



Weekly

Newsletter

14th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Stone Age Owls!

Thanks to a break in the weather, the Owls Class took the opportunity to have an outdoor Stone Age morning this week. They were able to discuss the importance and purpose of making a fire and learning about fire safety, build their very own Stonehenge, draw with charcoal and make their own bow and arrow. The children noticed how difficult all of these tasks were – they needed lots of resilience and team work! It was considered how people may have tackled these tasks thousands of years ago, with less resources available.



Owls Class Teaching Staff

Sadly, today is Mrs Nelson's last day with us at Halwin. She has been a huge asset to the school over the last couple of years and we wish her all the very best for the future. After a careful recruitment process, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Williamson will be joining us after half term. Mrs Williamson will be teaching in Owls Class on a Monday and I will be teaching for the remainder of the week.

Robins Class Learning Environment

There are exciting plans afoot to give the youngest classroom an overhaul during the half term, creating more communication friendly spaces and renewing some resources. Hopefully this will have a huge impact on the learning that takes place for the children using this space and will support communication and foster independence. Watch this space!

Health and Safety

Thank you for the parking, this seems to be working much better this week. Just one thing to add...if arriving before 8.35am children MUST be escorted to either Reception, where parents should wait with them, or to Breakfast Club as we are not legally responsible for children on the premises until this time.

Badminton

What a great afternoon at the Badminton Tournament on Friday. The organisers were very impressed by the overall standard this year! We sent two teams who finished 2nd and 6th respectively, well done everyone. Those of you who attended the after school badminton club have certainly improved your skills.

Parents Evening

If you were unable to attend on Monday, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience.

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Bikeability

Well done to the children who took part in Bikeability this week. They showed great resilience and it was lovely to see their confidence building over the two sessions. They all enjoyed learning to ride their bikes safely, despite the cold weather!

After School Club Assistant Vacancy

We are currently looking for someone to assist Mrs Jenkin with After School Club. The vacancy is for 8.75 hours a week and would start on 2nd March. If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs Nisbet via email for an application form – secretary@halwin.cornwall.sch.uk. The closing date for completed forms is midday on Monday 24th February (the first Monday back after half term).

Coronavirus

You're likely aware of the outbreak of Coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Halwin, we take the health and safety of our pupils very seriously and we will be encouraging children to increase their personal hygiene with hand washing and using tissues for coughs and colds. It remains highly unlikely that our children are at risk however, if you have any concerns or wish to find out more information please refer to the government advice via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Head Teacher

Karate Readers

Congratulations to Torron who collected his yellow band last week and to Isla who collected her blue band last week and to Nicholas who collected his orange band this week and Lloyd who collected his purple band this week.

Well done everyone, keep reading!



No After School Care

A reminder that as staff training has been moved to the Monday immediately after half term (24th February), there will be no After School Care provision with Mrs Jenkin on that day.

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Breakfast and After School Club Invoices

Invoices have been sent out this week for monies owing for attendance at Breakfast and After School Care for January 2020 (a text message was also sent on Tuesday). **Please do not pay Mrs Jenkin for these invoices.**

Any cash or cheque payments must be handed in at the school office, quoting your invoice number so that payments can be allocated correctly. Similarly, if you prefer to pay by BACS or online **PLEASE** quote the invoice number. Thank you.



Payments for Breakfast and After School Clubs

To bring us into line with Southerly Point's protocols for processing income, we are introducing a new payment system for Breakfast and After School Clubs. After half term Mrs Jenkin will no longer be able to accept any payments on a pay as you go basis. In future all parents will be invoiced monthly in arrears. This will reduce the admin burden for Mrs Jenkin and hopefully the amount of cash handling in school. Please see Mrs Nisbet with any questions or queries. Thank you.



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Cross Country

A reminder that the next race is on Tuesday 25th February (first Tuesday back after half term) at Helston College from 4pm. This is the rescheduled race from 19th November and so includes the Infant Race (Y1+2). Please let Mr Barnard know if you will be attending.



Chartwells Menu Changes - Next Half Term

The following menu changes are taking place during the next half term:

Pancake Day

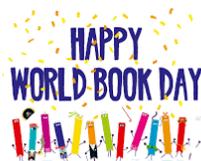
On Tuesday 25th February there will be a special menu for Pancake Day. Main course will be BBQ chicken pizza or tomato and mozzarella pizza, served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn. Dessert will be pancake with a choice of fillings.



World Book Day

On Tuesday 3rd March there will be a special menu for World Book Day. Main course will be Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs with the Twit's Spaghetti or The Cheshire Cat's Cheesy Macaroni, served with The Gruffalo's Garlic and Herb bread wedge and The Hungry Caterpillar's salad.

Dessert will be James & The Giant Peach Crumble.



St Piran's Day

On Thursday 5th March there will be a special menu for St Piran's Day. Main course will be traditional steak pasty or cheese and onion pasty and dessert will be Hewva Cake.



World Book Day 2020

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March, but as Robins Class are going out on a trip that day (further details to follow) and KS2 will be going swimming, it is not the most convenient day for the children to dress up. So this year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 3rd March to coincide with the Chartwells special menu. We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

If you are looking for some inspiration then the link below contains some ideas for quick to make costumes as well as some more elaborate options, some with how-to videos!

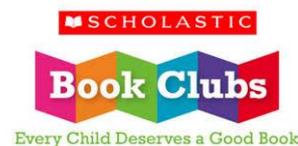
<https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/world-book-day-costumes-videos/>

We will also be having a story telling session and would like the children to bring their favourite book to school, so that they can share it with a friend.



Scholastic Book Club

For those of you who have been asking, there is an online version only which you can order from. However, we will be getting paper copies again after half term to coincide with World Book Day. We will be sending home a World Book Day token for every child after the half term holiday.



Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

As Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday this week, we are emailing the latest guidance for parents on keeping your children safe online with this week's newsletter. A copy of this can also be found in reception and on the school website under the 'Important Information' tab. It contains lots of useful information and advice relating to keeping your child safe online and is well worth a read.



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Head Lice

It has been reported that head lice are in school once again. Please can you check your child's hair over the half term break and treat if necessary. It is recommended that you check the whole family and treat anyone who has them on the same day. It would be lovely to be rid of these unwanted visitors for the start of the next half term!



Letters Home

There have been no letters home this week.



Letters to Parents

What's On Diary?

Posters for all events will be on display in the main reception area.

Argyle Community Trust February Half Term 2020

Age and football specific Soccer Roadshows with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development are being held during the February Half Term: Helston Football Club – 17th February, Illogan Football Club – 18th February, Carn Brea Leisure Centre – 19th February.

Courses run from 10am to 3pm and are for girls and boys of all abilities aged 5-15 years. There is also a Girls Only Roadshow being held on 20th February at Helston Football Club and a Feb Special being held at St Day Football Club on 21st February with the aim of finishing the half term with an action packed day of football activities from shooting to World Cup Tournaments. For more information and to book online go to:

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



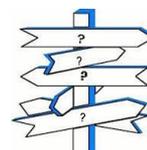
Kids Workshops

During the February half term, Truro Arts Company are offering Kids Workshops. On Thursday 20th February there is a Miniature Plants workshop from 3.30pm to 5.00pm for children aged 8+ and the cost is £10. On Friday 21st February there is a Doodle In Style workshop from 3.45pm to 5.00pm for children aged 7+, which costs £9. On Saturday 22nd February there is a Construction Frieze workshop from 10.00am to 11.30am for children aged 6+ and this costs £10. For further details or to book a place, please go to: www.truroartscompany.co.uk, or call 01872 240567.



'Signposting'

We would like to make it clear that all 'signposted' activities are external to the school. Parents should make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the provider before engaging their service.



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Events Diary

Date	Event
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Feb	Half Term
Mon 24 Feb	No After School Care with Mrs Jenkin due to staff training
Tues 25 Feb	Keeping Up with the Children In Literacy 9:15-11:15am
Tues 25 Feb	Chartwells Special Menu – Pancake Day
Tues 25 Feb	Open the Book Assembly
Tues 25 Feb	Cross Country (rescheduled from 19/11/19) – KS1&2 @ HCC 4pm
Thurs 27 Feb	KS2 Swimming Session 6
Fri 28 Feb	High 5 Netball – Y5&6 @ HCC 1-3pm
Fri 28 Feb	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Tues 3 March	Dress up for World Book Day and bring your favourite book to share
Tues 3 March	Chartwells Special Menu – World Book Day
Tues 3 March	Keeping Up with the Children In Literacy 9:15-11:15am
Tues 3 March	Open the Book Assembly
Tues 4 March	Touch Rugby League – KS2 @ HCC 4-6pm
Thurs 5 March	Chartwells Special Menu – St Piran’s Day
Thurs 5 March	KS2 Swimming Session 7
Fri 6 March	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 9 – Tues 10 March	Y3/4 Eden Residential
Tues 10 March	Y2 Day Trip to Eden Project
Tues 10 March	Keeping Up with the Children In Literacy 9:15-11:15am
Tues 10 March	Open the Book Assembly
Thurs 12 March	KS2 Swimming Session 8
Fri 13 March	Y3/4 Badminton Tournament – HCC 1.00-3.00pm
Fri 13 March	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Tues 17 March	Keeping Up with the Children In Literacy 9:15-11:15am
Tues 17 March	Open the Book Assembly
Tues 17 March	Touch Rugby League – KS2 @ HCC 4-6pm
Wed 18 March	Y5 Helston College Transition Session - Science
Thurs 19 March	KS2 Swimming Session 9
Fri 20 March	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Tues 24 March	Keeping Up with the Children In Literacy 9:15-11:15am
Tues 24 March	Open the Book Assembly
Tues 24 March	Cross Country Race 5 – KS1&2 @ HCC
Thurs 26 March	KS2 Final Swimming Session - Gala
Fri 27 March	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Fri 27 March	End of Spring Term
Tues 14 April	Summer Term Begins
Fri 5 June	INSET Day