



A busy second week and the Christmas holidays seem a distant memory already. Rainbows children got themselves immersed in their new Fairy Tales topic, which was great fun. See below for more!

A number of children, I am sure, will have been lucky enough to have got iPads, smartphones or the like for Christmas. These are great fun and really useful but present risks too. We have recently been alerted to some children accessing apps that are aimed at teenagers. All pupils in KS2 were issued with a letter providing advice. If you did not get one, a copy is on the school website—on the Useful Information section, under the Parents tab.

Our Family Learning sessions have started, which are proving to be really useful for all who are attending. If you'd like to find out more, or have any suggestions for further topics, please speak to Mrs Parry or Mrs Greenaway via the school office.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Carmichael



As promised, some photos of 'Topic Launch Day' fun!

Growing and cooking club—We are looking for a parent or two to run a vegetable growing and healthy cooking club starting either after Easter or in the summer term. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Mr Daysh via the school office.



A group of key stage 2 children had a fantastic time at a sports hall athletics competition this week. All of the children competed with smiles on their faces and were impeccably behaved. There were some outstanding performances from all of the children and the year 5 and 6 children did so well that they have qualified for another competition!



Science & engineering week—12th—16th March

We are looking for any parents that are involved in science and engineering careers to come in and speak to the children about their jobs during science week. This would involve a talk to the children about the kinds of things you do in your job and answering their questions. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Mrs Lowe via the school office.



On Tuesday, Rainbows had their topic launch day. Across the next term, we will be exploring the question 'What makes a fairytale special?' The children came to school dressed as a character from their favourite traditional tale and we also shared our best fairytales too. The children designed raps for the big, bad wolf, created a prop for their favourite fairytale character and had to solve the mysterious finding of a building site of bricks, sticks and straw. The children worked as a team to solve what had happened and recorded this on clipboards as inspectors. Many thanks to parents and carers who made such a fantastic effort with costumes and a special mention to Mrs Dodd, who came in and shared her favourite story with the class.



ATTENDANCE

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..... **Little Fish**

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

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	93.7%	1
Little Fish	98.89%	0
Little Lambs	95.79%	1
Peacocks	95.57%	4
Phoenix	93.87%	2
Pelicans	96.3%	1
Angels	97.22%	0
Faith	98.52%	0
Hope	98.47%	0
Total	96.7%	9

2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:

KS1 Family Learning - Tuesday 16th January (at the Carclaze)

Baby/Toddler group—Wednesday 17th January

Superhero Menu Day—Thursday 18th January
(please see overleaf)

UKS2 Trip to Maritime Museum—Thursday 18th January (leaving at 9am)

Year 5/6 HfC Performance—Tues 30th Jan

KS1 SATs Meeting—Wednesday 31st Jan

Class Photographs—Mon 19th Feb

Rainbows Eden trip—Tues 27th Feb



Brighter Smiles Dentist Visits Beebies!

On Thursday Brighter Smiles visited the nursery to speak to children and parents about the importance of dental hygiene. She showed the children how to brush their teeth properly, not forgetting your gums and tongue and how we should do it every morning and every night for 2 minutes.

We learnt about good and bad foods and how sugary foods can rot your teeth and should only be eaten after a meal and not as a snack. At nursery we are setting up a tooth brushing club where at 1pm every day children will be supervised brushing their teeth. Brighter smiles supplied each child with their own toothbrush, which is stored in a tooth brushing bus, at the tooth brushing station in the nursery bathroom!



BAD WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



In the event of snow or extremely bad weather, we will text out to all parents any closure news. It will also be posted on our website and announced on Radio Cornwall/Pirate FM. If we take the decision to close the school during the school day, you do not need to contact us before collecting your child as this would only overload the telephone lines. Please rest assured we will NOT close the school until all children have been collected.

KS1 Family Learning started this week. Sessions this half term will focus on Maths and will run every Tuesday until half term at the Carclaze 1.45pm—2.45pm. If you are unable to attend, resources will be uploaded onto the website. Please find the Family Learning page under the Parent tab.

Thank you
Mrs Greenaway

Superhero Day Menu

Thurs 19th January

Spiderman's Burger in Bap
Catwoman's cheese and Tomato
Pizza

Captain America Chips
Green Lantern's Vegetables
(Peas and Bakes Beans)

Batman Chocolate Brownies
(Please book as usual on Parentpay)



Please contact Mrs Parry if you are
interested in attending.

Sleep success

Helping your child to sleep

A free workshop for parents of disabled children that raises awareness of good sleep practice, strategies for parents and discussion time to share.

The session includes the impact of sleep disorders, the bedroom environment, a good bedtime routine, night waking and keeping a sleep diary. Refreshments provided.

Address St Austell One Stop Shop, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell PL25 5DR

Date Tuesday 6 March 2018

Time 9.30am to 1.30pm

Parent Support Advisor- Tamsin Parry

What is a Parent Support Advisor?

As a Parent Support Advisor (PSA), I am here to help, support and advise parents and carers who have any worries or concerns about their children, school life or personal circumstances. I offer the promise of a listening ear, appropriate support and signposting for those in need.

How do I contact the PSA?

Call the school to make an appointment

Call the PSA mobile phone directly- 07903 613 074

Pop in for an informal chat; my usual working days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday