## HEAD'S BLOG...

This week, I'm simply offering my thanks...

Thanks to our staff for working harder than ever to provide a safe, fun, joyous and stimulating place to learn.

Thanks to our parents for being supportive, understanding and kind in times of change.

Thanks to St Luke's for their care of us and those in need in our community.

Thanks to our wonderful pupils for their resilience, care for each other and for making me smile every day.

We hope you all have a restful and fun half-term break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 3rd November.

Debbie Carmichael



#### Reminder:

Your child's summary report detailing how they've settled into learning and their next steps will be issued on Friday, 6th November. Should you need to speak to your child's teacher, telephone appointments can be arranged after this date.

#### School meals

We are pleased to announce that our canteen will be resuming their hot meal service on Tuesday, 3rd November. Please remember to book your child's meal in advance (the night before at the latest). Meals for y3-6 must be paid for in advance. Meals for Reception and y1-2 are free!

Y3-6 meals will be served on a airline-style tray in classrooms whilst Reception and y1-2 will eat in the hall, in their bubbles.

The menu can be found later in this newsletter.





**Coronavirus reminders** If your child develop 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

High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

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.

The new NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community. The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy. You can download the app from: https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/

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

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTING ANY POSTIVE COVID CASES DURING THE HALF-TERM BREAK, PLEASE SEE

THE FOLLOWING PAGE

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# What to do if you, your child or someone in your household has symptoms of Corona Virus during half term....

If anyone in your bubble has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, you should:

- 1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result; only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you receive the result.

- 3. There is no need to make contact with the school unless:
  - The test comes back positive.
- You are self-isolating because you have not yet received the result of the test and your child/ren will not be returning to school for this reason.
- If you have a holiday booked, and you are required to quarantine on your return, you will also need to inform us. For Coronavirus travel guidance, visit the 'travel corridors' section of the gov.uk website.

If either of these three scenarios apply to your family, please email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@celticcross.education">enquiries@celticcross.education</a> to inform us, stating your name, the name of your child/ren and their classes. Details will be passed to the school, to inform them of your circumstance.

Follow this link for information on how to access a Covid-19 test: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test



## Achievers this week



Each week we will be awarding children who have gone the extra mile with the following:

- Achiever Certificate for showing awesome learning behaviours
- Christian Value Certificate—for showing how we can live out our vision by sharing our talents

<u>Doves</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Lambs</u>	
Sebastian	Lily S	Eleanor	

For showing determination and focus in your maths work this week.

Well done Ethan!

they submitted.

For having a good attitude towards your work.

For working so hard with her reading EVERY DAY at home and now moving up to a new phonics group.

Well done Eleanor!

# PelicansPeacocksPhoenixEthanLainie-MaiTeaganFor his incredible effortFor always trying yourFor working so hard from when making his long boat.best and always beinghome.

positive.

<u>Angels</u>	<u>Faith</u>	<u>Hope</u>
Everyone	Matas	Piran
For their amazing determination and commitment to their	For applying yourself really well in all areas of your learning.	For showing resilience when tackling all learning opportunities.
learning as they completed all home learning tasks and showed real effort in what		

These children have been awarded with a certificate for showing how we can live out our vision of sharing our talents this week:

Doves - Demelza	Pelicans - Everyone!	Angels - Shay and Rhys
Fish - Dexter	Peacocks - Iszac	Faith - Rowan
Lambs - Rowan	Phoenix - Millie	Hope - Keeley



#### PARENT SUPPORT



Our second BB Conn-ect online coffee morning took place on Thursday. Attendees were very positive and had the following comments:

The virtual coffee morning is an excellent platform to voice your opinions, chat and air out and grievances you

might have. I thoroughly enjoy the time to chat and get to know other parents.

'Terri-Anne is a brilliant host '

'It was nice to talk and listen to other people and share differences on many topics and just general communication can help in many ways, definitely recommend doing it again'

There will be another chance to get online and connect next month. Watch this space!

#### PARENT SUPPORT

I am sending out my thoughts and prayers to Angels and Phoenix parents this week, as well as any other families having to self-isolate. I know this must be so difficult, especially going into the half-term break. Take some time to have fun together but take some time for you too! Be strong, be kind to yourself and remember it won't be forever! Angels and Phoenix pupils' isolation period ends on Thursday, 29th October so I hope you can enjoy the latter part of the week as you usually would.

# **Time for YOU**

A small, supportive Zoom group for Mums of children with additional needs



Take time to re-fuel & share with other Mums who 'get it'

Free 12 week Zoom group for Mums in Devon & Cornwall Starts Wed 4th November 12.30pm-2.30pm



To find out more message us on Facebook @mums4achange or email jo@mums4achange.org



### Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

Next Saturday night, the clocks will be set back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change.. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The latest available government statistics (2015)\* show that 58% of children who are involved in fatal accidents, or are seriously injured in a road collision, are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness. Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15 year olds are actually at more at risk.

Please stay alert and help your child/ren to!

The resources below may help to remind you and your children about road safety:

https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/

https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Autumn Term Diary Dates: Mon 26th October-Fri 30th October—Half term

Mon 2nd November — Inset day

Thurs 18th November—Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon 21st December-Fri 1st January—Christmas holidays

Mon 4th January 2021—Back to school

Mon 15th February 2021-Fri 19th February 2021—Half term

Thurs 1st April—Inset day

Fri 2nd Apr 2021-Fri 16th April 2021—Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May 2021—Inset day

Mon 31st May 2021-Fri 4th June 2021—Half term

Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term

**Polite reminder:** Please drop your child off and pick them up at their class allocated times only. The <u>only</u> exceptions are if there are siblings with different start and finish times. Teachers are generously supervising children outside of their usual teaching hours in the current situation (as well as having reduced lunchtimes) and we ask that this is not abused. Thank you.

#### **HOT MEALS**

With the much welcomed return of hot meals from Tuesday 3rd November, here's a copy of the menu (which can also be found on the website).

It is imperative that you book (and pay if necessary) all meals in advance in the usual way via ParentPay—the only change to this procedure is that you now need to choose a main and a dessert each day.

If you have any queries, please contact the office.



#### OTHER NOTICES

#### **School Admissions**

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2020 has now started. 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 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, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE IS SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER PLEASE MAKE
SURE YOU APPLY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO



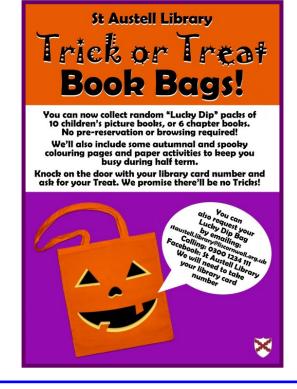


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Autumn with Cornwall's
BlackbirdPie magazine which is now online!
Subscription is free
<a href="https://">https://</a>

blackbirdreads.turtl.co/ story/blackbirdpieautumn-2020/

Poppies will be available in class for a small donation from Tuesday 3rd November







It is more important than ever to vaccinate your child against the flu this year.

Consent needs to be submitted by Monday 16th November with the Nasal vaccinations taking place in school on Wednesday 18th November.

Please contact the school office if you did not receive the information letter and consent instructions.

Thank you

