



Weekly

Newsletter

16th October 2020

Dear Parents

I wanted to share with you some of the learning that has taken place at Halwin this week – the children have been buzzing with an enthusiasm for learning.

Kingfishers Class have been busy replicating the human digestive system. They used a variety of household materials and resources to track our food's progress through the body. Groups worked together to squeeze out every last drop of nutrients from the 'food' and see just what happens at the end of its journey!



Owls Class have been busy learning how to look after our teeth properly. We were very kindly donated a whole class set of brand new toothbrushes, disclosing tablets, timers, toothpaste and dental mirrors from Mr and Mrs Powell, so that we could run our experiment to see if we are cleaning our teeth properly. The children had lots of fun turning their teeth and tongues blue but thankfully most were able to clean their teeth properly so that all the pink stain had disappeared before home time.



Robins Class went for a lovely walk this week, exploring Autumn in our environment. They all had a super time and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the world around them.



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PSHE Feedback and Analysis

Thank you to all of you that completed the online PSHE parent survey, we are using these results to ensure our practice and teaching is improved. This survey has now closed and I have analyzed the results: -

- There were 38 responses out of a possible 54.
- Lots of you were not aware of our PSHE and RSE policy.
- 18.4% would like some support with talking to your child about Sex and Relationships at home.
- 29% wanted to know more about the content of our PSHE curriculum.
- 29% wanted to know how to keep your child safe from Extremism and Radicalisation.
- 55.3% wanted to know more information about what is being taught in our Extremism and Radicalisation lessons.
- 44.8% wanted to know how to keep their child safe from substance abuse.
- 56.8% wanted to know more about what we teach in our Substance Abuse lessons.
- 73.7% knew who to contact if they needed any help with any of the above issues.

As a result of this survey we will:

- Publish our policies on our website soon so that you can find out what the content of our PSHE and RSE lessons are and can find out more about these schemes of learning.
- We will provide information on our half termly class letters to let you know what we will be teaching during our PSHE lessons.
- When we are teaching more sensitive subjects such as Relationships & Sex Education, Extremism & Radicalisation and Substance Abuse, we will provide you with a letter to inform you of what will be discussed and when this will take place.

It was promising to see so many of you knew who to contact should you need help with any of the above. Some of you also made comments about us supporting your child's mental health, this is included in our new PSHE curriculum on a regular basis.

If anyone would like any further information regarding any of the above, please do contact me.

Parent Consultations

This year, we have had to change how these operate due to COVID restrictions and we will be offering a 10 minute phone call with you instead of asking you to come into our school.

The consultations will take place on the following dates:

Kingfishers - Thursday 5th between 1 and 5pm, and Monday 9th November between 1 and 4pm.

Owls - Friday 6th between 1 and 5pm, and Wednesday 11th November between 1 and 4pm

Robins - With Mrs Tamblin on Monday 2nd November between 1 and 5pm, and with Mrs Vivian on Thursday 12th November between 1 and 4pm.

Preferably, we would like you to book through our online form which will book your slot for you and save Mrs Nisbet's workload but if you cannot access this, you will need to call the office to reserve a time.

Please click on the following links to book your appointment:

Kingfishers: <https://forms.gle/uPioniSwXn2LoUVR9>

Owls: <https://forms.gle/4VtzSC4ALuAydT847>

Robins: <https://forms.gle/qMmhuW1bH8vh3YGs8>

Pumpkin Celebrations!

Yet again COVID has got in the way of the fun for our children but the FOH have been busy trying to find a way that we can all still have some fun, but in a different way this year. **PTO**

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We are inviting all of our children to come in to school on Friday 23rd October dressed in either orange or black or a (sensible and comfortable) dressing up costume – they will need to be wearing it all day and so it must be sensible!

We will be having a Pumpkin celebration in our rooms that afternoon and the FOH are very kindly donating some cash for each class so that the teachers can purchase some snacks for their children. Please ensure that we are aware of any dietary needs or allergies ASAP.

The FOH would also like to invite every child to enter a pumpkin carving competition which will be judged on the day. The children will need to bring in their own crafted pumpkin on the Friday morning and line them up outside your child's classroom – along the walls. They will need to write their names on the back of the pumpkin, **clearly visible** so that they do not need to be handled/touched by anyone. The FOH will judge this at some point throughout the day and the winners will be announced by the end of the day. All pumpkins can then be taken home at the end of the day.



If anyone has any questions about any of the items in this newsletter, please do contact me.

Many thanks,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

Head Lice

We have been advised that there are cases of head lice in school. With half term approaching, please can you check and if necessary treat the whole family to rid us of these pests. Keeping up the wet combing method is the most effective way to prevent the return of any lice. Thank you.



Nasal Flu Reminder

Just a reminder to complete the online consent for the annual nasal flu immunisation programme. If you are unable to access the online consent form, please ring Kernow Health on 01872 221105 and their team will be happy to help you.



Extended Services Invoices

We will be sending out monthly invoices for children who attend before or after school club. Apologies for the delay for September's bills but we had several 'new' customers, who had to be added to the system by the central finance team before invoices could be raised. Please can we ask for prompt payment by bank transfer if possible and PLEASE quote the invoice number so we can easily identify who the payment is for!

We have sent out reminder letters for the Spring Term.

Unfortunately, if these bills are not paid within 7 days, your child will be suspended from using these facilities.



School Photographs

School photographs were taken this week and each child was given an information flyer with details of how to place orders online if you wish to do so. Please let us know if you have any queries regarding this.



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School Meal Balances

The number of meals taken by a child are added to the ParentPay system weekly, on a Friday afternoon, together with any cash payments received during the week. So the best time to check your child's balance for school dinners is over the weekend. If your account is in debt, reminders are sent home on the Monday of the following week.



Chartwells Change of Menu

Bonfire Night

There will be a special menu to celebrate Bonfire Night on Thursday 5th November.

Main Meal: Sizzling Pork or Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Whizzing Potato Wedges and Bonfire Beans or Popping Peas.

Dessert: Catherine Wheel Shortbread Biscuit



Letters Home

Please make sure you have received the following information this week:-

Primary Times – Whole School



What's On Diary?

Camborne Science & International Academy Nexus is home of the Gifted Programme which is unique in Cornwall, providing a state-funded specialist education to able young people. If your child is in Year 6 and you would like to find out more about this opportunity, please go to the following link: -

www.nexuscsia.co.uk



Cornwall Heritage Site Walks in Cornwall Visiting Heritage Trust Sites

Fancy trying some new walks during half term or at the weekend?

Go to: -

<https://www.iwalkcornwall.co.uk/walks/org/cht>

For details of circular walks visiting historic sites managed by the Cornwall Heritage Trust.

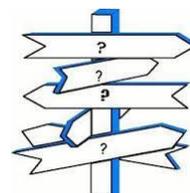


Posters for any events listed here and all other events will be on display in the main reception area.



'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.



Health Events National Cholesterol Month

<https://www.heartuk.org.uk/national-cholesterol-month/2020>

How could high cholesterol impact your family's health? HEART UK is challenging everyone over National Cholesterol Month to Clue-up for cholesterol and receive a free download of their Easy Mini Guide to Cholesterol



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Events Diary

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------|--|
| Week Beg 19 Oct | Badminton Week Year 5 and Year 6 |
| Tues 20 October 2020 | Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes |
| Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct 2020 | Autumn Half Term |
| Mon 02 November | Robins Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Mon 02 November | Friends of Halwin Virtual AGM 4.00pm |
| Thurs 05 November | Kingfishers Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Fri 06 November | Owls Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Mon 09 November | Kingfishers Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Wed 11 November | Owls Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Thurs 12 November | Robins Class - Parent Consultation Session |
| Wed 25 November | Flu Immunisation Session (R - Y6) |
| Fri 18 December | End of Autumn Term – 2.00pm |

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