



**The Bishops' C of E
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Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Our Christian Value—Compassion

Each half term we enthuse our children with a different Christian value through assemblies, lessons and our class dojo reward system. We talk about how to be compassionate, what it means to show kindness and give examples of how others show compassion in their daily life. This week, attached to the newsletter, are some ideas to help embed these messages at home. This resource will strengthen links with our community and can stimulate discussions and reflection. This isn't homework and is used most effectively when families are really enthusiastic about exploring the value at home. The activities can be downloaded from: https://www.the-bishops.cornwall.sch.uk/web/our_values/438047 and each half term we will send out the new home school values to tie in with what we are focusing on in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Richards

Bible passage of the week:

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved"

Psalms 55:22

INSET DAYS 2019/2020

Friday 3rd July
 Wednesday 22nd July
 Thursday 23rd July

BANK HOLIDAYS

Friday 8th May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day

TERM DATES 2019/2020

Autumn Term

28.10.2019 to 20.12.2019

Spring Term

06.01.2020 to 14.02.2020

24.02.2020 to 27.03.2020

Summer Term

14.04.2020 to 22.05.2020

01.06.2020 to 23.07.2020



Headteacher's reading tea and cake party



Well done to these super readers who celebrated their regular reading with a Headteacher's Tea and Cake Party on Thursday afternoon. There were some great books being read, from 'The Hairy Fairy' to 'Frog or Toad'. Well done team!





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Christmas Dates for your diary



10th and 12th December- EYFS Nativity performance in school at 2.15pm

11th December – Little Fistral Christmas sing-along 11am

11th December - Christmas themed Race for Life for Year 3

12th December - Year 1 out at Tehidy Woods for Rogue Theatre show

12th and 13th December KS2 out for Panto Aladdin at Lane Theatre

13th December - Christmas Lunch for all children Rec to Y6 in school. Please book your child's lunch on Parentpay

13th December - Christmas Jumper Day, come dressed in your Christmas Jumper for a small donation to Save the Children

13th December KS1 Rehearsal at St Michael's Church. Year 1 and 2 only please drop your child off a church at 8.45am

16th December - KS1 Nativity performance at St Michael's Church 2pm

18th December – Year 2 visit Newquay Cinema to watch Frozen 2

18th December - KS2 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church 6pm

19th December Little Fistral Christmas Party

20th December last day of our Autumn Term School finishes at 3.15pm



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Fistral and Towan

Infants on Ice



The children have been very excited about their upcoming trip to the Eden project and the trip definitely did not disappoint. We had lots of fun playing on the ice with our friends and after lunch we visited the Mediterranean and rainforest biomes. We all had a great time and by the end of the day we were all exhausted, with some of the children even having a nap on the coach journey back. What an exciting day out!





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Perran and Porth

Porth and Perran Classes have been busy with their science learning. Looking closely at the parts and functions of plants.



Predicting which plants will grow best, by changing the conditions they are kept in. We look forward to finding out if our predictions were correct...

Harbour and Watergate



Children have continued to impress us with their outstanding homework we really do appreciate the hard work that so obviously goes in to all of these. Thank you.

In Year 2 we have enjoyed rehearsing our school play with Year 1. Nearly all children now know their lines without the script which is fantastic! In Literacy we have started learning our new text 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' focusing on dialogue and settings. In maths children have continued to look at word problems and have started looking at counting money. In 'Open the book' assembly, Year 2 helped reenact scenes from the bible.

Christmas Stalls

We have been holding our Christmas Stalls for children this week.

Pupils and staff alike have enjoyed visiting the stalls, and the children have loved choosing their own presents for their family.

A massive thank you to all of our wonderful Bishops' Friends team. They have worked so hard to get the stalls ready for the children, from buying gifts to wrapping and writing tags.

You are all superstars!

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 13th December. Please could all bookings be made on Parentpay by Wednesday 11th December. Please find our Christmas menu later on in this Newsletter.

Nursery Closure

Little Fistral Nursery will be closed on Thursday 12th December to enable that room to be used as a polling station.



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Atlantic and Tolcarne



To celebrate Advent we have been lighting a candle which has numbers up to 24, and whilst the candle is lit we say a prayer.

Each day Miss Burnett chooses two people that have been showing our values to have an advent chocolate out of our little stockings that we have hanging at the front of our classroom.

After two people have chosen a chocolate Miss Burnett reads an interactive calendar with a Christmas fact.

We had an assembly that after we made baubles at home, we could put them on the Christmas tree.

By Scarlett J Tolcarne Class

Class Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 96.7%, This week's attendance award goes to Gannel Class with 99.6% attendance.

Gates

Please note that both gates are locked at 8.55am each morning as that is the start of school, at the end of the day the gates will be locked at 3.25pm prompt. Thank you.

Parentpay

Thank you to everyone who has made bookings for Early Birds and Lunches on our system. Please ask at the office if you have any questions regarding Parentpay.



In Year 3 this half term, we have been exploring the causes and effects of earthquakes. Today we were very lucky to welcome Kit Chambers (Motional Signal Technologies) who studies and analyses earthquakes for a living. He was eager to come in and share his very specific knowledge and experience with us. He explained the different types of waves, P waves and S waves, using groups of children to help him. He also talked about magnitude using spaghetti and showed us an online resource which plots all of the earthquakes that have happened in the last 30 days. You wouldn't believe how many there are! Did you know that both Portreath and Porthleven have had earthquakes this year already? It was a fascinating discussion and the children had lots of questions to ask. Thank you Kit, we appreciate your support and look forward to working with you again! Check out all of the photos and videos here: <https://thebishops.eschools.co.uk/web/tell-us-more-about-earthquakes/438566>



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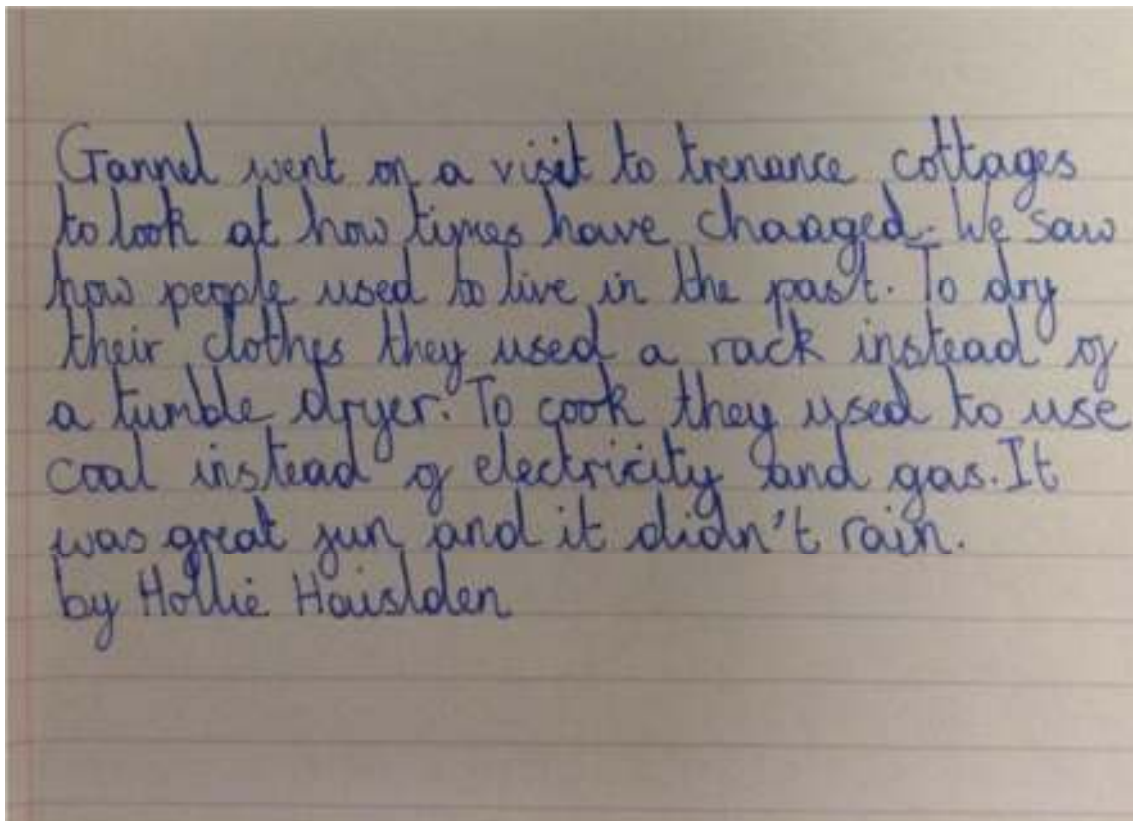
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Gannel and Whipsiderry

We are having such a busy time!! Plenty of play rehearsals, the christmas stalls this week and we are already excited about the pantomime next week. In amongst all of that we made a visit to Trenance Cottages...it is well worth a visit if you have the time.



In Science this week we have been learning about minibeasts and their micro habitats. We went outside to look for insects and thought about why they might be found in certain places. We found spiders in the grass, woodlice under logs and much more. By Luke and Nikita from Whipsiderry





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Crantock



Our 'forces' work has continued over the last week. So far we have looked at Gravity and Friction and we will be moving onto Air Resistance and Magnetism next week. We have been focusing on setting up practical investigations, where we have learnt to use force meters and measure the force in Newtons.

Holywell and Lusty Glaze



Last week we did a science experiment to test friction. Friction is a force to help stop you from getting hurt. It can sometimes be helpful but sometimes it can't. We investigated how friction works so we had cardboard ramps and then each table had three ramps and then each table used various materials. You can see above, some of the materials we tested: food bags, tinfoil, kitchen towel and more.



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The Bishops Christmas Lunch Friday 13th December



Roast Turkey

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Caramelised Red Onion and Cranberry Quorn Roast

Traditional Sage and Onion Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage

Roast Gravy

Honey Roast Parsnips

Fresh Button Sprouts

Fresh Carrots

Garden Peas

Crispy Roast Potatoes



Festive Shortbread Biscuits

Or

Christmas Sponge Pudding with Vanilla Sauce



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The Bishops' Awards!

At The Bishops' we are very proud to celebrate achievement, improvement perseverance and effort. Each week we will award for each class a star of the week, a Head teacher's award and also a reading award for Year 1 upwards.

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK	HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD	READING AWARD
FISTRAL	Mia B	Carter S	
TOWAN	Faith Allen	Rowan E	
PERRAN	Molly B	George W Noah M	Ella H
PORTH	Oscar H	Frank T	Arthur H
HARBOUR	Mantas B	Oscar J	Benji W
WATERGATE	Eryk O	Juliet P	Betsy D
ATLANTIC	Eva K	Ethan H	Harry R
TOLCARNE	Jesse M	Jasmine J	Rosie W
GANNEL	Harrison B	Wiktor B	Evie A
WHIPSIDERRY	Lila S	Phoebe M	Oliver M
CRANTOCK	David B	Dylan P	Maisy B
HOLYWELL	Ella D	Maya n	Coren R
LUSTY GLAZE	Elijah B	Georgia M	Ethan E

Well done to everyone, you are all superstars!



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You don't need to be the biggest football fan in the world to have heard of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) - the governing body for football. And, the video game series bearing the organisation's name is one of the most successful ever. The lure of this football series is that official licensing gives your child the opportunity to play games in the role of their favourite players. They can either work through a story mode version of the game or play online in competitions against other players. The game, released annually by Electronic Arts under the EA Sports label, is available for a range of consoles, and there are also mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets.



What parents need to know about FIFA 20




CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES

The big selling point for the FIFA range of games is that it includes current players, a feature which no other football video game offers. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players and stadiums, plus new gameplay features and tweaks. And, with every annual update of the game, there is an expectation that it will be far better than the previous one, so the pressure to upgrade and buy the new version is likely to be immense!

FAKE EMAILS AND SCAMS

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appear to be a genuine FIFA promotion. While the link may seem like a FIFA login page, it's a phishing scam to capture a login name and password. Scammers may use names that sound legitimate, like 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.

JUST ONE MORE GAME

Your child could be playing FIFA games on their computer or console for very long periods of time. That's not to say that computer-based matches are a full 90 minutes long, but a series of 20-minute matches can very quickly fill up a day! The World Health Organisation has classified 'gaming disorder' as a mental health problem - this is when children have trouble controlling their gaming behaviour and let it reign over their lives and daily routine.

IN GAME CHAT

While the FIFA video game is suitable for children of all ages as it does not include any inappropriate content, there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play with other people online and chat with them using headsets. As this is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that you deem unsuitable.

BUYING ADD-ONS

In-game purchases are to be expected in any modern game and FIFA is no different. FIFA Ultimate Team (commonly called FUT) is a mode in FIFA that lets gamers build teams of players from any league, playing both offline and online to win coins. These can be used to buy better players or packs containing random players. While some purchases can be made using in-game currency, other purchases involve spending with real world money, which could become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills resulting from in-game purchases made by their children.

FIFA GAMEPLAY

The FIFA series has been criticised for the competitive nature of gameplay leading to aggression in some players. Add to this the chance to converse with other players via in-game chat, and the potential for anger levels is likely to rise... especially if you're losing heavily!



Top Tips For Parents

ABOUT THE SERIES REFRESHES

As a parent, the implications of this really depend on the age of your child and your relationship with them; it may be that playing and sharing games is part of your family life and so this isn't a problem, but just be mindful that being involved with the FIFA franchise is unlikely to be a one-off event - it's the start of a gaming journey that could last for many, many years and involve numerous (potentially expensive) upgrades.

STEER CLEAR OF SCAMMERS

You should teach your children to stay clear of anyone emailing them that they must be wary of any link which asks them to either verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information; game developers will never send a message asking for login information. Console messages, emails and websites, or social media posts promoting contacts for in-game currency, such as packs, players, or coins requiring login information are fake.

MONITOR ACTIVITY

The parental controls on consoles can be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. Physically monitoring how much time your child is spending in FIFA is recommended - just as you might monitor how much time they spend watching TV. Keep an eye out for warning signs, such as a lack of interest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene, changes in character or anger issues when your child is told to stop playing a game.

HAVE THEM REPORT ABUSE

It's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play FIFA without making use of the chat facility - it's something that adds to the experience. However, you should ensure your child is aware of how to silence any abusive players and how to report anyone who becomes problematic.

RESTRICT PURCHASES

To spend real money in FIFA, a credit or debit card must be linked to a gaming account, so ensure that your card is not being used for this. There's also support for PayPal payment, so also check who has access to this type of account. Depending on the platform your child is using to play FIFA, there are different parental controls that can be put in place to restrict spending should you allow them to link a card to their account. There is also a payment option called PaySafeCard, which allows you to make payments online without the use of a bank account or credit card. As you can top up balances, this makes it easy to control spending.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Monitoring in-game chat may be difficult as you're likely to only be able to hear one side of a conversation. However, noticing how your child is reacting may be a reasonable indicator of the general mood. Dealing with both the frustrations of a game as well as frustration people can serve as useful life lessons, but as a parent, you know your child better than anyone else. If you notice your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and try to encourage them to take a break from the game.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.





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