



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

It's been a fab first week back after the lovely half-term break. Children came back refreshed and ready to learn.

St Luke's helped us mark 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer week as usual, providing lovely opportunities for the children to engage in prayer (see below for more). Huge thanks go to Emma Antoniou, the School Chaplain, and many other members of St Luke's for facilitating this.

It's a long half-term but we are starting to think about the end of the school year... children in years R, 2 and 6 will soon begin to prepare their 'graduation' performances. Dates are in the diary section of the newsletter. You'll all have a chance to come in to help your children during Science week too—our Science-themed open morning takes place on Thursday, 20th June, after Parent Forum. Hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Carmichael

The weather is very changeable at the moment. We like to get outside, whatever the weather, so it's a good idea to ensure your child comes in with sun protection (cream and hat) and a shower-proof coat. Thank you!

Peacocks class have had a very exciting week in preparation for a new project we are undertaking this half term! On Wednesday, we had a visitor from Geevor tin mine, who showed us lots of artefacts and old mining tools - we even had a chance to dress up! On Thursday, we then had a professional choreographer visit us to begin working on creating a performance based on tin mining! We are very excited that we will continue to have workshops with our dancer over the next 6 weeks in preparation for the performance at Geevor tin mine on the 18th July! What an amazing opportunity for our class!



## Prayer Week



This week the children across the school took part in our 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer week. We were so fortunate to have wonderful prayer activities set up for us by members of St. Luke's Church. The children thoroughly enjoyed the prayer activities and it gave opportunities for them to share and express their thoughts and feelings, concerns and worries. Thank you to St Luke's for this lovely experience.

BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

*Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance*

### 2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Tues 11th June—Bake sale—see below  
11th, 12th & 13th June—Nursery Open afternoons @ 2pm—3pm  
Wed 12th June—Nursery Open evening—5pm—6.30pm  
Mon 17th June—Y3 Minack Theatre Trip  
17th—21st June—Whole School Science Week  
Thurs 20th June—Parent Forum—followed by Science  
Open Morning @ 9am

**Mon 24th June**  
**BB Sports Day—1.30pm**

Sat 29th June—BB Summer Fete @2pm  
1st & 2nd July—Yr6 Transition Days/Evening at Poltair  
3rd & 4th July—Yr6 Transition Days/Evening at Penrice  
Thurs 4th July—Whole School Transition Day  
Wed 10th July—Whole School Transition Day  
Fri 12th July—Summer Disco  
Fri 19th July—Yr 6 Prom @ Grampound Road School  
Thurs 25th July—INSET DAY

#### RESIDENTIAL DATES

28th June—1st July—Y6 Skern Lodge Trip  
22nd—24th July—Y4 Porthpean Trip

#### GRADUATION DAYS

Mon 15th July—Reception graduation @ 2pm  
Tues 16th July—Year 2 graduation @ 2pm  
Thurs 18th July—Year 6 graduation @ 2pm



Oarsome Foursome—Rhys in Faith class will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday 11th June for these amazing ladies who courageously will be rowing the Atlantic to raise money for Cornwall Blood Bikes, Carefreebreaks and Exmouth Hospiscare. If you are able to donate cakes/buns we would really appreciate it. Here are some questions that Rhys has asked Bird.

- 1, Why did you decide to do the Atlantic Row? - **I wanted to do a big challenge with my mum and I wanted to raise money for important charities.**
- 2, How long have you trained? - **It has been 2 years ongoing.**
- 3, What will be the hardest part of this challenge? - **Exhaustion!**
- 4, How long do you think it will take? - **We are aiming for 45 days.**
- 5, What are the world records you are breaking? - **We will be breaking a couple: 1) the oldest female crew to row the Atlantic, 2) Hopefully the first deaf person to row any ocean.**
- 6, How did you choose the crew? - **Partly approaching stubborn people and partly they had wanted to do it!**
- 7, Is there a cox? - **No, just a skipper.**
- 8, Is there a safety boat following you? - **There will be a yacht following the whole race, but not specifically us. They could be hundreds of miles away.**
- 9, Can we track your trip from school? - **YES! An app called YB RACES can track us by the hour (it's free)**

**We hope you will show your support for Rhys and the Oarsome Foursome by bringing in 20p for a cake!**



# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year

Our attendance for this week is 92.27%

Our attendance for this school year is 96.09%

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

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	83.57%	0	Pelicans	92.45%	1
Little Fish	92.65%	4	Angels	94.95%	6
Little Lambs	96.68%	1	Faith	99.05%	0
Peacocks	95.73%	4	Hope	97.16%	1
Phoenix	95.43%	0			

Do you know all about our attendance ladder and where your child sits?

We can work together, if everyone commits!

Our school has high expectations for everyone to reach the top,

Statistics are monitored weekly to ensure progress doesn't stop!

How close are you to reaching the top?

Our PSA is tasked with supporting those who 'down the ladder fall',

You may receive a letter or an email or to begin with just a friendly call.

Any child who sits above 96% is comfortably in the clear;

Those below are monitored; the stats reflect the whole school year.

4 school days  
off each year

Those children on 95% are so very nearly 'there';

The school has to have a target; it's the way we show that we care!

7 school days  
off each year

11 days off each school year, puts your child at 94 percent,

Improvement is required to counteract the 'ladder-descent'.

9 school days  
off each year

We have a rated system to alert parents to the statistics;

At AMBER we need to be talking through any issues and logistics.

A child at 90-93% gives schools reasons to be concerned;

11 school days  
off each year

We know that this will impact on the things a child can learn.

For those whose percentage falls below 90, the RED band is alerted,

We'd really like to support you so that a crisis can be averted.

1 month  
off each year

90% attendance equates to one whole month off each school year,

This substantially will impact on your child in comparison to their peers.

2 months  
off each year

Your PSA is available; she can update you on your figures;

You can call or drop her an email or simply nip in to see her!

She's friendly and approachable, and really wants to work with you,

So many things affect attendance; she'll support you with any issue.

PSA CONTACT DETAILS—01726 64322 or 07903 613074

Working days Monday 08:30—16:30, Wednesday 08:30—16:30 and Thursdays 08:30—13:30



# What does your Family Time look like?

When your kids were young, they were probably content watching a movie, reading books, or playing games together. But fast forward a few years, and there's a good chance they would rather spend time with friends.

Busy schedules can also make it more difficult to find family time as your kids grow up. So it's important to **be proactive** about making time to be together. Regular routine opportunities like meal times shared together create a reassuring space for joys and worries to be shared. Finding solutions to problems collaboratively is always easier over food!

Family fun nights are a great way to spend quality time together and provide your child with **positive attention**. Whether you're able to schedule fun night once a week or once a month, regular family time can be an important ritual in your growing kid's life. The key is to make family fun night a priority and get everyone in the family involved.

If your kids groan when you bring up spending quality time together, make it clear that everyone is going to participate. For one night, don't answer the phone, ignore social media, and step away from your electronics. Make your time together about talking, laughing, and creating new memories. Create opportunities to show children 'old-fashioned' ways to have fun and find entertainment!

Although 11-year-olds are starting to develop their own personality among a social group, they haven't yet resisted the concept of "family time." Make participation in family activities, such as going to church or dinner with grandparents, and responsibilities like chores part of the standard daily routine.

## Fun Ideas that do not cost a lot:

*Take a frisby or a ball to the beach or the park*

*Invite grandparents or cousins to a family meal. Let the kids plan and help prepare the catering*

*Share in memories; create scrap books or collages of pictures old and new.*

*Explore a public footpath, use maps and apps for adventures, have you geo-cached?*

*Bike ride adventures*

*Collect natural items from outside to use for a craft project*

*Demonstrate and practise a new skill that not everybody knows; can you cross stitch?*

*Prepare a picnic and lunch together outside in the fresh air*

*Wear your wellies and go pond dipping or splashing in the waves at the beach*

*Build a blanket fort that everyone can fit in*

*Create a family exercise regime that challenges everyone to work on their fitness*

*Find a recipe that excites everyone and play 'master-chef'*

*Organise a Movie Night*

*Share in a story together*

*Invent a game, make the board game/dice/counters, write the rules, and see if it works!*

*Use an old roll of wall paper to roll out and draw around your bodies, can you fill the body picture with messages about the things you each love about this person?*



<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-strengthen-your-familys-bond-ten-tips-2609591>

10 Tips to Strengthen Your Family's Bonds  
[www.verywellfamily.com](http://www.verywellfamily.com)

Family meetings are a good time for everyone to check in with each other, air grievances, or discuss future plans (like a holiday!) These can be scheduled events or you can make them impromptu and allow any member of the family to call a meeting if they feel the need.

# Early Help At Family Hubs



## Passionate About Parenting

Ever wondered why your child  
behaves a certain way?

Feel alone?

Not sure who can  
help?

Are you thinking  
that something  
needs to change?

Come along to our free **One Day Parenting Workshop** to learn some new skills on how to manage difficult behaviour and improve you and your child's relationship at home.



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**09.30- 2.30 pm.**

**Grampound Village Hall, Fore Street, Grampound TR2 4SB**

**Please bring your lunch.**

**Tea & Coffee provided**

**To book a place:** Please call Tregolls Family Hub 01872 322661