



*Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility*  
*Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

### **Welly Walk To School**

Next week the back gate by Beaconsfield Playing Field will be open from 8.45am until 9am. We will trial this for a week to see if the route is well used (if not we will try again in spring). We are hoping that using 3 entrances to school will ease congestion and encourage more walkers. The field can be wet though so you may want to wear wellies and bring a change of shoes!

### **Walking Bus**

Please do make use of our walking bus - this service really helps reduce the congestion in the morning and should help you make a speedier get away so that you can start your day. A Walking Bus is a line of children walking in pairs along a safe route with an adult 'driver' at the front and an adult 'conductor' at the back, our Walking Bus is manned by school staff and sets off from the library at 8.45am.

### **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 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Sealions Assembly**

If you are a Sealions parent / carer - please do come along to watch your child's assembly next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.05am.

### **St Agnes Musical Showcase**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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, aunties, 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](mailto:ebennett@st-agnes.cornwall.sch). Thank you for your support.

### **STEM Returners programme With Babcock In Plymouth**

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! Babcock are currently sourcing candidates for the Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com). More information on the programme is also available here:

<https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/12/20/babcock-seeks-stem-returners-join-career-programme-devonport/>

### **Seeking Good Quality Armchairs**

If you have a spare armchair that you are looking to replace, we would be grateful if you could donate it to the school. We are hoping to create reading nooks and comfy spaces for the children.

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church at St Agnes Methodist Chapel is on this Sunday from 3 - 5pm and includes crafts, a story, food and fun.

### **Sugar Smart**

On Monday the children will have a Sugar Smart Assembly where they will learn more about a balanced diet and reducing their sugar intake. See our Sugar Smart display in the hall if you would like to find out more.

Have a fantastic weekend!

## **Dates For Your Diary Spring Term 1 2019**

### **January 2019**

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Year 2 Sealions Class Assembly - 9.05am**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 Penguins Class Assembly - 9.05am**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Dr Bike Safety Checks**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Musical Showcase - 6pm**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Do It Day - Be It! Citizenship Day**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4 Class Assembly - 9.05am**
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening**

**Half term break - 18th February - 24th February**

**Spring 2 - 25th February - 5th April**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**