



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

HEAD'S BLOG

A busy blog this week, here we go!

Reading Rewards—to further enhance our promotion of practising reading, we will be providing an end-of-term treat for the children in each class that have read the most times. Teachers will keep an ongoing log of 'home-reads' (please note that these should be noted in children's reading log books and **MUST** be signed by an adult). The children with at least 20 home-reads between now and Friday 13th December will be invited to a celebration party. Go for it BB Bookworms!

Author visit—We are very much looking forward to welcoming an author to the school next week. Andrew Clover is the author of the highly entertaining Rory Branagan Detective series and is coming to talk to children in years 3-6 about his books and how easy and fun it is to write and create stories. I'm sure it will be a memorable experience for the children as they will also have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his book for the discounted price of £6! We have sent out a letter to all pupils in KS2 with more details but please speak to your child's class teacher if you want to find out more.

Behaviour—as you know, we take huge pride in teaching our children the importance of following our Christian values and we are currently focussing on respect. This week, we marked Remembrance day with a special Collective Worship during which we held a minute's silence and we have also marked anti-bullying week with our 'Odd Socks Day' and lessons in class. In addition, we have been reviewing our Behaviour Policy. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.

And finally... I was so pleased to read the feedback from the KS1 maths information sessions and thanks goes to the KS1 team for their work in helping parents their children.

Debbie Carmichael

Lockdown procedures and practice

Just to inform you that we will be holding a lockdown drill next week. If your child is in Reception or Nursery class, you will also receive a letter informing you of these procedures. Many thanks.

Road Safety Awareness

We have received reports of some of our older children playing in the roads on the way home from school. We have reminded children of road safety rules and would appreciate your support in ensuring your children understand the importance of keeping themselves and others safe by crossing roads carefully and **NOT** playing in the roads and/or near moving cars. Thank you.



Welcome to our new School Monitoring Council member, Sarah Wheildon. Sarah is a parent of two pupils in our school and we are sure she will make a valid contribution to our SMC.

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

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

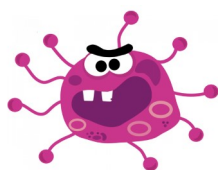
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ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year
 Our attendance for this week is **96.09%**
 Our attendance for this school year is **96.29%**
 Well done to **Phoenix** class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	93.49%	4	Pelicans	96.06%	1
Little Fish	97.94%	0	Angels	95.02%	4
Little Lambs	99.26%	1	Faith	97.7%	1
Peacocks	92.86%	0	Hope	95.34%	0
Phoenix	99.63%	3			



Important reminder: Staff or children who develop symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours, as it is highly infectious.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019/20 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Tues 26th November—Years R—6 Immunisations

Thurs 28th November—BB Friends Christmas Treat

M&M Theatre Productions

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

w/c 9th December—Christmas plays

Mon 9th—EYFS Nativity play

Tues 10th—KS1 Christmas play

Wed 11th—LKS2 Christmas play

Thurs 12th—UKS2 Christmas play

Fri 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th December—DT Christmas craft day

Wed 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Wed 18th December—Christingle at 5pm

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

SECRET SANTA

Friends of BB are delighted to be organising Secret Santa again this year. We know the children love it. For those who don't know, Friends of BB come into school and have a sale of small items suitable for the children to give as gifts to adults in their life. These items are carefully selected by the child then they have them gift wrapped by BB Friends Elves. Please could you donate a small gift for a man and a woman, Friends of BB will be collecting the gifts at the Ark on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November between 8.30 and [9am](#). (Sorry, but we cannot accept alcoholic products, or fictional/autobiographical books as we cannot sell them to the children - recipe/cook books are ok. Thank you)



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

PSA



*As always, 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 put you in touch with the help that you, your family or your child needs.*

This past couple of weeks I have specifically been looking at resources available to support families who are addressing issues with things like **ANGER** and **ANXIETY**. I now have some 'WALK TALL' resources which I am happy to share with any families who think they might benefit from them. I can email them on to you, on request, or you can pop in to see me if you'd like to chat through them.

Parenting is challenging at the best of times and I have also been looking at resources available to help us when we are encountering difficulties. <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/top-tips-leaflets-downloads> has some fantastic leaflets that can be printed free of charge. Topics include 'Parenting through the Primary years', 'Parenting in a step-family', 'Raising a child with ADHD or ASD' and 'Parenting in a Digital Age'. There are also lots of links to 'Marriage' and 'Bereavement' leaflets too.

Mind – Ed focusses on the families' Mental Health and Well-being and there is a section for Parents and Carers which has some really helpful videos and parenting resources available. You can access these for free at <https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

Other important news:

St Austell Family Hub has the next **OASIS Face to Face support group** running on 25th Nov and 9th Dec from 10-12. This is a friendly, free support group trained to provide emotional support and sign-posting to parents and carers of children with any additional need and is 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 11th Dec 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? St Dennis Family Hub is holding the next drop in support group on the 20th Nov from 12.30-2.30.

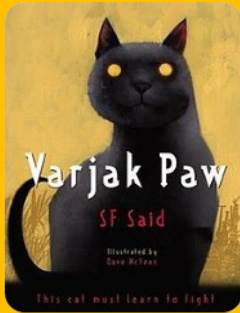
There is no need to book. If you are feeling too nervous to attend alone, drop me a message and we can see if I can go along with you for some support.

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

Please be aware that we are able to distribute these vouchers to families in need. No judgement will be made. We'd very much prefer that we are able to support you at a time of difficulty than find children are going without breakfast or hear that families are struggling with their finances. You can contact the office or myself and we can assist you further.

READING

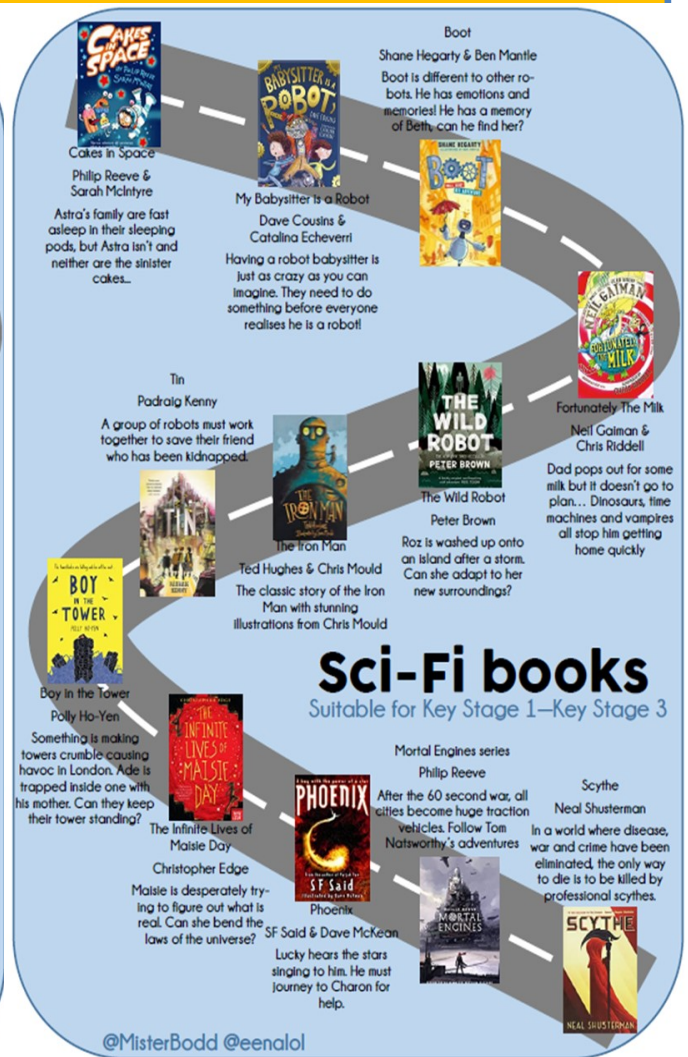
Following on from last week's suggested books, this week we are making suggestions on the themes of adventure and science-fiction. As explained in last week's newsletter, the books up to the first bend in the road are more suited to KS1, after the first bend in the road, the books are more suitable for lower key stage 2 and after the second bend in the road they are suitable for upper KS2. Please bear in the mind the last book is suitable for KS3 so may contains themes that are not appropriate for primary school children. If the book is too tricky for independent reading, you could always read to your child. Remember that you might be able to read an extract of the book on loveread4kids.com before you buy it. Miss Mewton read and reviewed Varjak Paw, which is on the adventure book list. This is what she said about it.



Varjak Paw by SF Said

As soon as I saw the front cover, I knew that this book would be the 'puurfect' read for me; it is full of adventure, action and mystery and is the obvious choice for anyone who likes fiction told from an animal's point of view (being written from a black cat's perspective made it even more appealing!) With wonderful integrated and quirky illustrations from acclaimed comic book artist Dave McKean, this book is guaranteed to keep you hooked for hours on end.

Become part of this adventure of a lifetime as you discover the ups and downs of the 'Outside' world. Mesopotamian Blue cat-Varjak Paw- finds himself forced to climb over the Contessa's walled garden into the big, bad world. Although it isn't plain sailing, he is lucky enough to have some help along the way from his mystical ancestor, Jalal, whilst managing to overcome challenges such as: self-survival; a threat from the gangland cats; and ultimately, discovering the terrifying secrets behind the Vanishings in the hope that he can save his own family from their fate! This book definitely deserves 5 stars – once I started to read it, I just couldn't stop!



SCHOOL NOTICES PAGE

Behaviour Policy Review

Please see below details of some minor changes to our Behaviour Policy, which we are trialling for the next few weeks.

As you will probably know, we take a positive approach to behaviour management and focus on praising the good and when children are showing that they are following our 'Rules for Life'. These rules are:

Show good manners at all times.

Be honest and tell the truth

Be kind and helpful

Follow instructions with thought and care.

Listen and don't interrupt others

Do work hard to reach your full potential

Care for everyone and everything.

Be gentle

Look after your own, each other's and the school's property

We reward children that show positive behaviours in many ways, the main way being 'Golden Time'. In Reception and Key Stage 1, Golden Time will take place daily and in Key Stage 2 it will take place each Friday. It is an expectation that children will have their full Golden Time; however, minutes will be taken off the amount of Golden Time they have if they do not adhere to our Rules for Life, i.e. if they show 'minor' behaviours. In addition, they will lose their entire Golden Time (and lunchtime play in KS2) for showing a 'red' behaviour, i.e. 'major' behaviours, or if they persist in showing 'minor' behaviours over a period of time.

If your child has lost their full Golden Time for either of these reasons, we will send a note home informing you of this and we will keep a record. If the behaviour persists, we will invite parents in to discuss what we can do to support your child in making positive choices.

On the flip side, children may be selected for a Head's Praise Postcard if they consistently show positive behaviour!

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss further as we believe that supporting your child is best done together. Our teachers will not, however, be able to discuss concerns around behaviour via Class Dojo.

These procedures are in place for a trial period and will be reviewed at the end of this term when we will formally add to our Behaviour Policy and publish on our website.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage One Maths information sessions

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this week, the Key Stage One team welcomed Year One and Year Two parents for our maths information sessions. It was a great opportunity to share how we use a range of resources, teach mathematical concepts and to explain what the children in Key Stage One need to achieve by the end of the year. We were pleased with how many parents were able to attend and hope to upload the information to dojo for parents who were unable to attend on this occasion.

WANTED.....



**If you or anyone you know have any unwanted
Lego, we would be grateful for any donations.**

School Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2020, 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 starting school—15th January 2020

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

