

Another busy week and I have been delighted to see so many children making great progress in writing and maths as I visit classrooms.

We are continually looking to support children in ensuring they retain and apply spelling patterns to their writing. We have therefore reviewed how you can support this at home and are changing spelling homework activities. A letter will be going home next week to explain more and we hope that these will be positive in reinforcing the learning in school.

This Sunday is World Religion Day and we will be marking the occasion by learning about the customs of religions throughout the world during next week. I'm looking forward to seeing more; make sure you ask your child what they have found out!

Mrs Carmichael

REMINDER: Scooters and bikes are not permitted on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. This is to prevent any accidents that may happen at our busiest times. Many thanks for your support.

Online safety update

There have been recent reports in the media about children being targeted online via the popular Fortnite game. We know this game is extremely popular amongst our youngsters but we thought it wise to remind of the importance of being aware of what games and media your child is accessing online and ensure you and your children know exactly who they are communicating with.

What steps can you take to safeguard your child?

- If opening account, it is important that they do not create a username that could give away any personal details. There is also no age verification process. Therefore, be aware of the risks if your child has, or wants to, open an account.

- Fortnite offers three levels of privacy settings: Public, where anyone can enter your child's online party; Friends, where only friends can join a party; and Private, which means that no one can enter your child's party without being invited by the child themselves. Discuss the level appropriate to your child.

Fortnite also allows for Voice-Chat to be disabled. Make yourself and your child familiar with the game's settings and, if you deem it inappropriate, turn Voice-Chat off.

-Speak to your child about unwanted contact and tell them what to do if someone speaks to them in a nasty or inappropriate way, or asks them for personal information. Ask them to come to you if they are unsure about unwanted contact or have be exposed to something inappropriate.

How can you report inappropriate contact between my child and another player?

- Fortnite offers an in-game feedback tool in the Main Menu of the game to report bad player behaviour. You can also email Epic Games, the creator of Fortnite, through their website to report any concerns you may have.

- You can also seek advice and make a report to CEOP, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command, through their online safety centre: https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year Our attendance for this week is 97.99% Our attendance for this school year is 96.4%

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

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	96.58%	1	Pelicans	99.26%	9
Little Fish	95.79%	3	Angels	99.57%	1
Little Lambs	99.63%	2	Faith	98.52%	0
Peacocks	97.04%	4	Hope	100%	0
Phoenix	97.04%	7			

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

W/c 21st Jan—World Religion Week Monday 28th Jan—Reception Vision Screening 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

<u>Sports News</u>



Well done to all the year 5 and 6 children who took part in the swimming gala at Newquay against 7 different schools around Cornwall. Each child persevered and tried their very best, representing BB very well. Although we did not qualify for the next gala, the staff and children should be very proud. It was such a good atmosphere, all children supported one another and showed a great team spirit. Well done to all involved! <u>Football Fixtures:</u> This week we played Meva and we were magnificent! The boys stuck to a passing game play and all of our teams came out victorious.

Particularly impressive this week were the year 3 boys with Shay scoring 2 vital goals to set them on their way.

Year 5/6 were just as good and showed why at this level we are the team to beat in the small schools league.

Well done everyone! Mr D

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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