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Parc Eglos School Newsletter

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'Learning today for the world of tomorrow'

Words from The Stay Safe Initiative

We recently visited Parc Eglos to work with Yr5's presenting a half day Anti-bullying Workshop. This session, gives young people the opportunity to fully understand the the subject of bullying. Covering everything from what the word means, why it happens, the damage it causes, all the way through to how to prevent it as well as how to get help if it's happening.

This session not only helps young people understand how serious the effect of bullying can be, but also highlights the importance of speaking out and getting help. The skills and advice the children learnt throughout this session is aimed at helping today and tomorrow as well as giving them valuable life skills to take with them way into secondary school and beyond.

As with previous visits, Richard our head instructor was extremely impressed with the Yr5's enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the morning with all of the children being very keen to share ideas and contribute in an extremely mature and grown up way. They were more than happy to get involved with the fun side of things during our physical games and challenges during the session and they all were extremely keen to share what they had learnt at the end of the session during the final Q&A. Richard also commented on the overall friendly and positive vibe coming from all the Yr5's, staff and the whole school in general. The Stay Safe Initiative looks forward to returning in 2021 to continue their work with the future Yr5 cohort.



Christmas Cards

We will be allowing children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends, we will be placing boxes in each class where children can put their cards, these will remain in quarantine until w/c 14th December when they will be given out for children to take home. Please can we ask that children only send cards to other member of their class and the cut off date for bringing cards in is Friday 11th December. Any cards brought in after this date will have to be returned back home.

Blackbird Pie Magazine

Welcome to the winter issue of BlackbirdPie online magazine! Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows. Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as Covid-safe as possible.

We have searched out quite a lot of free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers, free entry at PK Porthcurno and The Box Plymouth, stories, videos and art activities to download, and historic sites to explore. As well as the new online format we will be doing more on facebook and Instagram, so please seek us out for regular activities and updates in between issues. Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue.

Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>

Polar Express Day

Every child across school is invited to attend our Polar Express Party on the last day of term which is Friday 18th December 2020. Your child will need to bring some pyjamas/onsie/nightwear (this can also include dressing gown and slippers). Everyone will settle down to watch a special showing of The Polar Express in their classroom where we will be serving some festive refreshments - courtesy of The Friends of Parc Eglos along with some other treats and surprises. We are also expecting a special visitor at some point on this day!



Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance %	No. of Lates
Sunbeams	99.3	2
Stars	98.6	0
1FP/JD	96.6	2
1BM	98.6	10
2HE	98.3	3
2NE	98.3	0
3KD	98.2	2
3SG/JB	94.6	4
4SC	98.7	0
4SR	97.6	9
5RG	98.8	2
5HH/PL	96.9	4
6KH	96.9	4
6DF	99.0	0

The expected percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Let's see if each class can aim for this or above!



Change of Inset Day

Please note the inset day we had scheduled for **Monday 22nd February 2021** has now changed to **Friday 22nd January 2021**.

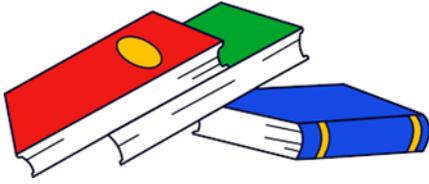
Next week, our school menu will be on **WEEK 2**

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 1st December	Y6 Christingle - Christmas Photo Day
Wednesday 2nd December	EYFS, Nursery Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Photo Day
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	POLAR EXPRESS DAY
21st December - 1st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 4th January 2021	Start of SPRING TERM
Friday 22nd January 2021	INSET DAY



Headteacher's Reading Update



Thank you for your tremendous support this year with all we are trying to achieve. We had a huge response to our telephone parent/teacher consultations this month and it is clear that many of you are helping us to make up for all the lost time and supporting us with reading with children at home. We are also looking for support with listening to children read at school. We have not been able to invite parents back into school for all the

obvious reasons, but we were wondering if any parents would be interested in listening to children read via 'Zoom'. We would clearly have to follow strict safeguarding guidelines but we do think this will be really worthwhile and are keen to recruit grandparents and parents who can help. Please do contact us if you would like to volunteer for this exciting project.

We have all worked really hard with the children particular from the beginning of the first lockdown and we are pleased as to where they are, all things considered, thank you for your contribution, it has been significant. Of course we have areas we need to address but gradually, with a step by step approach we will move them in the right direction. The one area that we need to do the most work on is Phonics/Reading. Having thought about this long and hard, I believe that we need a whole school training day sooner rather than later. This means that we do need to bring forward our whole school training day which was originally planned for Monday 22nd February to Friday 22nd January. I apologise if you have already planned around this, but these are such tricky times and we need to address this issue as soon as we possibly can. The full list of INSET days for the rest of the academic year is:

Friday January 22nd 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Tuesday 8th June 2021

Scholastics

Thank you to everyone who made a purchase from our virtual bookfair - we raised £41.72. Most orders have arrived and Mrs Monks will be outside the office from 2.50pm on Monday 30th November for collection. All orders are packed in parcel bags for discreteness. Books not collected on Monday can be collected from the school office between 10am - 2pm daily from Tuesday 1st Dec.



Tempest School Photographs

We are looking to book our usual professional photographers to come into school to do individual school photos. Because of the current pandemic we will be unable to offer any sibling group photos, though things may well change before the photographers come in to school. Please keep an eye on our newsletters in the new year for more information and dates.

Dogs on School Grounds



Please can we remind parents/carers that we do not permit dogs on the school grounds this includes being carried. Many thanks.

Christmas Decorations

Mr Pennell has been busy this week making our school grounds more festive, he has been dotting lights around in the bushes and trees and even painted a snowman on the garage doors! Thank you Mr Pennell :)

