bullying or sexting issues. Where appropriate we can also provide advice or facilitate in the removal of harmful content. POSH have created good relationships with many of the giant tech companies and are a great place to start if you have any concerns with a particular site or APP.



BBC MUSIC DAY
FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

The Cornwall Music Education Hub is excited to offer a day of free activities as part of BBC Music's national celebration of music

Thursday 15th June, 10.00 - 20.30
St Austell Town Centre

Daytime Performances (Aylmer Square and Fore Street)
Free performances local young bands and ensembles

Workshops (South Square, White River Place)
Free music workshops for all ages!

Evening - Free family concert (Aylmer Square, White River Place)
18.10 - 19.00 - Turquoise Zebra - Classic disco
19.30 - 20.30 - Hot Space - Funky dance tunes old and new

Come along and join in the musical fun!

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