



Newsletter Issue 12:1st March 2019

Dear Parents,

Following concerns raised in the press and concerns raised by some parents, please find the advice below in regards to internet safety.

Technology is part of children and young people's lives every day. The internet can help to promote creativity and assist with the development of key social skills. When used in the wrong way, the internet can also provide a platform for inappropriate content such as pornography, abusive images and cyber bullying.

In light of recent media reports about hacked videos being placed on video streaming sites, please follow the link below for help and advice on Internet Safety:

http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/online_safety/298196

As a school we are rigorous about ensuring our pupils are equipped to keep themselves safe online. Please don't hesitate to come into school and ask any questions if you have concerns or anxieties regarding your child's use of the internet at home. Please see the attached flyer 'What parents need to know about MOMO'. Miss Buscombe will be delivering another assembly next week for Years 2 to 6 about keeping safe online and ensuring every child knows what to do in the event that something undesirable pops up on screen.

On another note we still have outstanding debts for a small minority of families for school trips, swimming and music lessons. In the current financial climate, the school is simply unable to carry any of these additional financial burdens, so I urge you to please pay these outstanding monies before we have to make decisions about whether we can continue to run such enrichment activities. Thank you for your co-operation.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

March

6 th	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.30am
5 th	Class 3 Fairtrade Coffee Morning from 9.45-11.15am
7 th	World Book Day - Dress Up Day (see below for details)
8 th	Choir to Music for Youth Festival @ Methodist Church in Truro
11 th	Exciting Writing Day Green House Dress Down Day - House Point Reward
13 th	Class 1 Act of Worship @ 9.15am
14 th	Class 2 take part in 'Paint the Town Yellow' - Falmouth Spring Festival
18 th	Class 4 to Geevor Tin Mine
20 th	Penitential Service @ 9.30am Vision Awareness training for Reception Class

22 nd	Reception Class to Glendurgan Gardens
28 th	Songfest for Class 6 @ Falmouth Methodist Church
27 th	Reception Class Act of Worship @ 9.15am
27-28 th	Class 5 residential to Carnyorth
28 th	Songfest for Yr 6 @ Falmouth Methodist Church
29 th	Last violin and piano lessons for the term

April

2 nd	Class 3 to Tregullas Farm
5 th	Classes 3 and 4 - fun swimming session
	Last Day of Term
9 th	Go Active Holiday Club
11 th	Go Active Holiday Club
23 rd	New Term commences
	No clubs during the first week

ONLINE SAFETY COMPETITION

As part of 'Internet Safety Day' we held a competition for children to share their advice for keeping safe online. The quality of entries was very high and Gareth Churcher, our Safeguarding Governor had the difficult task of choosing the winners. Each winner received an internet safety themed book.

The winners were:

KS1

Maggie (Class 1)
Daisy (Class 1)
Freddie (Class 2)
Elsa (Class 2)

KS2

Maisie (Class 3)
Isabelle (Class 4)
Zishan (Class 5)
Rosie (Class 6)

LENTEN DRESS DOWN THEMES

Each Friday during Lent the children have a themed dress down day and bring in a donation for charity. This year the school council has decided that it would like to raise money for a different charity each week. These are the charities and themes as decided by the School Council.

7th March	World Book Day - Dress as favourite book character or author for Mary's Meals
15th March	Wear green for the NSPCC
22nd March	Wear pyjamas or rainbow colours for the Downs Syndrome Association
29th March	Wear denim or blue for CAFOD
5th April	Wear Easter Colours or Yellow for Penhaligon's Friends . Bring wellies for the Easter Egg Hunt.

SPORTING NEWS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL!

GYMNASTICS

Freddie Nielsen travelled to the Falcons Club, Barnstaple on Sunday, 27th January to take part in the Men's Artistic Gymnastic Trials for selection to the South West Team. Despite gaining excellent marks Freddie was deemed too young at six to be selected. He has been invited to trial again later in the year when he will be seven.

Then on Saturday, 2nd February, Freddie took part in Trials held at the Swallows Club, Helston to select a MAG Squad to represent Cornwall. Freddie again had excellent scores coming 2nd overall out of seventeen boys (fifteen of whom were older than him) and was selected to take part in the MAG South West Inter-counties Festival this April in Barnstaple.

Henry Jackson and Jesse Lucas from Class 3 were also selected to represent Cornwall coming 3rd and 5th overall out of the seventeen boys. All boys had to perform in all disciplines which included; vault, floor, pommel, parallel bars, high bars and rings.

Congratulations to all the boys on their achievement.

PORTREATH SURF LIFESAVING COMPETITION

Lowen from Class 2 took part in his first Surf Lifesaving competition for Portreath Surf Lifesaving and came 2nd. Well done to Lowen!

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Well done to Freddie Thompson, who represented Cornwall Schools at a recent competition in Penryn. Freddie did really well to come 1st in his group, but unfortunately was knocked out in the quarter finals.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

A reminder of the emergency school closure procedure is as follows. We strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parent's mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office.

Alternatively, log on to our school website for the latest details about emergency closure.

www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected.

SECURITY

For safeguarding purposes and to ensure the office staff know who is in the building at any one time, please note that everybody **must** report to the School Office before proceeding any further into the building.

MUSIC PROVISION

Can I gently remind parents that the small voluntary contribution of £1 per lesson for one child and those families with more than one child, 75p per child per session is paid as soon as possible to ensure the success of the Music pilot and continued specialist music provision. Details of when payments need to be made for those classes who haven't started these sessions (Reception, Class 1) will be sent out as soon as we have a date to commence. Class 5's lessons commenced on Wednesday and the class thoroughly enjoyed the lesson delivered by Mr Steven Hawker. Parental contributions need to be made via Parent Pay and I'd like to thank those who have already started to contribute.

Many thanks for your support regarding this.

ATTENDANCE CLINIC - 5TH MARCH

Our Education Welfare Officer will be running an Attendance Clinic on the 5th March from 9:15am. Families whose child's attendance has dropped below 90% will be invited to meetings during the morning. Also invited are those families whose punctuality is consistently poor. I would like to remind parents that holidays during term time will not be authorised.

SATs TESTS- Classes 6 and 2

National SATs week for Year 6 pupils across the country begins on the 13th May. It is really important that they are in school every day during this week and prior to this week as they prepare for the tests.

Class 2 will also be completing tests this year during the week beginning the 13th May, which will contribute to their teacher assessment. Again, it is important that they are in school every day during this week.

Class 1

The Phonics Screening check takes place in June and it is important that your child is in school every day during this month. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

FUNDRAISING HALF MARATHON

We all know someone who has had the wonderful services of Cornwall Hospice Care. Every year I run a fundraising Concert in Falmouth for CHC to help this amazing charity. This spring I will be running something a little different! So please click on the link below to support me and CHC by way of sponsoring my challenge if you can.....

<https://chcl.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/gareth-churcher>

Many thanks for reading.

Gareth Churcher

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

Class 3 will be holding their annual Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Tuesday 5th March from 9.45 - 11.15am. It will be a full morning of presentations, quizzes, stalls and Fairtrade bingo.

Any cakes made using some fairtrade ingredients will be very welcome on the day.

All are welcome to attend.

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

The green house are invited to take part in a dress down day, wearing home clothes as a reward for gaining the most house points during the last half term.

NUN ON THE RUN!

Sister Augustine from our parish will be taking part in a Fun Run in Dorchester in May and has chosen to donate half of the sponsorship money to our school. Please find the sponsorship form attached and if you're able to contribute, please send your sponsorship money in a marked envelope to the school office.

THANK-YOU

A big thankyou to the Cornwall Heritage Trust, who have kindly donated £150 towards Class 4's trip to Lanhydrock and who also made a donation towards Class 5's residential visit to Carnyorth. These donations are very much appreciated by the school as it reduces the overall cost of the trip.

Class 1 received a lovely thank you card from the Apostleship of the Sea, thanking them for the lovely Christmas cards the class had made for visiting seafarers into Falmouth over the Christmas period.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is fast approaching and on Thursday, 7th March we will be joining in with this world-wide celebration of reading by having a dress up day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as either their favourite book character or author, or (even) their favourite book! Children can also bring their favourite book with them to show/share with their class



COMMUNITY

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary are holding a 3K 'Sprint for Seals 2019' on Sunday 24th March. This muddy fun run is in aid of funds for the rescue, rehabilitation and releasing of seal pups from around our coastline. Registration starts at 8.30am and the run commences at 9.30am. To register your interest, go to: www.visitsealife.com/gweek or call 01326 221361

Open to all ages!