

Next week the children in:

Reception will be looking forward to a special visit from the Police.

Year 1 will be having a tea party with a very special stripy visitor.

Year 2 will be forest detectives, hunting for different types of trees.

Year 3 will be back in the stone age continuing their cave paintings.

Year 4 will be creating their own fables.

Year 5 will be painting with acrylic paints.

Year 6 will be looking at the artwork of Hans Holbein and discovering an 'ugly' truth!

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Tuesday and Wednesday 1st & 2nd October – PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS 3.30 – 6.00pm

Thursday 3rd October – Parenting Course

Friday 11th October – PTA Family Beetle Drive 6.00 – 7.00pm

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October HALF TERM

Monday 4th November – Tempest Individual Photographs

Wednesday 13th November – Nasal Flu Immunisation

Wednesday and Thursday 11th & 12th December – Christmas Productions

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Christingle Service at St Stephen's Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January – School re-opens

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY – PARENT CONSULTATION DAY

Other dates will be added as and when agreed.

Please do make a note of these dates.

Saxophone and clarinet lessons are now being offered on Monday morning, with piano and flute lessons on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Dunbar.



PTA Meeting

The Parent Teacher Association helps provide essential funds for the school and over the years has provided play equipment, part funded the yurt and helps with the upkeep of the animals. It also organises fun social events for the school community such as the forthcoming Beetle Drive. We are holding a planning meeting on **Friday 27th September at 2.30pm** so please do come along and meet other parents as we plan the term ahead.

PE UPDATE FROM MR BROWN

Family Fitness Challenge

Following the success of the Couchto5k last summer I thought it would be a good idea to introduce a family physical challenge each half term. This half term it will be to challenge yourselves and each other to see how long you can hold the Plank position for. The Plank is a great way of strengthening your core. At the end of the half term we will record everyone's best time and see who are the best Plank families and individuals! More details to follow.

Hockey Heroes

Hockey Heroes is a fun and welcoming programme aimed at children aged 5-8 that aims to develop both their physical and character 'superpowers', unlocking the hero inside them!

Caradon Hockey Club have been chosen by England Hockey as one of only two clubs in Cornwall to take on this 6-week project running from 1st October to 5th November, 5pm-6pm at Menheniot's MUGA pitch. The sessions focus on helping children develop some physical hockey superpowers such as dribbling, passing and goal scoring, but also places as much emphasis on character development superpowers including teamwork, communication, perseverance and respect.

The aim is for children to have lots of fun, experience lots of success, and feel like a hero! This will boost their confidence and ensure a positive experience of physical activity and sport that will have a beneficial effect in the rest of their life. For £32, the child gets 6 weekly sessions every Tuesday, two hockey sticks, a ball, stickers and a personalised t-shirt. For more information and to register your child, visit www.hockeyheroes.co.uk.

BEING PASSIONATE ABOUT PARENTING

We are hosting this FREE one-day workshop for parents on the 3rd October from 9.30am – 2.30pm. This is being run by Family Workers from Cornwall Council and will be a valuable day for all parents who would like some practical, emotional and friendly support and help. The focus of the workshop will be to build relationships with your child; to develop strategies to support behaviour; to give support and information to parents and carers and to support parents in building healthy relationships that encourage independence, respect and good communication. If you are at all interested, or know someone who might be, please see Mrs Dunbar or Mrs Hale for a leaflet.

Messy Church takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month and is always has great family activities, all-age worship and food for all. It is held at **St Stephen's Church** from **3pm – 5pm**. The dates are as follows:

21 st September	19 th October
16 th November	21 st December
19 th January	16 th February

Please do go along.

There is also a Family Service on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Stephen's Church starting at 9.30am – all are welcome.

Harvest Festival Service

Our annual Harvest Festival Service will take place on Friday 4th October at 1.30pm at St Stephen's Church. As in previous years we will be collecting produce for the Saltash Foodbank. They currently need: **milk (uht or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (cartons), soup pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tin), tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, cereals, rice pudding (tin), tea bags instant coffee, instant mashed potato rice (500g), pasta (500g), tinned meat tinned fish, tinned fruit, jam or spreads biscuits and snacks. The have plenty of baked beans!**

During the week leading up to the Service we will invite the children to bring any of the above items into school.

The Reception children have really settled into school life and are enjoying playing and learning with their friends.



To start the year, Year 6 had a berry-bursting adventure, trekking through the fields in search of nature's bounty! Here is what they wrote...

We set off with bags, punnets, wellies and smiles on our faces! We had a leisurely stroll, heading off into the late summer sun towards Churchtown Farm. On reaching our destination, we were all astonished with the plethora of berries that crowded the hedgerows. Not only did we find an abundance of blackberries, we also discovered crab apples, sloes, haws and rosehips; all perfect for a homemade, hedgerow cordial! Ambling into the next field, we climbed onto some giant hay bales to rest our weary legs and have a snack – gobbling a blackberry or two! Our journey back to school was rewarded with a scrumptious blackberry crumble (*with cream!*), which tantalised everyone in school with its irresistible, autumnal fragrance! It was delicious! We have plans to make homemade bread, butter and jam soon... look out for more photos on the website!

