



## HEAD'S BLOG...

With local elections taking place this week and the G7 conference around the corner, I thought it a good idea to share with you information about 'The Big Ask'



Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, is tasked with speaking up for children in England, standing up for their rights, and making sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want. She is determined to give something big back to young people after COVID — and she wants to hear from you!

She is undertaking the largest ever survey of children and young people in England and will use what you share to show the government what our children think, and what children need to live happier lives.

The survey will only take 5-10 minutes and can be accessed [here](#) or simply google 'The Big Ask'.

And now onto more mundane matters.... With the weather certainly very changeable at present, can we please ask that you ensure your child comes equipped for any eventuality. This means school jumper and raincoat every day as well as sun cream and sun hat should it turn out sunny. As you know, we like to get outside in the fresh air when we can and we like to keep safe and dry when we do!

Ms Carmichael

### LUNCH ORDERING AND WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

A polite reminder to please ensure your child's school lunches are booked in advance on ParentPay. This is vital to enable our kitchen staff to prepare the right amount of food. If lunches are not ordered by 9am each day, we cannot guarantee a hot lunch will be available for your child.

ParentPay should only be used to order / pay for lunches and pay for other items such as wraparound sessions, trips or swimming. Please do not attempt to book or change booked wraparound sessions via this system. As part of our Covid risk assessment, we need to cap number of places available, therefore wraparound sessions can only be booked via the Parent Evening Booking System. Letters are sent out monthly by email with booking details. If you need to book, amend or cancel a session outside of the monthly booking window, please contact the school office who will gladly assist you. Thank you.

**Coronavirus reminders** If your child develops any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he MUST NOT come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.

Did you know anyone with a family member attending school can test themselves twice every week?

The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

via employers if they offer testing to employees, at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site, by ordering a home test kit online on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

**NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo. Thank you.**

## This week's Achievers

### BBeebies

Annie

For making an amazing model spider.

### Rainbows

Elijah

For working really hard to remember all of his sounds and applying this in his reading.

### Stars

Winnie

For her focused and enthusiastic approach to reading during phonics and morning reading.

### Little Doves

Ethan

for continued dedication to his reading both in school, and at home.

### Little Fish

Tegen

For reading consistently at home every day to develop her fluency—well done Tegen.

### Little Lambs

Lara

For her increased effort with reading and showing great enjoyment reading Roald Dahl.

### Peacocks

Amelia

For always trying her best in everything she does.

### Pelicans

Ruby

For being a fantastic Reading Ambassador and promoting reading for pleasure for her friends.

### Phoenix

Finley

For throwing himself into his reading. He picks appropriate books to enjoy, reads them cover to cover and then quizzes on them. It's great to see!

### Angels

Jake

For showing great perseverance and determination to participate in whole-class guided reading and infer from images from our non-fiction text, working independently to answer some of the questions.

### Faith

Matas

For his incredible thirst for knowledge!

### Hope

Riley

For challenging himself with his reading and showing enthusiasm when reading aloud.

# READING

To add some variety to what we offer for children to read, the Year 5 and 6 classes now receive a copy of a magazine called 'The Week' once a week. This publication is full of news articles about current affairs from around the world, as well as a debate around a topic that is trending, art and craft projects to follow and letters from readers. Some of the news articles are very short and some are much more in depth and provide the reader with lots of interesting information.



In this week's edition, there was an in-depth article about the re-introduction of the wildcat into England and Wales which Harry found very informative. Amber enjoyed reading an article about the beautiful cherry blossom trees in Japan and Tyler read about how zoos are preparing for the return of visitors after lockdown.

Other year groups will also be receiving magazines to add to their classroom reading material.

**Just another reminder about FREE online training about reading for parents**

## FREE online reading training for parents

Dandelion Learning, which is a well-known, Cornwall-based educational training company are providing free, online training about reading for parents.

### Raising a Reader: Top Tips for Parents to Foster a Love of Reading

**Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 7-7:45pm**

If you are interested in attending this training, you will need to BOOK promptly as it is very popular.

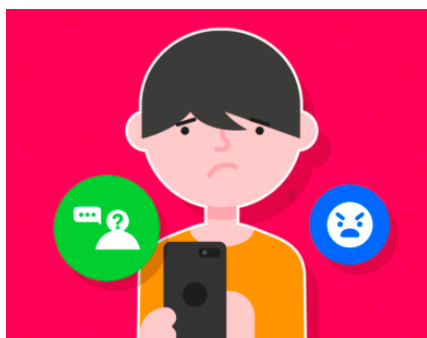
<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>

Please use this link and follow the instructions to book with Eventbrite.

# ONLINE SAFETY

## Gaming or Gambling?

Although there are some great benefits to online gaming for young people, it's important to be aware of some of the risks that might impact their wellbeing. Did you know that online gaming can expose children to gambling risks and even increase the likelihood of future gambling addiction.? Do you know which games are safe for your child to play and which expose them to gambling risks? It can be hard to work out. There is currently no consistent way for parents or players to easily know which games have gambling-like features in them.



Parents can check the type of content that games contain by looking up the PEGI age-rating system. They can also see whether or not in-game purchasing is available – but gambling-like features are not explicitly highlighted. This means it is especially important for you to take some time to read up on the games your child enjoys playing and find out what they're seeing.

Many games, like the popular battle royale game Fortnite, or Candy Crush, appear harmless, with their cartoonish characters and settings, but they may still offer players 'loot boxes' – and many people are concerned that these are introducing children to gambling. By getting to know the games your child plays, you will be more aware of the potential risks and what controls and support may be in place so that you can take steps to ensure that they stay safer.

You can download further guidance produced by The Parent Zone [here](#) and more information about other risks associated with online gaming, in-game purchasing and gambling can be found on the internetmatters.org website [here](#). A really accessible BBC video giving Parental Advice on gambling In Fortnite, FIFA, Rocket League, Overwatch can be found [here](#).

## Dates for your diary

### 2020/21 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Fri 21st May 2021—Y6 Porthpean outdoor activity day

Mon 31st May 2021-Fri 4th June 2021—Half term

Thurs 10th June 2021— Y6 Kernow Sports activity day in school

Fri 11th June 2021—Inset day

Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term



## OTHER NOTICES

We have noted an influx of 'fiddle toys' being brought in to school. Whilst these can be very useful in helping some children to focus, for others they are a distraction. Therefore, fiddle toys are NOT permitted to be brought into school unless identified as a resource on a special educational or behaviour plan.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please note the change of menu for Census Day on Thursday 20th May.

The jacket potato option will also be available.

Please ensure you book via ParentPay as usual.

Thank you.



Thursday 20th May

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Or

Ham and Pineapple Pizza

Served with  
Sweetcorn and Salad

Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Fresh Fruit



### Uniform and PE kit

A polite reminder of our uniform and PE kit expectations. Please refer to the list on the right, particularly the expectation that 'polish-able' black shoes should be worn, not trainers. We also ask that long hair is tied back.

On days on which children have PE, we are currently asking that children come into school wearing their PE kit. This should be: white t-shirt, school jumper, black shorts or joggers, trainers or plimsolls.

We understand that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties at the moment so please get in touch if you are unable to provide the appropriate items for your child. We will otherwise expect children to be wearing correct uniform and PE kit. Many thanks for your support in ensuring children look smart for school!

#### Standard Uniform

- School sweatshirt / navy cardigan
- Red polo shirt
- Dark grey (or black) trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Black, grey or white socks or tights
- Black shoes

#### Summer

During the summer children may wear

- Grey shorts
- Summer dresses in red and white gingham or stripes