



HEAD'S BLOG...

It's been a pretty challenging week here with 3 of our bubbles closing due to isolated cases of Coronavirus. Unfortunately, this is not a surprise with the surge in cases in Cornwall and we are certainly not alone in needing to close bubbles. Thank you for your understanding and swift action if needing to collect children earlier than anticipated. Thank you too for supporting your child with home learning whilst they are at home. Our teachers and TAs are well-versed in remote education procedures so the enforced absences should have limited impact on education. If you have any problems accessing the learning activities we are providing, please let us know straight away so we can put measures in place to support you. We really don't want any child to miss out any more than is absolutely necessary!

Next week, we will be sending home letters to confirm your child's next class and teacher. For those that don't already know, we operate a 'phase' structure of 3 classes per phase, each spanning 2 year groups. Due to numbers in each year group, this means a mixture of single- and mixed-age classes. We spend a significant amount of time to put classes together to ensure a mix of gender, ability and friendship groups. We also try, where possible, to ensure a familiar adult is with the class. As previously advised, our usual transition sessions will not be taking place, due to the need to stick to our current bubbles; however, new teachers will visit children and child-friendly information sheets sent home with letters next week, followed by video introductions. We know this can be anxious time so if you have any worries at all, please do let your child's current class teacher know.

Our class structure for 2021-22 can be found later in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone! (Come on England!!!)

Ms Carmichael

Coronavirus reminders If your child develops any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he **MUST NOT** come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.

Did you know anyone with a family member attending school can test themselves twice every week?

The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

via employers if they offer testing to employees, at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site, by ordering a home test kit online on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo. Thank you.

This week's Achievers

BBeebies

Fletcher

For ordering numbers to 10 on the interactive white board.

Rainbows

Charlie

For helping others to use the LearPads.

Stars

Finley

For navigating programmes on the LearnPad independently.

Little Doves

Kaiser

For great understanding of computing and coding and always being happy to support his friends.

Kaiser is our new computing class lead!

Little Fish

Dexter

For supporting his peers well to use the iPads when completing a task this week

Little Lambs

Rosie

For working well when using the iPad and helping others.

Peacocks

Connor

For always taking responsibility for looking after our Chromebooks and being so helpful during computing lessons.

Pelicans

Archie

For helping his friends login during computing lessons and being Pelican's computing lead with great enthusiasm.

Phoenix

Elizah

For attacking our ICT lessons with her usual determination and producing a wonderful animation using Purple Mash.

Angels

Mason

For helping his peers to logon and access the QR scanner function, as well as being general support to his classmates when accessing online activities

Faith

Ella

For her enthusiasm when programming and creating her own game for peers to play.

Hope

Kunal

For helping his peers to use the camera function to scan QR codes and always using the correct procedures when using the internet.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2021-22

Class	Teacher	Class TA	SEN TAs
BBeebies Nursery	Miss Oliver	Ms Herring Miss Attis Miss Middleton	
Rainbows Reception	Miss Burr	Mrs Jackson	
Stars Reception	Mrs Hawk-Vango		
Little Doves Year 1	Mr Deadman	Miss Franklin	Miss Routledge
Little Fish Year 1/2	Miss Jane Mrs Horwell	Mrs Slade	
Little Lambs Year 2	Mrs Lowe	Mrs Cunningham	
Pelicans Year 3	Mr Nicholas	Mrs Pascoe	Mrs Allen-Trevarton
Peacocks Year 3/4	Miss Nagy	Miss Freight	Mrs Biggers Mrs Carnell
Phoenix Year 4	Mr Hobbs Mr Keyes	Mrs Manton	
Angels Year 5	Miss Edney	Mrs Provis	Miss Briden-Seccombe
Faith Year 5/6	Miss Moore	Mrs Warne	Miss Dwan
Hope Year 6	Miss Mewton	Miss Roworth	

READING

The Summer Reading Challenge starts next week – Saturday 10th July. Due to current covid restrictions, it will be organised slightly differently. All the information is below. Participating in the Summer Reading Challenge is a fantastic way to keep our children motivated about reading which is so important

The Summer Reading Challenge at St Austell Library is going to be a bit different this year. Here's what you might expect:

What's the same:

- You need to be a library member to take part
- You need to read six books to get your prizes and complete the challenge



What's different:

- The Library has reduced opening times. You can come in to sign up or choose your books on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-5pm, on Saturdays 10am-12pm, and after school 3pm-5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- The Library is limiting the number of people allowed in at once. You may have to wait outside for other people to finish and leave before you'll be able to come in
- The Library needs you to follow social distancing guidelines. Please keep 2m apart from other customers, use the hand sanitiser provided, and adults must wear a face mask at all times
- We're not going to ask you to tell us about the books you've read. If you like, you can leave a Reader Review bookmark instead

BUT! This year you can:

- Ask an adult to sign you up without you being in the library!
- Read your own books from home for the challenge!
- Read all six books in one go and collect all your prizes at the end!
- Choose books in person when we're open!
- Reserve your six books online using our Click and Collect service!
- Reserve a Lucky Dip bag of six random books!
- Pick up a Speedy Six - a ready made pack of six books on a theme!

Sat
10th July
- Sat 18th
Sept

And if you don't want to visit the library at all, you can still take part in the challenge online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk!



Remember other libraries may have different opening times and procedures for their challenge. PLEASE check before you go to sign up, or if you want visit other libraries to choose your challenge books

There is more information and extra activities and prizes online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

If you need to join the library, pop in with an adult to join for FREE when we are open, or join online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/library

Contact us: 0300 1234 111/staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

2021/22 Inset Days:

Mon 6th Sep 2021

Tues 7th Sep 2021

Mon 1st Nov 2021

Mon 25th Jul 2022

Tues 26th Jul 2022

EXCITING NEWS



**Bishop Bronescombe
Early Years**

A nurturing environment
where children learn, play and thrive.

We are excited to announce the launch of our
Bishop Bronescombe Early Years Facebook and Instagram pages!

Stay up to date with the learning, play and achievements of our youngest children
in the school and don't forget to like, share and follow the page to share the
amazing things we do within our community.



Click [here](#) to like, follow and share the page :)

OTHER NOTICES

Menu change

Please note a change to the previously published menu for Monday 5th July.

If you have not already done so, please select new options via ParentPay in the usual way.

(The jacket potato option will also be available on this day)

Many thanks

Thank the NHS Day Menu



Monday 5th July

Pork Sausage and Chips

Or

Macaroni Cheese

Served with

Peas and Sweetcorn

Chocolate Cookie

Fresh Fruit

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feeding the imagination

Go Active clubs for Hope and Little Doves

Due to training, the following summer clubs have unfortunately been cancelled:

Monday 5th July and Tuesday 6th July.

ST AUSTELL HEALTHCARE

DREAM QUEST

COMPETITION

Help St Austell Health Care design an App to support Social Prescribing for Children and Young People

The Dream Quest Competition:

- > **What you're designing:** The App will link Children and Young People to local resources and opportunities around St Austell, Mevagissey, Gorran Haven and Foxhole.
- > **What is it about?** Social Prescribing is a different approach to medicine and how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy. At St Austell Healthcare, we can prescribe and recommend local services, groups and activities to support you in your goals.
- > **What can I win?** This is your Dream Quest! There are 3 age categories: <11, 11-14 and 14-18. The prize winner for each age group will receive a voucher for £150 towards an activity of their choice. The overall winner from these three groups will be awarded the GRAND PRIZE of £250.00.
- > **For this competition we need your help to create a name for the App** as well as photographs around the area, drawings, cartoons, images and ideas. Be creative!

So get your thinking caps on and be creative! All ideas and entries are welcome!

How to enter:

- > Please register online at www.dreamquest.uk. Send us your ideas electronically or if this is difficult post them through one of the surgery letterboxes.
- > Tell us what your Dream Quest prize (up to the value of £250) would be and why?
- > Submit your ideas by **July 16th** so get busy right away!
- > The results will be announced **just a few days later.**

Please remember competitors aged 17 years or under will require the permission of a parent or guardian to enter.

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Community info

ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 800 million active users worldwide.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About



TIKTOK



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – so it is possible for a child to be exposed to explicit and age-inappropriate content.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and want to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep you intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.



IN-APP PURCHASES

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. Buying coins is now restricted to over-18s – but TikTok doesn't require users to verify their age on sign up, so a young person could easily access this feature if they were determined to.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.



MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

In early 2021, TikTok changed the default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.



LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.



ENABLE FAMILY SAFETY MODE

'Family Safety Mode' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok refreshed its Safety Centre in May 2021, providing new resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.



USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.



Meet our expert

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