



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

A challenging end of the week for some! We are grateful for your understanding whilst we took the decision to close on Friday. This is not a decision we take lightly as we would rather stay open. However, with difficulties for some in getting in safely (especially as some staff had to abandon cars on the way home on Thursday!) as well as others having to stay home with their own children due to other schools closing, we felt it safest to close for the day. Hopefully, the sun will come out, the ice will melt and we will be back, raring to go, on Monday!

Whilst you are at home keeping warm, why don't you spend some time playing some games to help your children learn 'Key Instant Recall Facts' or 'KIRFS'. These are facts that children need to recall to enable them to tackle maths problems confidently. Did you know that in 2020, the government are introducing a new times tables test for all children in year 4? The expectation is that all children will be able to recall at speed the multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12×12 . We have been working at this for some time by encouraging children to learn these facts via our '99 Club'. We will be reviewing suggested activities to encourage your children to practise these at home but, in the meantime, Times Tables Rock Stars can be accessed on devices at home and there are plenty of other websites with ideas or online games. See the links below...

Our year 3 pupils will be presented with their Bibles in a special Collective Worship on Tuesday. Parents of year 3 children are all welcome to attend. I hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend everyone. Stay safe and warm!

Mrs Carmichael

Links to times tables games and suggested activities:

<https://ttrockstars.com>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/top-times-tables-games>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/advice-for-parents/help-with-times-tables/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>



Contact Details

It is very important that we have up to date contact details for families in the case of a problem or an emergency involving your child. We require at least two different contacts for each child. If you have changed your phone number or have moved house, please let us know as soon as possible. In addition to this, if you would like to change the contacts for your child please let our office staff know.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

We will report this next week due to our snow closure day!

BB Sports News.....

Well done to the five year 1 and 2 girls who took part in the football festival at Poltair School on Monday, 28th January. They all did really well and persevered throughout despite some having never played football before! They all worked well as a team and represented BB really well.

We drew one game, won two games and lost two games. It was great fun and there were lots of smiles whilst participating!



PSA info....

There is a challenging behaviour drop-in session available at St Dennis Children Centre, 27th Feb, 12.30-2.30. Anyone can attend; no need to book. Please ask PSA for further information

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Tues 5th Feb, 2:30pm—Year 3 Bible Presentation

Mon 11th Feb—Year 6 SATs information session

Tues 12th Feb—Football/Netball Fixtures—away at Gorran

Friday 15th Feb—School Disco

18th—22nd Feb—Half Term

Tues 26th Feb—Class Photos

Thurs 7th March—World Book Day

Thurs 7th March—Parent Forum

2nd & 3rd April—Parent Consultation Meetings

Tues 2nd April—Easter Communion—2pm all welcome



SCHOOL VALENTINE DISCO
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Reception & KS1—2.15pm—3pm

Due to staff ratios required for Early Years, the disco times have changed.

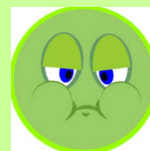
KS2—3.15pm—4.15pm

Due to the different times, ALL children will need to bring in disco clothes and money to be given to TA's in the morning)

£1 ENTRY & £1 SNACK PACK

Reminder:

If your child is off school with a sickness and diarrhoea bug, they need to be stay at home from school until 48 hours after the vomiting and/or diarrhoea has ceased.



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.

Many Thanks

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