

# St Day and Carharrack Community School Newsletter no.14

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We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks at school with all children involved in a range of new learning opportunities – including Capoeira, kite making workshops, ping-pong, choir practice, spectacular dancing and trips out of school. Huge thanks to the staff team and parent volunteers for making this all possible. In the run up to Easter, there is lots more planned so please check your child's book bag each day. Next week, we will have the NSPCC visiting the school to deliver their **Speak out, Stay safe**, programme to all year groups. In the afternoon there will be a workshop for parents in the hall at 2.00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> March, which I highly recommend. It highlights the dangers of social media, what we should be

aware of and how as parents we can support our children to be safe online.  
More information to follow.

## **World Book Day**

Thanks to everyone for participating in our World Book Day last Friday. The effort put into celebrating our favourite book characters was incredible. We spent part of the day enjoying some reading across the school with our junior children sharing books with our younger children. We also celebrated costumes and our shared love of all things books and reading in a whole school assembly.

## **Our Assembly Focus : Kindness**

The children continue to focus on different virtues in assembly linked to the Golden Rules. The children are focusing on what it means to be kind, how to be kind and what an incredibly powerful impact being kind has on others.

## **Absence from School and Emergency Contact Numbers**

Thank you to all the families supporting us with our drive for punctuality. In one week there has been a massive difference which means your children are getting the best possible deal! We had the Educational Welfare Officer in school last week, leading a whole school assembly on the importance of good attendance. To support Mrs Hill in the office, we are requesting all parents to **phone and leave a message on the school phone any time before 9.00am if your child is poorly and needs to stay at home**. This is your responsibility so we can ensure the well-being and safety of all children. If we do not hear from you, you will receive a welfare call. We are also reminding parents to inform us of a change in mobile numbers as soon as possible as there have been a few instances when we have not been able to get hold of parents. Many thanks.



### **Friends of St Day and Carharrack PTA**

We have a dedicated group of parents working incredibly hard with the school to raise funds and work on joint projects to provide great facilities for learning and enjoyment. Thank you to the PTA for their recent contributions to support teaching – we have received paint for art, new dictionaries, books for enjoyment, flip charts and coloured pens in all the classrooms. We are now working on developing the outdoor environment – to include a fire-pit, football and netball pitch and places to sit and enjoy learning outdoors for staff and children. Please support the events planned for this week. The PTA are always looking for new volunteers so please do ask if you can spare a few hours or have any great ideas.

### **Redruth Learning Group Dance Event**

Last week 32 children from school participated in the RLG dance event at the Regal Theatre. What a fabulous afternoon and evening it was! The children did themselves, their families and the school proud; they showed energy, enthusiasm and courage as they performed their dances in front of hundreds of people. For many children, this was the first time they performed in front of an audience. It truly was an amazing opportunity, which we hope, will inspire them to pursue interests such as this. Some children said 'it was the best thing they'd ever seen'. Well done, children! We all can't wait to see you on stage again sometime very soon!

### **Signs and Wonders Project**

Turquoise class enjoyed an amazing day designing, making and flying kites. They worked with artist Claire Summerson and made the kites as part of the Signs and Wonders project. The kites will be part of the procession through the village on March 24th.

The culmination of all these wonderful workshops is the Signs and Wonders event, which is taking place on March 24th. This involves the whole community with various installations appearing across St Day. The School will be hosting the kite flying installation at 19:00 on Saturday on the school field. You are all invited to join the community on the school field (weather permitting) to enjoy the children's work. A lantern parade will then be starting on the school playground – should you have made a lantern on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, it will be available to pick up here – at 19:45. This parade will make its way through the village. **It would be great to see as many families as possible supporting the event!**

### **Disco, Disco!**

Our amazing PTA group, Friends of St Day and Carharrack, have organised an Easter disco, which will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see below for further information.

- EYFS and KS1 Disco – 17:30 – 18:15
- KS2 Disco – 18:30 – 19:30

Tickets are £2.50 and include a drink and sweets.

Tickets are required for entry; these can be purchased now from the school office until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. You will need to complete the back of the ticket with information about how your child will go home and a contact number in case of emergencies.

Thank you for supporting this event!

### **Parking – clarification**

For your child's safety we ask that cars are not driven along the road in front of school during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times, between 8.10 – 4.00 p.m. with the exception of disabled access. We have had a number of concerns this week, with parents reversing into the school car park to turn around and endangering children walking to and from school.

### **School Council Success!**

On Tuesday a few members of our School Council are visiting St Austell with a member of school staff to participate in the final round of the 'Think Big' competition. The children designed a persuasive poster explaining what they would do with £500 to improve our school environment. Their entry was shortlisted and they now have to present their ideas using their powers of persuasion to try and win the £500. They have considered what they would do to improve the area outside Turquoise Class – they have some great ideas! Good luck School Council!

### **Phonics Challenge!**

The answer to last week's problem was 'ir'.

Well done to Leona Mitchell, Ben Hayden and Aaron Thomas for finding Ms Baron with the correct answer!

This week's problem....

What sound are these words missing?

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**ch**\_\_\_\_\_

**st**\_\_\_\_\_

**p**\_\_\_\_\_

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### **Term Dates and INSET**

#### Spring Term

4 January – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

(Half-term 12- 16 February 2018)

(Easter - 30 March – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

#### Summer Term

16 April - 20 July 2018

May Day – 7 May 2018

(Half-term 28 May - 1 June 2018)

#### **INSET 2017-18**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- Easter Disco - Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> (this will be a ticketed event – more info to follow)
- FOSDC Easter Cake Sale – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (please help us out and donate a cake –more info to follow)
- Sports Day – Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Superhero Stomp – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (to end off Healthy Me Week)
- FOSDC Summer Fayre – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Summer Disco – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July (this will be a ticketed event – more info to follow)

### **This week's challenge:**

- Harry puts the following numbers in order.  
345, 278, 301, 287, 388.  
Which number would be third?

### **Maths Challenge!**

Thanks to all the children who returned the maths challenge from the last newsletter.

The answer was £2.55 and Aaron Thomas from Emerald Class was the winner! Well done, Aaron!

Keep your answers coming to Ms Popperwell and look out in the next newsletter to see if you're the lucky winner!

## Attendance

**Week Ending – 16/03/2018**

Emerald Class – 98.7%  
Topaz Class – 98.6%  
Opal Class – 98.6%  
Sapphire Class – 98.2%  
Jade Class – 96.5%  
Amber Class – 95.8%  
Turquoise Class – 95.4%

**Weekly average – 97.5% 😊**

## Reading Children

Opal Class – Taylor & Lilly  
Jade Class – Isobel & Logan  
Amber Class – Arthur & Ethan  
Topaz Class – Sam & Lewis  
Emerald Class – Keira & Charlotte  
Sapphire Class – Sophie & Oliver  
Turquoise Class – Kaiya & Ben

## Writing Children

Opal Class – Max & Jacob  
Jade Class – Leo R & Charlie  
Amber Class – Imogen & Ruby  
Topaz Class – Elissa & Violet  
Emerald Class – Olivia & Destiny  
Sapphire Class – Anya & Lewis  
Turquoise Class – Toby & Olivia

## Maths Children

Opal Class – Emily & Elsie  
Jade Class – Jacob & Bella  
Amber Class – Riley & Ivon  
Topaz Class – Lillie & Kitty  
Emerald Class – Naomie & Felicity  
Sapphire Class – Eden & Anya  
Turquoise Class – Max & Ellie

## Golden Learners

Opal Class – Elliot & Brooke  
Jade Class – Jonty & Ailla  
Amber Class – Carter & Meisha  
Topaz Class – Emilia & James  
Emerald Class – Siena & Bracken  
Sapphire Class – Joshua & Phoebe  
Turquoise Class – Anna & Katie W

## Easter Menu – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March



Sausage and chips

Veggie sausage and chips

Peas or beans

Jacket potato

Easter Biscuit

**Key Stage 2 - Price £2.30**

**Key Stage 1 – Universal Free Meal**

**Please order and pay at the office.**

## Sport Relief

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Whatever Moves You!**



**Children to wear P.E kit and take part in the many steps challenge towards a grand school total for Sport Relief.**

**Donations welcome - £1 for Sport Relief**

**Thank you**



