The time has nearly come for our oldest pupils.... Their Key Stage 2 SATS are around the corner! All the pupils (and staff!) have worked incredibly hard over the last few months to ensure they go into the test week with lots of confidence and determination to succeed. Please help them by ensuring they have a restful weekend and a good night's sleep every night as well as keeping them positive and calm.

Our year 6s have achieved many things, not all tested in Reading, Grammar and Maths tests! They are sporty, musical, creative, funny and curious and we are all proud of their successes during their WHOLE primary school life. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them all the best of luck next week.

Our Nursery, BBeebies, is holding its annual Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 15th May. Please tell your friends and family if they have pre-school children so they can come and find out what we have to offer!

We can't wait for the road improvement works to start in the summer. If you would like to see the plans, they are on display in the School Reception.

Mrs Carmichael

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#### Animal Antics...

In response to the children's developing interests in pets and animals, BBeebies and Rainbows were visited by a bearded dragon, a Chinese water lizard, a gecko and a corn snake! The children were fascinated with the similarities and differences between the reptiles and had many questions to ask about their habitats, how they eat and how they protect themselves from predators! Miss Jane and Miss Oliver were really impressed with the insightful questions the children asked the owner of the pets and, following on from this visit, the children have been busy researching information using books and computers to collate fact files. These will be gathered together to form a class documentary! Some children have chosen to find out more about other types of lizards and others were so interested by the Chinese lizard, they have chosen to find out more about other animals which live in China. We look forward to discovering where this interest leads us next...

#### Local MP visits BB

Last Friday, KS2 enjoyed an assembly from Mr Steve Double, MP for St Austell Newquay. He came in response to letters he received from some of Pelicans class concerning recycling, which he passionate about. He told us all about his campaign to make the Houses of Parliament single-use plastic free and his involvement with Surfers against Sewage. After answering some questions, he told us his favourite memory since becoming an MP was his maiden speech in The Houses of Parliament. We all found it very interesting.







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#### ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS!







WE WILL ALSO BE MARKING THE OCCASION IN CLASSES BY HOLDING WEDDING PARTIES AS WELL AS FINDING OUT A LITTLE MORE ABOUT OUR ROYAL FAMILY.



PLEASE NOTE AS THIS IS YEAR 6 BEACH DAY THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE THEME WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.





### Reading

Please ensure your child reads every day. Regular practice of this important skill makes such a difference! Here are our expectations:



<u>Reception—</u> All children take home activities to practise their phonics to read and spell.

When ready, they will be expected to read and/or discuss a home/school reading book.

Years 1-6—All children are expected to read every day from their home/school reading book.

As a general rule, the youngest children should read for approximately 10 minutes a day, building up to approximately 30 minutes a day in year 6.

Regular reading is in addition to other set homework.

We have lovely libraries with great new selections of books. Please encourage your child to make the most of what's on offer!

If you would like to support us by listening to readers in school, please contact our office staff.

# Our Nursery Open Afternoon is on Tuesday 15th May, 2—3pm.



Come along to our Open Afternoon! Find out what we are all about while your children play. Meet our dedicated team and view our outstanding facilities.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## **ATTENDANCE**

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 hours 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 for this academic year stands at 96.03%, a percentage that is below the 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.

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	92.42	0
Little Fish	96.67	1
Little Lambs	91.90	2
Peacocks	99.14	0
Phoenix	96.74	3
Pelicans	98.57	0
Angels	96.84	0
Faith	94.31	0
Норе	98.47	0
Weekly Total	95.55	6

Our annual school survey will be sent home on Monday with children. Please return by Friday 25th May. We look forward to hearing your views!

Please note that our After School Club runs until 6pm and all children MUST be collected by this time. Late collection may incur a charge. In case of emergency, our After School Club staff can be contacted on **01726 65471**.

Many thanks

## **2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:**

KS2 SATs week—14th—17th May

New BBeebies starters open afternoon—15th May

Royal Wedding Celebrations—18th May

Pentecost Service—21st May @ 2pm, all welcome

Year 6 Barton Hall meeting—21st May @ 3.30pm

Year 4 Porthpean meeting—22nd May @ 3.30pm

BB Sports Day—25th May

Half Term—28th May —1st June

INSET WEEK— 4th—8th June

Yr 6 Residential to Barton Hall—18th—22nd June

New Reception starters open morning—19th June

Yr 4 Residential to Porthpean—25th—27th June

Penrice/Poltair Yr 6 Transition days—2nd & 3rd July

Last day of Summer Term—24th July at 3.15pm.





# Caterlink Royal Menu



Congratulation Crumble (Pear & chocolate)

