



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Newsletter 8th February 2019

Parents' Evenings

This term, Parents' Evenings will be on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March - please book an appointment via eSchools on our website or via the eSchools app. Log in to eSchools via the 'Login' tab on our school website. Once you have logged in, click on the arrow next to the 'Homework' tab on the top of the page, this will reveal a 'Parents Evening' tab in a drop down menu. Click on this to get to the Parents' Evening page. Underneath the 'Bookings' heading, you will see your child's name, click on the green 'Book' tab. You will then be able to choose the evening you would like to attend and then the specific timeslot. Please do let us know if you have any problems with this or need help as we are happy to book you in from school computers if needed. Prior to your appointment (on Friday 1st March) you will receive your child's mid-year report - this will enable you to find out how your child is doing and will help inform discussion at your meeting with the teacher.

Staffing Changes - SENCO, Starfish And Year 4 Turtles

Emma Parris Fitzgibbon will continue as our SENCO after half term until the end of spring term. Jo Radley will teach all 5 days a week in Year 4 from after half term until the end of spring term. Emma Shipton will continue in Starfish from Monday to Thursday and each Friday the class will be taught by Anna Bayly. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



Decorate an Egg Competition

The British Hen Welfare Trust will soon be visiting Key Stage 1 to help them explore food, farming and animal welfare topics; giving them the knowledge and skills to make food choices that are healthy for both themselves and for farmed animals. The British Hen Welfare Trust save over 50,000 hens from slaughter and find them caring homes to enjoy a free-range environment. As a 'thank you' for volunteering to visit our school we would like to raise funds to donate to their charity. Therefore, Key Stage 1 would like to invite all children to take part in a 'decorate an egg' competition which will be held on Friday 1st March. There will be a 50p entry fee and the best decorated egg from each class will win a prize. We will put them on display for all to see from 2.30pm in the hall and we will also be holding a 'free-range' cake sale. Please feel free to bring in cake donations on this day, along with your fabulous decorated eggs! Thank you.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and we marked the day with lots of discussion and activities. Please help your child stay safe online by ensuring that parental controls are on your computer and that you talk to your child about what to do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Please be vigilant and visit this excellent webpage for support and guidance: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> A number of our children have been using the app TicTok - it is recommended that children do not use this app if they are under 13. I have attached a parent factsheet to this newsletter for you to look at if your child is using or considering using the app.

Development Of The Outdoor Space

'Playful, nurturing & inspiring spaces, providing endless opportunity' (Draft Vision)

Thank you to everyone who has got involved in the design process, sharing your thoughts and ideas. We have identified lots of issues, such as mud (in its many forms), the need for quieter spaces and 'more stuff to do.' The school aims to deliver more of the curriculum outside and this is a big consideration. We are on track to produce a spatial plan with some detailed designs for priority areas by the end of this term, then projects will start to be delivered from the spring.

There are some amazing ideas big and small, including developing an area behind the hall & new library where children can eat, read, perform, learn or simply hang out. A possible solution to overcrowding in the top play area is to build up, developing a Tree House (Classroom) with interlinking platforms. The aim is to create multi-functional spaces; in the morning a Tree House may be used for storytelling, through play time it could be home to a big adventure and in the afternoon, it could be a bird watching platform delivering science.

Over the next few weeks we will be consulting with the children to add more ideas, detail and insight. Then a steering group will involve the school community in prioritisation, looking at value for money and feasibility, considering issues such as maintenance, etc. The chosen projects will be clustered into deliverable packages in order to work up and fundraise. There will be a display of the plans and all comments and ideas are welcome. You can either pop a note into reception or e-mail your thoughts. Keep an eye out for an updated display. Over the spring there will be plenty of time to get involved in the doing, digging, planting and building helping to deliver many smaller projects during Parent Volunteer Days.

Cycle To Wembley

On Thursday 28th February - Saturday 2nd March (and Sunday if needed) staff will be using 2 exercise bikes to cycle the 268 miles it would take to get from school to Wembley. This is to raise money for our children who are going to take part in the Voice In A Million singing event at Wembley Stadium in March. If you see us please donate some money in the bucket or via our JustGiving page (details to follow). Or if you fancy jumping on the bike to help that may well be much appreciated too!

Radio 2 500 Words Competition

Radio 2 have now launched their 500 words competition. Some of our children will be writing stories in school for the competition. If you would like to see details or would like to submit a story that your child has written at home, please visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>. The deadline for entries is Friday 8th March.

Parent Questionnaire

On Monday we are going to launch our parent questionnaire which can be filled in online anytime between 11th February and Friday 1st March. You will receive a letter with further information including log in details on Monday. If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know so that you can use our ipads / computer to complete the questionnaire. Alternatively, we are happy to give you a paper copy if easier.

Parking Outside School

Please make sure you do not park on the zig zags or block the driveways of our local residents.

Dogs On Railings

If you need to tie your dog to the railings outside school, please make sure they are not able to wander across the vehicle exit to the school.

Active Travel Day

As part of St Agnes Academy's commitment to sustainability we are part of the Sustrans schools project which promotes active travel to school (walking, scooting and cycling) and aims to reduce congestion near to school. We are holding an Active Travel to School Day this Tuesday 12th February. Pupils who cycle/scoot to school will have a free maintenance safety check done on their bike or scooter. Small adjustments will be made and a report attached to outline work done and any further work needed. A typical bike check involves

checking/adjusting brakes, handlebars, saddle and pedals, inflating tyres, tightening nuts and bolts and oiling parts. Scooter checks involve checking wheels, deck and fixings, making adjustments where necessary.

The school recommends the use of helmets. All bikes need to be roadworthy, and have working brakes and pumped up tyres. To take part simply cycle or scoot to school next Tuesday (12th February)!

Bake Off Competition

On your marks, get set, bake! St Agnes School Valentine's Bake-Off.

Calling all budding bakers and mini master chefs, we will be holding our very own bake-off competition next Friday 15th February 2019. With three categories in both KS1 and KS2 there's something for everyone to have a go at and all the food will be on sale throughout the day and after school. Money raised will be going towards some great school projects.

Categories are:

- 1) decorated biscuits
- 2) cake (one larger cake or 4 cupcakes)
- 3) fruit modelling

Let your imagination run wild, show off your culinary skills or simply enjoy sampling some of the entries!

Entries will be judged at lunchtime and there will be a winner in each category. Please provide your child with money if you would like them to be able to buy a cake during the school day; prices will be 30-50p.

Please remember all entries must be nut free.

Turtles Assembly (Year 4)

If you are a Turtles parent / carer - please do come along to watch your child's assembly next Thursday 14th February at 9.05am.

St Agnes Musical Showcase

Next Wednesday 13th February from 6 -7pm, we will be holding a music event with performances by our choir, recorder groups and our Key Stage 2 instrumental groups. Please do come along and listen if you can.

Science Week

We are pleased to announce that we will again be taking part in British Science Week. It is a ten day celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, running from 8th March - 17th March. This year's theme is 'journeys', encouraging young people to think about the different scientific journeys that happen every day and how they can discover science through their own lives and experiences. It's a chance for young people to consider how journeys can help us experience more of the world around us.

We hope to host a variety of different STEM activities throughout the week. Therefore, we would be delighted to welcome any parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles with a STEM background, to come and either run or help run a workshop with small groups of children. Alternatively, as we will be entering the Primary Engineer Leaders Award again this year, we would welcome engineers to come and talk to children with regards to their industry. If you can help with any of the above, please email Emma Shipton directly at ebennett@st-agnes.cornwall.sch. Thank you for your support.

Have a super weekend!

Dates For Your Diary Spring Term 1 2019

January 2019

- **Tuesday 12th February - Dr Bike Safety Checks**

- Wednesday 13th February - Musical Showcase - 6pm
- Thursday 14th February - Do It Day - Be It! Citizenship Day
- Thursday 14th February - Year 4 Class Assembly - 9.05am
- Friday 15th February - St Agnes Bake Off

Half term break - 18th February - 24th February

Spring 2 - 25th February - 5th April

- Thursday 28th February - Saturday 1st March - Stationary Bike to Wembley
- Friday 1st March - Mid Year Reports sent home
- Friday 1st March - Decorate an Egg and Cake Sale
- Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March - Parents Evening
- Friday 8th March - Deadline for 500 words entries
- Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March - Science Week

Easter Holidays - 8th April - 23rd April

Summer 1 - 24th April - 24th May

Half term break - 27th May - 2nd June

Summer 2 - 3rd June - 25th July (with one mid term inset day on Monday 1st July)

Summer holiday begins 26th July 2019.

Inset Days will be on: 23rd April and 1st July