



Please note: There will be no Family Learning (KS1 Maths) on 30th January.

Another busy week at BB school! Children have been beavering away throughout the school and pupils in years 5 and 6 were treated to a fantastic Hinduism workshop today. It's so important for us that children get opportunities to experience the customs and traditions of other cultures. Thanks to Daya for such an interesting day!



We are beginning to notice some lapses in school uniform. Can I please remind you that trainers are not allowed; children should wear **polishable** black shoes, long hair should be tied back, skirts should be knee-length and jewellery is not permitted, apart from religious necklaces. Please help to ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform!

It is great to see so many willing parent helpers about the place. We have less in Key Stage 2 so, if you can spare an hour or two on a (fairly) regular basis, please see Paula in our school office for more details on how you can volunteer your services!

If your child is in Y1 or Y2, please note our parent information sessions after school next week (see diary dates on the next page). These will be invaluable in helping you in supporting your child prior to the year 1 Phonics Screening and the Key Stage 1 assessments.

Have a great weekend! Mrs Carmichael

Science & engineering week 12th—16th March.

We are looking for any parents that are involved in science and engineering careers to come in and speak to the children about their jobs during science week. This would involve a talk to the children about the kinds of things you do in your job and answering their questions. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Mrs Lowe via the school office.



2018/19 INSET DAYS

You will notice that these INSET dates are split across the academic year, rather than placed together after the May/June half-term. This is to ensure that there are opportunities for INSET days to be utilised for high quality training at key points throughout the year, thereby improving the impact on teaching and learning.

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Friday 30th November 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

Friday 7th June 2019

Thursday 25th July 2019

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 stands at 96.85%, a percentage that is in line with 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	96.67%	0
Little Fish	94.81%	1
Little Lambs	96.93%	3
Peacocks	99.26%	2
Phoenix	98.47%	0
Pelicans	95.56%	0
Angels	93.65%	4
Faith	95.56%	0
Hope	98.85%	1
Total	96.85%	11

2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Baby/Toddler group

Wed 31st January

Year 5/6 HfC Performance

Tues 30th Jan

Year 1 Phonics meeting

Tues 30th Jan

KS1 SATs Meeting

Wednesday 31st Jan

Half Term

12th—16th Feb

Class Photographs

Mon 19th Feb

Lent Communion—

1st March at 2pm

Rainbows Eden trip

Tues 27th Feb

World Book Day

2nd March

BB Friends Meeting

7th March at 2pm

Parent consultations

w/c 19th March



BB Friends Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February

RECEPTION & KS1 3.30pm—4.15pm
(Reception & KS1 children to bring in disco clothes and money to be given to TA's in the morning)

KS2 4.30pm—5.30pm
Pay on the door on the day.

£1 entry & £1 snack pack.



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.**

Plymouth Argyle Community Trust are running football roadshows during half term, booking available on their website, just follow below link.

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/courses/february-half-term-roadshows-2018/>

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We have been informed that a number of children who attend the School have been diagnosed with suspected / confirmed slapped cheek.

Slapped Cheek

Slapped cheek syndrome (also called fifth disease or parvovirus B19) is a viral infection that's most common in children, although it can affect people of any age. It usually causes a bright red rash on the cheeks. Although the rash can look alarming, slapped cheek syndrome is normally a mild infection that clears up by itself in one to three weeks. Once you've had the infection, you're usually immune to it for life.

You don't usually need to see your GP if you think you or your child has slapped cheek syndrome, as the condition normally gets better on its own. However, you should contact your GP, call NHS 111 or contact your local out-of-hours service if you have been exposed to anyone with slapped cheek or you have symptoms of the infection and:

You're pregnant – infection in pregnancy, particularly early pregnancy, carries a risk of causing miscarriage, stillbirth or other complications; however, this risk is small and most pregnant women will already be immune

You have a blood disorder, such as sickle cell anaemia or thalassaemia, or a weakened immune system – the infection can cause severe anaemia that may need to be treated in hospital

You have symptoms of severe anaemia, such as very pale skin, severe shortness of breath, extreme tiredness or fainting

Unless your child is feeling unwell, there's no need to stay away from school or work once the rash has developed, as the infection is no longer contagious by this point.

Further advice can also be obtained from the **Health Protection Team** on 0300 303 8162 during office hours.

Yours faithfully,

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

We thank the many parents who have supported the school in ensuring their child has **48 hours** away from school following bouts of **sickness and/or diarrhoea**.

Although this can be inconvenient, please appreciate that we do this to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. Thank you for your understanding with this. For those wanting additional guidance on the subject, information can be found on the [Public Health England website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england).