

'Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant or insecure remember to whom you belong.' Ephesians 2

Next week...

There may be very hungry children in **Reception class** as we read about a certain caterpillar.

Year 1 will be climbing up the beanstalk with Jack.

Year 2 will be creating super hero adventure stories.

Year 3 will be exploring Cornish mining.

Year 4 will be exploring 'Performance Poetry' – focusing on rhythm, rhyme and repetition.

Year 5 will be publishing their amazing myths and reading these to another class.

Due to the effect of Storm Freya, **Year 6 will be** making a second attempt at using our quadrats in scientific fieldwork

BREAKING NEWS – THE SCHOOL COUNCIL'S ENTRY TO 'THE BIG THINK' COMPETITION HAS BEEN SHORT-LISTED. WELL DONE CHILDREN.

Key dates for the remainder of the year

11th March – TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

15th March – Comic Relief Day. Non-uniform Day – wear something RED and a donation of up to £1.00

15th – 20th March – Scholastic Book Fayre. If you think you may be able to help please see Mrs Dunbar.

15th March – Year 6 trip to Buckland Abbey

19th March – Year 6 Trip to Coethele House

21st March – Year 5 trip to Junior Life Skills Centre

25th March – Year 2 trip to Morwellham Quay

***WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL – KS2 PASSION PLAY AT ST NICHOLAS AND ST FAITH CHURCH starting at 6.30pm**

4th April – Egg-mobile competition

5th April – Easter Egg Hunt

8th – 22nd April inclusive – EASTER HOLIDAY

23rd April – Back to school

25th April – Year 6 trip to Plymouth University to see The Tempest

7th May – RNLI Beach talk to KS2

21st May – M and M Theatre production for KS2 – The Hobbit

6th June – ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW FOR KS2

12th June – Bishop Philip, the Bishop of Truro visiting the school for a Confirmation Service

17th June – Tempest team photographs

21st June – Year 6 Activity Day at Duchy College

24th – 28th June – Year 5 trip to Heatree

3rd July – Provisional class move-up day (subject to Year 6 transition day)

10th July – NSPCC Visit – Speak Out, Stay Safe

Meet your child's new teacher presentation from 3.20pm

24th July – End of summer term

All Saints Stock Market Challenge

Five intrepid stockbrokers headed off to All Saints on Wednesday to take part in the Stock Market Challenge. They spent the day trading stocks and shares. They more than trebled their funds. The children told us, **'It was great fun and helped us learn lots and maybe helped us with money in the future. IT WAS VERY CHALLENGING!'**



Please remember that the school photographer will be with us on Monday taking class photographs.

THE SCHOLASTIC SCHOOL BOOK FAYRE

The Book Fayre will be held each day from Friday 15th to Wednesday 20th March in the Music Room of the Education Centre from 2.50pm – 3.45pm. Please do come and have a look for a book. We receive commission in the form of books for every sale and this is a wonderful way for us to stock up on new titles in the library. If you are able to help on any of the days please speak to Mrs Dunbar.



SPORTS NEWS FROM MR BROWN

Eight intrepid cyclists were our first competitors ever in the Grass-track Cycling competition held in Landrake on Monday. Despite the cold and wet conditions they were amazing and the team were awarded first place. They have qualified for the next round of trials, which could lead to the Cornwall School Games.

Requests for holiday absence

We have recently had a significant rise in the number of requests for holiday absence – please remember that **only** in **exceptional circumstances** can any headteacher authorise these absences. A child's previous attendance record will be taken into consideration when a decision is made. The national average for a child's attendance is 96% - the Local Authority may look at attendance below this.

If a child's attendance is only 90% it equates to a child missing half a day a week of school every week. At 80% this means a child, on average, has only attended school for 4 days out of 5 – this means that a lot of learning has been missed and this will have a direct impact on progress and attainment.

If you are requesting holiday absence for your child please indicate why there are exceptional circumstances i.e. working patterns that do not allow time off during school holidays. We would however reiterate that parents are urged **not** to take holidays during school term times unless absolutely necessary. Thank you.

On Wednesday Revd Cathy came into school and offered 'ashing' to those children that wanted to take part. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and on the previous day, Shrove Tuesday, all the children enjoyed pancakes of all types! The whole school was filled with delicious aromas!



As always, it was an absolute joy to take the children to the ballet at the Theatre Royal. They were superbly well behaved and we even received this email this morning from a member of the public ...***'My wife and I were at the matinee performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Theatre Royal Plymouth earlier today, and were sat directly behind part of your trip (the boys in the middle of row G). The students' behaviour throughout the afternoon was excellent, and it was a pleasure to see so many children enjoying the performance (speaking as a former drama teacher and current youth worker) My compliments to the staff involved.*** We hope the children enjoyed the performance and the experience of the ballet – thank you for your support.

Meanwhile back in school.... KS1 and Reception looked amazing for World Book day. They had a fantastic time together. Thank you for dressing the children so imaginatively - even the staff joined in! More pictures next week. ☺

