

St Day and Carharrack Community School Newsletter no.16

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Hello families, we hope you all enjoyed the extra-long weekend in the beautiful weather outdoors. It is scientifically proven that **spending time outside lowers levels of cortisol**, the stress hormone in the body; this in turn enables the brain to develop and strengthen the connections it needs for positive social interactions and learning!

Thank you to the school community for another great couple of weeks at St Day and Carharrack Community School! We have had cultural workshops with Daya, the Old Church celebration and Rocket Readers' have fully launched in Jade and Amber Class; thank you to all the parents and family members who have been into school to support with this. The children have been getting outdoors and are well into their new class topics. Golden Time has been adapted after listening to pupil voice and there have been all sorts of activities to enjoy including cooking, music and slime making! We are looking forward to many events this term including Feast day, school camp and Sports Day. **For Sports Day, Friday 18th May we would like to invite parents along for a 'family picnic' from 12.15.** Bring your own picnic and blanket to set yourself up and enjoy lunch with your child, ready for a 1.15 start. Let's hope the sun is shining!

We would like to say a huge thanks to the families of Mrs Hicks and Mrs Salter who gave up their Saturday morning to shift the logs to enable all our children to enjoy some new activities. **We now have a fabulous circle of logs - for whole class circle-time outdoors and our very own fire-pit!** Come and take a look! We have started a log trail for hopping along and have a pile of lighter branches for the children to use for den building. The school council have been involved in developing our outdoor learning space - which will include having the playground courts marked up, some new climbing posts and various activities; keep your eyes peeled for future updates. **Reminder:** Please remember to supervise your children at the end of the school day if they are on the trim trail. We have reminded children in school after a couple of incidents last week.



A visit from Daya

Emerald and Topaz class had a fantastic time on Wednesday when Daya, a friend of the school and the community visited to talk about different cultures and religions. Both classes had a fantastic time dressing in traditional Indian clothing and they learned about Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam. Daya stayed in the afternoon and the children made chapattis and taste traditional Indian food, which was delicious! We look forward to welcoming her back soon!

Attendance

Week Ending – 28/04/2018

Jade Class – 100%
Sapphire Class – 99.1%
Turquoise Class – 98.8%
Opal Class – 98.6%
Topaz Class – 96.4%
Emerald Class – 95.7%
Amber Class – 95.6%

Weekly average – 97.6% 😊

Congratulations to Jade class for a 100% exceptional week of attendance from every member in the class! Jade class will be rewarded with double Golden Time and an extra special treat! Sapphire and Turquoise did extremely well - both above 98%, earning some additional Golden Time. As a whole school, **the attendance picture is improving each week - we are now at 95.5% which is just below the National average of 96%.** Please remember, if your child's attendance is dropping below 95%, we will start to monitor your child's attendance patterns. Below 90% is considered as persistent absence and will involve the Educational Welfare Officer. We are really pleased that the majority of children are getting to school on time- this is making a massive difference to your child's learning and improving the attendance figures for the whole school. Thank you.

Our Virtue is Gentleness

GENTLENESS is moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly and thinking kindly. When you feel mad or hurt, use your self-control. Instead of harming someone, take time out and talk things out peacefully. You are making the world a safer, gentler place.

Despite a great couple of weeks with the majority of our children, we have had to take seriously some challenging behaviour from a few. The consequences for this behaviour are clear; should a child choose to be physical towards someone else (child or adult), the child will not return to their class for a fixed period of time, lose Golden Time and families will be contacted for a meeting about how we are all supporting the child to make good choices. Should the incident be extremely serious, you will be contacted immediately and expected to come and collect your child. We hope you will support us with this as we have a duty of care to all children and need to ensure the well-being of everyone. In light of this, our virtue for the week ahead is - **GENTLENESS.** In class circle-times we will discuss what this looks like and the word 'bullying' - what this means, how we can stop it, the impact it has on everyone involved and what to do if you think you are being bullied. We will focus on our Golden Rule of being gentle.

Rocket Readers in Yr1 and 2 Class!



Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 14:50! Come and join us! Thank you.

Maths Challenge

These 3 bottles each have more than 20ml of water in but less than 50ml. The green bottle has 5ml more than the red bottle. The blue bottle has 10ml more than the green bottle. How much could each bottle have in?



Well Done to Aaron, the winner of the last Maths Challenge.

Well done Topaz Class!

Friend of the school and local artist Kate Beesley returned the lanterns to Topaz Class this week, after having been used in all the recent wonderful local Signs and Wonders events.

Her words were, 'They really are a lovely group of children! They made me feel very welcome. I do hope I get a chance in the future to work with your school again. It really was one of the highlights of the whole project for me!'

**How lovely, Topaz Class!
Well done!**

Term Dates and INSET

Summer Term

16th April – 20th July 2018

May Day – 7th May 2018 (School Closed)

Half-term – 28th May – 1st June 2018

Remaining INSET Days 2017-2018

23rd July 2018

24th July 2018

Dates for your diary

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 14th May

Sports Day – Friday 18th May

Sports Day Back-Up – Monday 21st May

St Day Feast – Monday 11th June (letter to follow)

Summer Disco – Friday 13th July

Phonics Challenge The new challenge is:-

Answer will be found in the next

Newsletter!

What sound are these words missing?

fl____

gr____

n____

thr____

ch____ing

Calling all Parents...

Moving forward, we would like to organise an informal '**Friends of St Day and Carharrack**' group of parents to support the school with local fundraising activities. This group will be open to all interested parents on a flexible basis with a named member of staff to support. I would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work in organising so many events and the incredible amount of money they have raised. There are a number of events that had been planned for the Summer Term which we would like to continue to support. If there is enough support from the local community we will continue to hold these events - we can't do it without you so **please come along to an open meeting on Monday 21st May at 3.00 p.m. in the school hall.**

Ms Storey will be present for this meeting.

Golden Learners

Opal Class – Zachari
Jade Class – Hugo & Leo W
Amber Class – Finley & Sky
Topaz Class – Jacob & Jake
Emerald Class – Jaimey & Jay
Sapphire Class – Chloe & Errol
Turquoise Class – Chloe & Maban

Writing Children

Opal Class – Luna
Jade Class – Ailla & Leo H W
Amber Class – James & Lydia
Topaz Class – Thomas & Maisie
Emerald Class – Keira, Zara & Ellie
Sapphire Class – Sam & Lewis
Turquoise Class – Holly

Reading Children

Opal Class – Chloe
Jade Class – Bella & Jonty
Amber Class – Charlie & Miracle
Topaz Class – Shane
Emerald Class – Olivia/Bailey & Ellie Rose
Sapphire Class – Leona & Oliver
Turquoise Class – Emma & Katie R

Maths Children

Opal Class – Charlie
Jade Class – Kieran & Scarlett
Amber Class – Thomas & Riley
Topaz Class – Lucas & James
Emerald Class – Piran & Oliver
Sapphire Class – Sophie & Sam
Turquoise Class – Abigail & Isabelle

Amber Class visit Falmouth Art Gallery



On Tuesday Amber class went to Falmouth Art Gallery and Library for the day. The children linked their topic and learning about the queen and created portraits of themselves to support their learning.

Amber class had a fantastic day and had a wonderful time.

SCHOOL LUNCH - SPECIAL ROYAL MENU

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2018

MAIN

Princely Pizza (Chicken, cheese, pineapple)

VEGETARIAN

Princess Pasta (Macaroni Cheese)

SIDE

Windsor Wedges (Baked potato wedges)

VEGETABLES

Summer Salad (Mixed leaf salad)

DESSERT

Congratulation Crumble (Pear & chocolate)



Please order in the classroom and pay at the office – KS1 Free, KS2 £2.30 per child

School Council Success!

It is with much pride that we can announce the children representing our school at the ThinkBig competition last week **returned victorious!** They completed their pitch in front of 'real-life' judges explaining how they would use £500 to improve an aspect of school life that would benefit everyone. They used their **powers of persuasion and expertly crafted posters** and pictures to convince the judges that they should win. And they did! The children will be using their money to update the area between Sapphire and Turquoise class as this is a part of the school that all children, families and visitors pass through. **A massive well done to Kaiya, Ethan and Finlay for being simply brilliant and Mrs Hicks for supporting!**

KS2 Old Church Event

On Monday KS2 visited the Old Church to celebrate its new lease of life! The organisers had the following words to say about the children: *Thank you so much for the children's involvement in the Old Church celebrations today. Their singing was lovely, and their behaviour impeccable. It was wonderful to see so many of them with their colourful flags - they really made the event. The tea team commented on how beautifully behaved they were, and many people said how good it was to have them there.*



KS2 Beach Safety Talk

Last week KS2 received their annual Beach Safety talk as part of the wonderful work the RNLI do to help keep us all safe around water. Of course, given where we are all lucky enough to live, this is life-saving information.

Please speak to your children about this assembly and double check they have understood the advice the lifeguards shared with the children.



