



**The Bishops' C of E
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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2019 —autumn 8
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This week's focus: A visit from Daya



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This week, Early Years had a visit from Daya who showed us some special Hindu customs. The children learnt about the festival of Diwali and dressed up in Indian clothes, before learning some traditional dances. Daya told them the story of Rama and Sita and showed us some diva lamps which Hindus light at Diwali. We had a Diwali Discover and Do in the afternoon with curry and naan bread to taste, clay divas to create, firework paintings to make and Diwali cards to write. What a super week!



Bible passage of the week:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

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



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Headteachers' Tea and Cake Party



Reading Tea and Cake Party

It's great to see so many children getting stuck into their reading books at home and in school. Research has shown that children who practice their reading every day make the fastest progress and develop a lifelong love of books. Well done to the latest batch of children who came to a Headteacher's tea party this afternoon.

Porth and Perran



Year 1 really enjoyed their afternoon with Daya this week. We made our very own chapatis and tried a delicious potato curry. We were very proud of the children for trying something new and their cooking skills were brilliant!

Dates for your diary:

11/11 Crantock Class mining day in school

11/11 Second hand uniform sale in the school foyer at 3.30pm

12/11 Cross Country Race 2
Newquay Sports Centre 12.30pm

15/11 Children in Need Day

21/11 Year 2 out at Flambards

25/11 Last week for clubs except for Dance, Karate and Lounge Club

28/11 Multi-Faith Workshop for Y5/6

29/11 Lantern Parade and Christmas Lights switch on in Newquay

12/12 Nursery closed for General Election.



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Harbour and Watergate

This week in Year 2 we have continued to learn about World War 2 and what life was like for Evacuees. We have started to learn about letter writing thinking about what an evacuee would write if they were writing to their parents back in London. We have had a special visit this week from Mr Richards who spoke about his time in the Navy, linking this to our WW2 theme.



Watergate had their first swimming lesson which was a great success, the children were extremely excited and all did exceptionally well.

Homework this week has been outstanding with some lovely WW2 models and write ups of planes. Thank you for your support with this.

School Menu

Reminder— Our new Menu is now on our website, please note we will not be serving sandwiches for the Autumn 2 term but freshly made soup and bread each day. Please book on Parentpay as normal.

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.

Children in Need



Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in dots and spotty clothes. We are asking for a donation from each child in order for them to wear their own clothes for the day. Come dressed as spotty as possible. Suggested donation £1. We will also be aiming to fill a giant Pudsey Bear drawn in the hall with spare change.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Atlantic and Tolcarne

'On Friday we finished our Stone Age learning by doing a sunset using water colours and then we stuck black pieces of paper on it that we cut out. Because we did that they now look like Stonehenge in the sunset here are some examples below.

In Maths we have started doing arrays and bar models to add amounts and groups to others.'

By Harriet Fox-Furnell





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Gannel and Whipsiderry

On Monday, we had our first Fast Maths times tables challenge. It was new to us, we have to complete and get all of the times tables right before we can move on to the next level. We practise every morning and then complete the challenge every Monday. We felt a bit nervous but we want to get better at it. Here we are in the photograph, working hard.



Abigail Champion and Destiny Russell Year 4 - Gannel

Class Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 95.7%, This week's attendance award goes to Holywell Class with 98.6% attendance.

Vacancy—Caretaker position

We currently have a vacancy for a Site Assistant to work for 10 hours a week, term time only, more details are on our website under 'about us', vacancies.

Newquay Girls Football

Newquay Girls Football Club are looking for girls to join their Under 12's team . The girls are very welcoming and look forward to having new team mates. They practise at Tretherras School in the Sports Hall from 5-6 pm every Tuesday . All are welcome .

Governor Election

As you may be aware we recently held a parent Governor election, I am delighted to say that we will be welcoming Beata Nowak to our Local Advisory Board and I am sure that she will become a great Parent Governor in the future.

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.

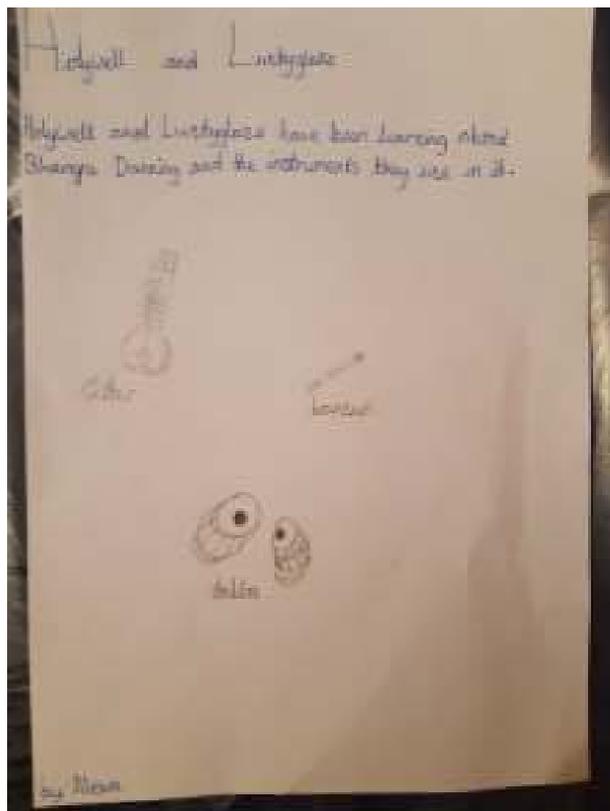
Crantock

Another busy week in Crantock as we bring our current English topic to a close. We have been writing our own 'Adventure stories' adding suspense techniques. Here is a snippet from Stella's story:
 Kapow! The famous Delorian car had blown up. It was so harmful and powerful it was as if lightning hit it. The time travelling gas guzzler stood there lonely and abandoned. "WHAT HAPPENED!!" shrieked Nikoli and Lu in unison, startled. Nikoli and Lu were the new owners of the famous machine.

We have also started our DT project by planning our 'alternative pasties' which we will be making during our Mining day on Monday 11th November.

Holywell and Lusty Glaze

Holywell and Lusty Glaze classes have been enjoying their music lessons, Alexa in Holywell gave us this report on their lesson.





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Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday, 6 of our Year 5 and 6 children attended the Cornwall School Games Indoor Athletics competition at Newquay Sports Centre. Our team did brilliantly and were a credit to the school. They competed in indoor hurdles, 1 sprint lap, 3 lap run followed by standing long jump, speed bounce and seated ball throw events. The competition closed with an exciting whole team relay race. We were placed 3rd out of 10 schools competing with a score of 118 points, only 1 point behind 2nd place. Well done Dylan, Faith, Allana, Max, Georgia and Alfie. You are superstars!



NTPTA
PARENT VOICE

NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS

WINTER CRAFT FAYRE 2019

140 STALLS SPREAD ACROSS 3 HALLS

www.tretherras.net/pla

16th November
10am - 4pm

NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS, TREVYB-GOCH ROAD, NEWQUAY, TR7 3BH

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NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS

INDOOR & TABLE TOP CARBOOT

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SUNDAY
17th November
9am - 1pm

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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	Freddie S	<u>Matas S</u> & Cerys Y	
TOWAN	Jan P	Orson L	
PERRAN	Jack V	Molly B	Roxy P
PORTH	Indie C	Indie C	Max S
HARBOUR	Harriet H	Freddie W & <u>Mantus B</u>	Joshua M
WATERGATE	Ava M	Alfie F	Lily E
ATLANTIC	Lily S	Aldo G	Mia A
TOLCARNE	Lewis S	Adam D	Stanley R
GANNEL	George P	Noah Y	George P
WHIPSIDERRY	Liam S	Owen Y	Imogen R
CRANTOCK	Scarlett P	Tegan P	Kyra W
HOLYWELL	Ellie-Mia I	Elliot P	Lennox M
LUSTY GLAZE	Gabi W	Alfie B	Nina L

Well done to everyone, you are all superstars!



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Christmas Dates for your diary



3rd December - EYFS Reception Classes Infants on Ice at Eden

5th and 6th December - Christmas Stalls for children in school

6th December - Christmas Lunch for all children in school

6th December – Decorating Day for whole school

6th December – Churches Together Concert at St Michael's Church

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

11th December - Christmas themed Race for Life

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 Jumper Day

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

18th December – Year 2 visit Newquay Cinema

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

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



There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE



BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you beat to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary and cosmetics only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These updates are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn exclusive loot and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, Playstation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old headache of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as 'Teen', as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, parents (because that's the recommendation age limit) will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



Top Tips For Parents



BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.



GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.



LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost everything you can imagine, even your smartphones, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 2 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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