



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

The first half of this summer term has really zoomed by! It's been a really busy week with beach and watersports, outdoor learning and 'share a pencil' days. Thank you to those that have brought in items to supplement our outdoor learning resources. We can always do with more! We really want to make the most of our outdoor spaces and take learning into the fresh air so if you have anything on the list later in this newsletter, we would very much welcome your donation!

As you may know, Mrs Greenaway has been off for a while recently. She has informed me that she will be well enough to return after the half-term break and we are looking forward to seeing her back! Thank you for your support during this time.

As always, we are so indebted to our fantastic volunteers who give up their time to help in so many ways. Particular thanks this week goes to Mrs Mason who has been our 'on call, minibus driver as well as a fantastic team of volunteers from St Luke's who spruced up our Secret Garden ahead of Prayer Week after half-term. THANK YOU ALL!

Have a lovely break everyone!

Mrs Carmichael

Year 5 Adventures at Polkerris Beach!



Going, going.....



Gone!!!

On Wednesday 22nd May, the Year 5's started their two days of excitement down at Polkerris Beach. While they were on the bus journey they saw incredible views with the blinding sun in the crisp blue sky. As the bus stopped, they were filled with joy. When venturing down the steep path, which lead to the beach, there were many distractions: a rope hanging from a solitary branch; a mysterious set of stairs and pathways leading to the unknown.....

When they had their wetsuits on, they were guided into the sea to do water sports, such as sailing and paddle boarding. When others were at sea, many people were soaking up the sun on the sand. We really enjoyed our experience down at Polkerris beach and hope to come again soon.

By Mia, Jess and Zoey

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

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

Year 6 Beach Trip (SATs Treat!)

By the time we got there, the sun was already reflecting off the aqua-marine ocean. We set up our stuff and scrambled off to play rounders or football. The majority of people sunbathed (of course we had sun-cream on). All of the year 6 boys desired to play football all day long, whilst the girls chitter-chattered like birds. During lunchtime, seagulls dived in, trying to steal our food! Coming nearer to the end of the day, we realised we were shattered from a day full of giggles and fun. We all left the beach with a smile on our faces and a spring in our step. What a great day!

By Lilly and Grace



OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY

On Thursday we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day and we couldn't have asked for better weather! The children in Rainbows spent the day making mud pies and exploring the wonderful wildlife found in the pond at the Secret Garden. The children were very excited to catch a newt! Key stage 1 children practised using positional language by making obstacle courses; the children had to give specific instructions to help their class mates complete the course. Key stage 2 children were busy completing scavenger hunts around the school grounds and using their senses to listen to the natural world. Peacocks made life sized versions of themselves using natural objects and were tickled by being set the moustache challenge where they had to find the most suitable natural material to make a moustache that's fit for purpose!



Sports news..... On Thursday, 4 children from Year 3/4 and 4 children from Year 5/6 attended the Cornwall School Games participating in Tennis. The Year 3/4's gave it their best and came third. The Year 5/6 gave a fantastic performance which resulted in getting through to the finals in Bodmin. A huge well done to all.

Miss Dwan



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Our attendance for this week is 94.2%

Our attendance for this school year is 96.3%

Well done to PHOENIX class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	93.49	0	Pelicans	98.15	0
Little Fish	94.64	3	Angels	99.21	0
Little Lambs	95.56	2	Faith	96.3	0
Peacocks	89.66	3	Hope	91.48	1
Phoenix	99.6	0			

Do you know all about our attendance ladder and where your child sits?

We can work together, if everyone commits!

Our school has high expectations for everyone to reach the top,

Statistics are monitored weekly to ensure progress doesn't stop!

How close are you to reaching the top?

Our PSA is tasked with supporting those who 'down the ladder fall',

You may receive a letter or an email or to begin with just a friendly call.

Any child who sits above 96% is comfortably in the clear;

Those below are monitored; the stats reflect the whole school year.

4 school days
off each year

Those children on 95% are so very nearly 'there';

The school has to have a target; it's the way we show that we care!

7 school days
off each year

11 days off each school year, puts your child at 94 percent,

Improvement is required to counteract the 'ladder-descent'.

9 school days
off each year

We have a rated system to alert parents to the statistics;

At AMBER we need to be talking through any issues and logistics.

A child at 90-93% gives schools reasons to be concerned;

11 school days
off each year

We know that this will impact on the things a child can learn.

For those whose percentage falls below 90, the RED band is alerted,

We'd really like to support you so that a crisis can be averted.

1 month
off each year

90% attendance equates to one whole month off each school year,

This substantially will impact on your child in comparison to their peers.

2 months
off each year

Your PSA is available; she can update you on your figures;

You can call or drop her an email or simply nip in to see her!

She's friendly and approachable, and really wants to work with you,

So many things affect attendance; she'll support you with any issue.

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

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

27th—31st May—May Half Term

Mon 3rd June—Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer collective worship
@ 2.30pm—All welcome

Fri 7th June—INSET Day

11th, 12th & 13th June—Nursery Open afternoons @ 2pm—3pm

Wed 12th June—Nursery Open evening—5pm—6.30pm

Mon 17th June—Y3 Minack Theatre Trip

17th—21st June—Whole School Science Week

Thurs 20th June—Parent Forum—followed by Science
Open Morning @ 9am

Mon 24th June

BB Sports Day—1.30pm

Sat 29th June—BB Summer Fete @2pm

Fri 12th July—Summer Disco

RESIDENTIAL DATES

28th June—1st July—Y6 Skern Lodge Trip

22nd—24th July—Y4 Porthpean Trip



PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL
NURSERY/BEFORE AND
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CARE AND
LUNCH PAYMENTS ARE CLEARED
BEFORE STARTING BACK FOR THE
NEXT HALF TERM.

MANY THANKS



Dear Parents and Carers - We are looking to enhance our outdoor learning resources. If you could spare any of the following items we would be very grateful.

Tarpaulin sheets

Pegs

Old clothes horses

Pots and pans

Gardening tools

Large pieces of material

Rope

Planks of wood

Many thanks,
Miss Oliver



Share a pencil day

On Tuesday of this week, we had a 'share a pencil day' in which we thought about how fortunate we are to receive an education in this country. We thought about the four main reasons why some children around the world struggle to access an education, these are: war/conflict, extreme poverty, natural disaster and teenage marriage. The children looked at case studies of children who have had to fight for an education and during this session, they were encouraged to 'share a pencil' to realise that some children would have to share the little resources that they have when in school. We also looked at gender inequality, as in the countries that are affected, boys are 2.5 times more likely to go to school than girls are. We're hoping that the children might be impassioned to do something as a result of this day, so watch this space!

Sun Safety

We love to get outside we can and as we have experienced some sunny weather recently, please can we remind you to ensure that your child has sun cream applied prior to coming to school and / or it is supplied for them to apply themselves during the day. Please also ensure children are provided with sun hats.

