

HEAD'S BLOG...

Another very positive week here at BB and I can't remember a week when I've given out so many Head's award stickers! Children are really showing positive attitudes to learning and are enjoying the various topics and challenges in classes.

Thank you to those that have fully engaged with our new homework procedures—we hope they have been fairly hassle-free! If you are having any trouble at all, please contact your class teacher via Class Dojo or contact the school office. We are hoping that this new way of managing homework will make a switch to any remote learning much less troublesome should the need arise.

With further lockdown measures in place due to the recent rise in Coronavirus cases, we must be prepared for a 'bubble' closure or even a local lockdown. Therefore, we will soon share with you our Remote Learning Plan, which details how we will continue to deliver an education to our pupils if they need to self-isolate for a period of time. This will primarily take advantage of many online platforms and resources so access to the internet and digital devices will be important. Therefore, we are sending out a home technology survey to identify families that may need a little extra support with this. Please ensure you complete this as soon as possible. If you are unable to access the survey, please call the school office and they will be able to complete the survey on your behalf.

You can access the survey via the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=dY85Aa4vAk6ZJoMu7AMgNq8I1R4AU89Ns8WI2QO31ilUQzFYSjdGUVBNWVJFRUwySVJNME9HMUpYVC4u

It's been great to see so many children participating in some activities we would expect to see in more 'normal' times. Wild Tribe groups have started; cross country races have been run and school parliament elections have been held. Of course, these have often been 'adapted' but we are determined to include as many of our usual school events as possible. With that in mind, Revd Jules will be leading Harvest services for children in years 1-6 on Wednesday, 7th October and we ask that you share donations for Foodbank as usual. More details are on the following page.

And before I leave you, can I please highlight the marked change in the weather this week?! Please ensure children come to school EVERY DAY with a coat. It is really important they get out in the fresh air, even if it is a bit rainy!

Thank you and happy weekend!

Mrs Carmichael

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.

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 Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Autumn Term Diary Dates: Wed 7th October—Harvest Celebration Fri 23 October — Last day of term Mon 2nd November — Inset day

Notices

Due to the pandemic, St Austell Food Bank saw demand double during April 2020 and they expect this demand to continue well into the autumn.

This Harvest we would love to make a difference together as a community to transform lives here in St Austell. Any donations of food items listed would be greatly appreciated.

- iam
- biscuits
- instant coffee
- cereal

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS IN WITH YOUR CHILD ON WEDNESDA

- long grain rice
- tinned vegetables
- soft drinks
- crisps, snacks and sweets
- cup a soup, pot noodles, packet noodles, microwave rice

items we always have plenty of:

baked beans, tea, pasta & porridge

Please help local people in crisis by donating items from our shopping list:

items we need regularly:

- tinned rice pudding
- tinned fruit
- tinned meat
- long life milk (UHT)
- tinned tomatoes
- fruit juice (long life)
- tinned fish
- tinned soup
- pasta sauce

A message from Mr Nicholas about PE...

This week are introducing a new achievers award—Sports Achiever of the Week. Classes will take it in turns to nominate someone who has either put excellent effort into their PE lessons or had a sporting achievement outside of school.



This week, our first winner is Matthew from Angels Class, who showed great perseverance when doing the cross-country run in PE this week. Each week our sports winner will receive a Cornwall Games t-shirt (see photo). We won these t-shirts because so many of us entered scores into the Virtual School Games last term.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and well-done Matthew, we're all proud of you!

Mr Nicholas

Free School meals -

We understand that during these unprecedented times, peoples financial circumstances may Income Support have changed. Please check your eligibility for free income-based Jobseeker's Allowance school meals, and apply if necessary. Regardless of • income-related Employment and Support Allowance • support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 their entitlement to an universal infant free school meal • the guaranteed element of Pension Credit (UIFSM), children in YR/Y1/Y2 could still be entitled if and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) any of the points on the right apply to you/your family. Working Tax Credit The school receive some very much needed funding for any eligible pupils, so we urge you to check and apply if benefits you get) necessary, it really would benefit us all! Thank you.

Applications can be submitted via the following link: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and -learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupilpremium/

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any





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 demonstrating the Christian value of the week:: Trust

Fish

<u>Doves</u>

William forJoe for always tryingpersevering to perfect his best when workinghis letter formation.independently.

Demelza for showing trust.

Rosie Stephens for showing trust.

<u>Lambs</u>

Jamie for always trying his best in every lesson.

Scarlett Patterson for showing trust.

<u>Pelicans</u>

Ethan for excellent investigative learning about types of invertebrates.

Eboney for trusting her own abilities more.

<u>Peacocks</u>

Esme for her wonderful attitude to learning and being a wonderful friend.

Ella for showing trust.

<u>Phoenix</u>

Nathan for listening well, asking lots of questions and super imaginative writing.

Lexi Stephenson for showing trust.

<u>Angels</u>

Reece for showing great perseverance and commitment in all aspects of his learning. Eve Greenwood for showing trust.

<u>Faith</u>

Kyran for amazing attitude and interest in topic work.

Rowan for showing trust in adults around him.

<u>Hope</u>

Noah for showing a fantastic attitude towards all areas of his learning this week.

Cayden for showing trust.

PARENT SUPPORT



If you need me, I'm still able to have face to face 'virtual' meeting or, as always, you can call or text me on : **07903 613074** (email terri-anne.old@celticcross.education) I'm on hand Mon/Wed/Thurs. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to set up a virtual meeting.



You can currently still access ALL of the Parenting courses online including 'understanding your child' by visiting <u>https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/6</u> and entering the code 'TAMAR' to gain access.

"The course builds on the idea that children and young people's behaviour is connected to feelings. All feelings are relevant to understanding behaviour – including yours."

'Understanding your child' is an online course for all parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 0-18 years. This course is a journey through knowledge. It builds up a way of looking at things that will be helpful for most situations.

This course has content you can trust. It has been written by Clinical Psychologists, Child Psychotherapists and other health professionals in the Solihull Approach team. It has also been awarded the UK Government's CANparent Quality Mark. There are 11 modules, each taking around 20 minutes each. The Modules build on the ones before, creating a course. There

are interactive activities, quizzes and video clips. There is also an optional voiceover.

We do not recommend that you do this course in one go. There is a lot to take in and it is best done in small chunks, usually a Module at a time.

COVID-19 PARENTING: Keeping it positive

Praise your child when they are behaving well

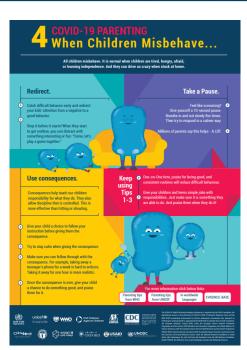
Try praising your child or teenager for something they have done well. They may not show it, but you'll see them doing that good thing again. It will also reassure them that you notice and care.

Against Children

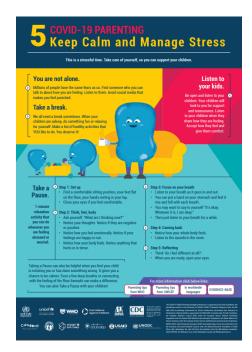


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PARENT SUPPORT





Do you want to improve your **support network**? Are you keen to make **new friends**? Are you curious to take steps to help improve your **well-being**?



We are Introducing 'BB-Conn-ecc' and right now, you can be part of this new support forum from the comfort of your <u>own home</u> by joining our 'virtual' monthly Parent Support coffee mornings.

Sessions will be facilitated by our Parent Support Advisor, Terri-Anne, and the space to 'connect' will be free of judgment and supportive.



If you are a parent or carer of a child attending BB and are willing to bravely engage in a trial run of these informal, friendly sessions online then please do get in touch as soon as possible. You'll need either a smartphone, iPad or PC to take part and we can talk you through how to get linked up with us using Microsoft Teams.

When?	Weds 30 th Sept	10:00-10:45
	Thurs 22 nd Oct	10:00-10:45
	Weds 25 th Nov	10:00-10:45

Spaces will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. To register your interest and availability to attend please text 07903 613 074 with your name, your email, your child's name and the date(s) that you'd like to get involved in. You will be sent confirmation and joining instructions in due course.

PARENT SUPPORT—online safety



Calling all parents.....



Would you like to know more about online safety?

Are you up to date with the latest guidance in keeping children

safe online?

Join a free webinar to find out more

Tuesday 29th September 2-4pm

SWGfL have organised a free webinar for parents and professionals in cooperation with leading online safety organisations Childnet & Internet Matters, with the event itself powered by Facebook. They will also lead a webinar alongside Childnet and Internet Matters and will be looking to share the latest online safety information.

This event has limited capacity so don't delay in registering your interest!

What will the event cover?

- Online Safety Challenges how to talk to children about potential risks.
- New Resources and Tools helping you and your pupils stay safe online.
- Guidance and Advice for Returning to School safeguarding considerations.
- Q&A with Online Safety Professionals

How do I sign up?

Visit the SWGfL home page where you'll find instructions to 'get your free ticket'

YGAM The Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM) is a national charity which aims to inform, educate and safeguard young and vulnerable people, helping them build resilience and understand the potential harms caused by gambling and gaming.

Parents can often feel overwhelmed in a world of constantly advancing technology and YGAM provides simple, usable resources to help parents have honest and open conversations with their children around the topics of gaming and gambling. The YGAM Parent Hub is looking to:

Inform parents of ways to build their children's resilience online and offline, creating a healthy balance and providing resources to help parents engage with their children.

Educate parents around gaming, in-app purchases and gambling, helping them understand the potential harms caused by online play and the blurred lines between gaming and gambling.

Safeguard children through the use of online safety settings and increased awareness of how to stay safe and resilient in their environment.

PARENT SUPPORT



Adult Education



Family Learning

Family Learning is part of Cornwall Council Adult Education and as such, adult learning is our focus:

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- We help parents and carers to engage in literacy, maths and ICT to support their children's learning and development. Most of our delivery is focused on the primary curriculum.
- Our team of experienced tutors deliver interesting and interactive courses while nurturing a safe, supportive and enjoyable learning environment.

From autumn 2020 we are offering 6-week courses online in weekly 90-minute sessions.

To find out more about these courses and to start the enrolment process: Please email Vicki at vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk Or call Vicki on 07968 992495





We provide learning opportunities

which promote confidence, skills

and easily-resourced activities

and understanding through practical

These courses are mainly for adults

only - parents/carers with children at

school - although Scratch Coding is

set up for parents to work with their

children if appropriate. We will be

flexible according to demand.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning
Call 0300 1231 117

2020-2021 online courses:

Keeping Up with the Children (KUC) Literacy

Brush up your spelling, punctuation and grammar; make the most out of reading; learn about phonics; develop your persuasive language and writing skills – in line with the primary curriculum. Simple activities and resources to support language and literacy applying visual, auditory and kinaesthetic strategies.

Keeping Up with the Children (KUC) Maths

Topics include early counting and the number system; calculating with mental and written methods; the language of shape – in line with the primary curriculum. Easy, fun activities and games to support the development of numeracy skills using a range of learning styles.

Family Learning Computing An introduction to online Office

An introduction to online office applications including word processing, email, presentations, storage, skype and internet safety. Free software used in your browser. Brush up your skills to support your child across the primary and secondary curriculum with our easy, accessible sessions.

Family Learning Scratch Coding

An introduction to coding taking you and your child from being complete beginners to making simple games using the Scratch programme – as used in schools. Step-by-step sessions to support you and your child with easy-tofollow handouts you can use in your own time.

Additional Family Learning courses are available in partnership with schools, family hubs and other partners: please contact us to find out more.

Email **www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning** Call **0300 1231 117**

If your child has:

a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell But they don't have: a high temperature

a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

> This could be a sign of coronavirus

> > **Book** a test

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).

Nasal flu vaccinations are provisionally booked for Wednesday 18th November

As we approach winter months, it is more important than ever to vaccinate your child against the flu. Nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Wednesday 18th November. Prior to this date, letters and consent information will be issued and we would be grateful for your prompt response to this.



Thank you



If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email: ITT@celticcross.education stating which session, you would like to join. We look forward to meeting you.



<u>Lost Property</u>

We have at last been able to go through any items that were left at school during lockdown and any labelled items have been sent home. If you are missing anything in particular and it has not been returned, please contact the school office by Friday, 5th October with a description of the item and we will have a look for it.

Any remaining items after 5th October will be recycled.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS ...



In Key Stage, we launched our Food Glorious Food topic this week. We particularly enjoyed fruit tasting and exploring the textures, colours and flavours of new fruits. We discussed and recorded our likes and dislikes.

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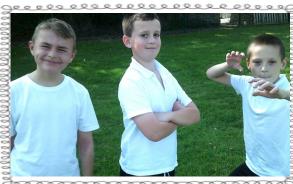
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Building our own real and alien words with the help of Fred Frog.



Levi and Connor exploring the snails and non-fiction books in the science investigation area.

Reece, Matthew and Kaleb from Amazing Angels loving their crosscountry themed PE afternoon.



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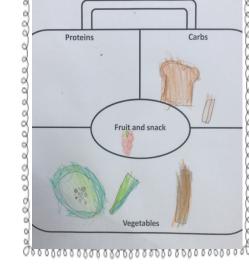




Some super place value work in the Maths from Peacocks class this week.

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