



Our week started with a very special event. Rev. Jules led a lovely Harvest celebration in which we thought about how thankful we should be for what God has blessed us with and NOT to focus on what we have not. A great message for us all to consider. We were inundated with donations of food which we are passing onto St Austell Foodbank. THANK YOU for your generosity.

Reception and Key Stage 1 children have had a 'wild' week.... Rainbows were treated to a visit by 'Mark's Ark' - the children were transfixed and loved meeting some wildlife up close and personal! Meanwhile, KS1 visited the beach where they found lots of coastal creatures. Both great learning experiences for our little explorers!

Ever wanted to know if your child does more than just 'stuff' each day?!! Well soon you will have the chance to find out for yourself! We will be opening our doors to give you the opportunity to see what goes on in our classrooms...with one condition!! You need to support them with their learning for some of the time. We'd love to see lots of you there—please see below for more information. Mrs Carmichael

BB Open Mornings

Wednesday, 1st November—KS1

Thursday, 2nd November—KS2

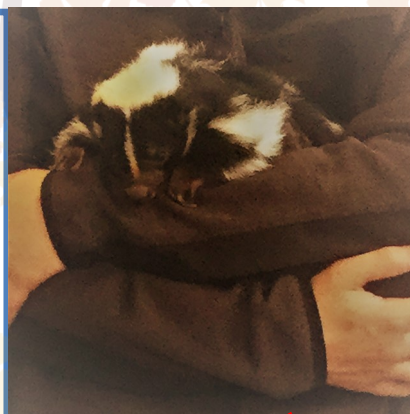
Arrive 9:00am to 11.30 am

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.

Find out more about our Family Learning sessions.

See what your child is learning in school.



Mark's Ark



Reception parents' survey results

We were interested to find out how our youngest pupils have found their transition to 'big school' after we trialled some different strategies to help them settle in. Please see results below:

100% of parents said they felt their child had settled in to school **'well'** or **'really well'**.

55% of parents said they felt the staggered start **was** beneficial for their child.

90% of parents said the open morning benefited their child.

94% of parents said the transition sessions benefited their child.

87% of parents said they felt the home learning activities helped.

75% of parents said they felt the transition visits helped.

Other comments:

"You have done an excellent job" "An excellent start to the year."

"A nice, calm atmosphere. Very welcoming. Miss Jane, Miss Oliver and the TAs have made my daughter feel relaxed and very comfortable."

"My child is happy and confident and already demonstrating new skills and learning at home."

"Every day my child is becoming more confident, independent and is really enjoying school more and more. It is all down to the wonderful Miss Jane and Mrs Bounsall and all the other support staff. A huge thank you to Tamsin too who has gone out of her way to make me feel included and secure during the first few weeks."

"The staff work extremely hard to ensure that the transition is smooth. I cannot thank them enough."

Thank you to all our Reception pupil parents who have been brilliant in supporting us in making this such a great start and for their positive responses!

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Parent Forum—12th October at 2pm

Year 1 Hearing test—13th October

School Disco—20th October

Half Term—23rd—27th October

National Bug Busting Day—31st October

Parent Consultations—Week beg. 30th Oct.

KS1 Open Morning—1st November

KS2 Open Morning—2nd November

Flu vaccinations (Yr,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

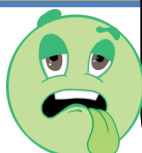
End of Autumn Term—20th

December, school finishes at
3.15pm.

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



The winter vomiting bug have been sweeping through the country, If your child has a vomiting and diarrhoea bug, please ensure that they have 48 hours free of any episodes of illness.



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.

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	94.1%	1
Little Fish	95.93%	0
Little Lambs	92.59%	4
Peacocks	93.89%	1
Phoenix	97.04%	0
Pelicans	95.56%	1
Angels	96.84%	0
Faith	93.51%	0
Hope	96.67%	1
Total	95.13%	8

I am pleased to note how confidently your children come into school, ready to learn in all year groups, including our children in the Reception classes. It is a busy time of the day so we would ask that children ONLY enter the doors from the playground from 8:45am. If you need to pass a message to your child's class teacher or need to see them briefly, please come to the main reception. This helps us to maintain our safeguarding requirements too. Thank you for your support with this. Mrs Carmichael

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.....**Phoenix class**

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.

OUR PTA REPORT

BBFRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2016/17, WHICH HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR.

In November '16 we were able to contribute £1000 towards the new KS1 play equipment.

December '16, with your kind donations, we had our very successful Secret Santa fundraising event where the children purchased a gift for a loved one for £1. This is very popular with the children and will run again this year—details to follow in further newsletters.

We continued raising funds with the autumn disco and our stalls at St Luke's Christmas Fair, which enabled BB Friends in December '16 to pay £996.56 towards the children's Christmas treat which was Billy Wiz magic show with Christmas gifts for KS1 and a cinema trip for KS2.

In February the Valentine disco went well and Mar 17 we were again able to spend £76.00 on cream eggs for all the children to take part in the annual Easter egg roll.

May '17 we spend £46.95 on the SATS breakfast for year 6 and in June '17 we purchased autograph books at a cost of £138.25 for year 6 leavers and contributed £300 towards their prom.

May—July '17 you all helped raise money by purchasing ice creams after school and by visiting our stalls at St Luke's summer fair

Now starting our new year 2017/18 we are looking forward to a successful fundraising autumn disco, Secret Santa and our stalls at St Luke's Christmas fair, all raising money for an exciting Christmas treat coming up for the children.

Many thanks again for all your support and a big thank you to Mrs Parry our teacher liaison and Mr Deadman for being our DJ.

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.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated produce to our Harvest Festival for St Austell Foodbank, we were overwhelmed by your generosity.