



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT TODAY FOR YOU TO ORDER YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU RETURN THIS SLIP BY FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER—ANY LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE INCLUDED AND A PACKED LUNCH WOULD NEED TO BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF DATE TO THE NEW RECEPTION 2018/19 OPEN MORNING.
IT IS NOW TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

A busy week but a good one! KS1 children had a 'whale' of a time visiting Plymouth Aquarium with one pupil stating it was the best day ever! This experience has inspired some great writing and consolidated children's learning about life under the sea. Thank you to all those parents who helped us with this trip. Thank you too to those of you that attended our open mornings. We had 38 visit KS2 and 39 visit KS1 all of which found the experience a great way of finding out what teaching and learning looks like at BB. It also gave them a real insight into how things have moved on in education. Some parents mentioned they felt they needed to brush up on ways of supporting children in Maths so this will be something we will look to provide in the near future.

We were pleased to see so many of you at our parent consultation meetings and we hope these were useful and informative. If you were not able to attend, please see your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Have a safe and fun Bonfire Night weekend!

Mrs Carmichael



KS2 Residential trips—2018

All children in KS2 were issued with letters this week detailing the residential trips we are offering in 2018. Please contact the office if you did not receive this.

The trips are a wonderful opportunity to experience new and exciting things and we'd like as many children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend. However, we understand that the costs may seem prohibitive. Please be aware that help with costs may be available to you; you may be entitled to a reduced rate or we can arrange personal payment plans. Please speak to our office for more details.



Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Flu vaccinations (Yrs R 1,2,3 & 4) - 8th November

Year 6 Swimming—9th November

New Reception 2018/19 Open morning—Tuesday 14th
November

Children in Need—17th November (see below)

Secret Santa Collection—23rd November (info to follow soon)

Scholastic 1/2 price book fair—30th November

Secret Santa Day—5th December

St Luke's Christmas Fair—9th December

EYFS Christmas Nativity—11th December 10am & 2.30pm

KS1 Christmas Play—12th December 10am & 2.30pm

Christmas Lunch—13th December

LKS2 Christmas Play—14th December 10am & 2.30pm

UKS2 Christmas Play—15th December 10am & 2.30pm

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.

A letter will be sent out soon
regarding booking of tickets and tickets will be
limited to 2 per child.



This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. We would like to invite the children to dress in a 'Wacky, Anything Goes' style. For example, inside out clothes, odd socks, odd shoes, back to front outfits and wild hair! £1 donation. There will also be a bake sale, 20p per cake.

Thank you Mrs Allen.

**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.

Please note our Admission Policy for 2019/20 is now on our website to view.

ATTENDANCE

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.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Being 10 minutes late every day means your child misses 32 hours of lesson time each year. This is equivalent to 6 whole school days lost out of class per year!

Just 1 day off each week means 2 months of lost education; that's 7.5 weeks, or a whole half term of missed lessons!

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	98.52	0
Little Fish	92.99	1
Little Lambs	93.73	0
Peacocks	99.23	2
Phoenix	95.59	1
Pelicans	98.47	1
Angels	94.86	4
Faith	94.27	2
Hope	97.04	0
Total	96.07	11

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..... **Peacocks!**

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.



AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PARENTS

In consultation with our Educational Welfare Officer, we have reviewed and revised our school attendance policy. The policy reflects a revised expectation from the government of attendance at 96% or above. We have been advised to forward a letter to the parents of children with attendance below 93%; these will be sent out next week and will outline future implications and actions for poor attendance and punctuality.

The revised attendance policy can be found on the school website.

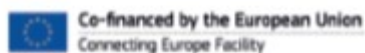
Please continue to support your child, and the school, in raising the profile of attendance and the importance of attending school every day. We understand that genuine illness occurs and providing us with supporting medical evidence when your child is ill, or at an appointment, allows us to record absences as authorised.



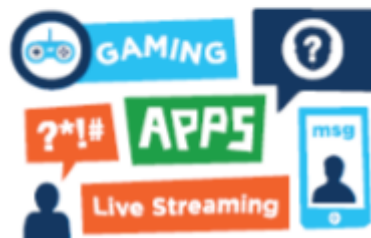
Pick up a copy of this checklist along with other Online Safety materials at swgfstore.com

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Find out more at swgfl.org.uk



Online Safety Guidance for Parents



Apps

Apps can be a positive place for your child to socialise with peers. Many enable instant messaging, social networking and image sharing.

Some, like YouTube, can also be a great creative outlet. But consider:

- Privacy settings and age relevance
- Talking to them about the content they share
- Discussing the consequences of sharing messages and images.

UKSIC:
saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides

SWGfL:
swgfl.org.uk/online-safety-resources

Internet Matters:
www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide



Instant Messaging

Instant Messaging is a great way to socialise and keep up to date with what's going on right now. But just as you wouldn't let them go off and talk to complete strangers on the street, if your child is using messenger services you should:

- Look at the privacy settings
- Ensure they understand that they may be talking to people they don't know and the risks this brings
- Talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to send.

SWGfL:
swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-apps
Connect Safely:
<http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-3/>





Please help to reduce the spread of **NOROVIRUS**. Norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools, childcare settings, hospitals and nursing homes. However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home after a couple of days.

Norovirus is transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Soap and water should be readily available.

Please help avoid the spread by following the advice below:

Children and staff with symptoms of norovirus should:

- * Stay away from work or school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours and avoid contact with others where possible.
- * Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated
- * If symptoms persist (more than the 48 hours), phone the GP or NHS non emergency number 111 for advice
- * Encourage staff and students to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food.
Alcohol hand gel is not effective against norovirus
- * Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for at least 48 hours.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

