



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

What a wet and windy week! The bright autumn weather has certainly changed but has not dampened the spirits. BBeebies held its first 'stay and play' session on Wednesday, which focussed on autumnal art. We welcomed lots of toddlers and parents to play alongside our nursery pupils and they had a whale of a time! Details of further sessions are below. Come and join the fun!

Our year 3s and 4s enjoyed visiting the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro on Thursday and Friday and were fascinated by the Egyptian artefacts they saw. I'm looking forward to reading some informative texts about all things Egyptian next week!

We held an information evening about the residential trips for year 5 and year 6 children on Thursday evening. These trips offer the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities and make some amazing memories which last a lifetime. There are still places available. The deadline for deposits is 14th October but please speak to our office staff if you need any further information or different payment schedules.

You may have picked up that we are on a mission to encourage children to read more often and more widely; hence our weekly recommended reads section in our newsletter! From now on our 'Early Morning Maths' sessions will be split between reading and times tables practice. Please make sure your child brings in their home-school reading book and reading records EVERY day!

Mrs Carmichael

BBeebies Stay and Play



**Come and join our free stay
and play sessions for under 5's**

- Explore our engaging nursery environment
- Meet our fantastic Early Years team
- Support your child's play and learning alongside other parents



**Wednesday 2nd
October**

Autumnal Art

1:45pm - 3pm

**Wednesday 6th
November**

Sensory Play

1:45pm - 3pm

**Wednesday 4th
December**

Christmas Craft

1:45pm - 3pm



To express an interest or to book a session, call 01726 64322.

BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year

Our attendance for this week is **96.25%**

Our attendance for this school year is **96.44%**

Well done to **Faith** class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	96.3%	0	Pelicans	96.06%	2
Little Fish	95.06%	0	Angels	96.55%	0
Little Lambs	97.41%	2	Faith	100%	0
Peacocks	96.83%	2	Hope	94.27%	0
Phoenix	95.19%	1			

2019/20 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Wed 9th October—New Sept 2020 starter open session @ 10.30am

Mon 14th October—Harvest Communion @ 2pm

Fri 18th October—BB Friends Disco (more details to follow)

21st—25th October—HALF TERM

Mon 28th October—INSET DAY

Wed 30th October—Parent Forum/Reading afternoon @ 1.30pm

w/c 4th November—Parent consultations

Wed 6th November—Year R & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring

Wed 6th November—Bookfair

Tues 12th November—Year 2 Parents Maths meeting @ 3.20pm

Thurs 14th November—Year 1 Parents Maths meeting @ 3.20pm

Fri 15th November —Children in Need dress up (more details to follow)

Tues 26th November—Years R—6 Immunisations

w/c 9th December—Christmas plays (more info to follow)

Fri 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th December—Last day of Autumn Term (school finishes at
3.15pm / no after-school provision)



Singing lessons—If your child would like singing lessons please contact:
traceybaileysinging@gmail.com or call
07990 070568.

PSA CONTACT DETAILS—01726 64322 or 07903 613074

Working days Monday 08:30—16:30, Wednesday 08:30—16:30 and Thursdays 08:30—13:30

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR BLOG—TERRI-ANNE OLD

We are just over 4 weeks into the new term and it has already been a pleasure to be meeting new faces and supporting those of you that I have had contact with so far. I am contactable via the office or you can drop me a text on 07903 613074. I can support you with a variety of issues and if I do not have the answer, I will work with you to ensure we get you in touch with the help that you, your family or your child needs.



My focus over the next couple of weeks is now to review patterns of attendance and absence. Worryingly, 56 pupils are already showing as below 90%, with over 25% of these being due to unauthorised holidays. Quite a few pupils (and parents and staff alike, I'd imagine) have suffered the usual coughs, colds and temperatures, now that the colder, wetter weather is upon us. As a school, we are committed to promoting resilience and urge parents to encourage their children into school, along with some Calpol if necessary. There are lots of helpful tips at <https://www.calpol.co.uk/illnesses-symptoms>. Very often, once here with their friends and distracted by the tasks of the day, we notice that children can frequently 'bounce back'. They may of course require a little more rest and TLC on returning home but importantly they will not have missed out on their learning opportunities.

As I write, I note that it is National Poetry Day, so I'll share with you my thoughts in rhyme before I head off to the attendance review meeting this morning.

As PSA I am tasked with monitoring attendance,
Each week I am looking at those pupils who've been absent.
I've totted up the figures, since starting back this term,
Any children below 90% make my list for 'concern'!

If your child has been off for even "just two days",
So far this equates to 90% and with them this record stays.
The only way to improve the score, is for them to be in school,
Once they are statutory school age, it's compulsory after all!

Some have fallen victim to the Autumn coughs and colds,
Temperatures and sniffles can be helped by Calpol here in school.
We understand that children can wake up feeling grotty,
But here in school we can support them even when they're snotty!

Unauthorised holidays for schools are an issue of contention,
They impact on your child's learning, regardless of your good intentions.
So early in the new term, these absences pull their attendance stats down,
Further they will fall, if they then catch the bugs that are going around!

We want to help you to avoid unnecessary stress,
Encouraging resilience in your kids, means you can worry less.
Please get in touch with me if you'd like some support to do this,
We've great learning opportunities we wouldn't want your kids to miss!

Other important news:

St Austell Family Hub has the next OASIS Face to Face support group running on 7th Oct from 10-12. They are a friendly, free support group trained to provide emotional support and sign posting to parents and carers of children with any additional need, and are a great source of support if you have any early concerns about your child's needs.

St Austell Family Hub has a drop in session to meet with a Family worker on 9th October between 12.30- 2.30. If you are having any issues in the family home and feel you have run out of ideas about how to tackle the latest challenges, why not pop along and see if they can offer you some ideas? Perhaps you are attempting to manage some challenging behaviours from your children and feel you could benefit from some specific advice? Newquay Family Hub is holding the next drop in support group on the 23rd October from 12.30-2.30.

There is no need to book. If you are feeling too nervous to attend alone, drop me a message and we can see if I can go along with you for some support.

BB FRIENDS DISCO—Friday 18th
October

RECEPTION & KS1—2.15P, - 3PM

Pick up time as normal

KS2—3.15PM—4.15PM

£1 ENTRY £1 SNACK PACK—PLEASE
ENSURE DISCO CLOTHES AND MONEY
ARE BOUGHT TO SCHOOL IN THE
MORNING AND HANDED TO THE
CLASS TA.

**AS THE WEATHER IS
PRESENTLY
UNPREDICTABLE , COULD
ALL PARENTS PLEASE
ENSURE THAT THEIR
CHILD HAS A COAT WITH
THEM EVERYDAY.**

School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2019 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference** . It will not mean less chance of securing a place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time your preferred school/s may already be full.

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

Deadline dates:

Application for Secondary schools—31st October 2019

Application for starting school—15th January 2020

Please apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

*We are holding our Harvest Festival on
Monday 14th October at 2pm,
all welcome to attend.*

*We will be collecting food to donate to The
Foodbank. If you are able to help with this,
please see the list included.*

Many Thanks

Long Life Milk	Long Life Fruit Juices
Cereal	Tinned Soup
Tinned Spaghetti	Tinned Tomatoes
Pasta Sauces	Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Meat	Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit	Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Custard	Biscuits
Rice and Noodles	Instant Coffee