



## Newsletter 10

### 29th March—23rd April

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Hello everyone,

We have had a really great first week back at school. The children have returned seeming very refreshed after their holiday and have settled back to their learning straight away.

It has been brilliant to see how many children have been cycling, scooting or walking to school recently. We have been encouraging this as part of our promotion of 'Active Travel' and the children are learning about the benefits this has. One big difference it makes is that it reduces the amount of traffic around the cul-de-sac. Driving into or out of the cul-de-sac at drop-off and pick-up times must stop, as it puts our children at risk. Please be aware that each class has a different start and finish time, so the children will be going into and coming out of school over a period of 20 minutes.

Doctor Bike examined 25 bikes and 8 scooters today and he was very impressed with the commitment to active travel that our children are showing. Reports about your bike/ scooter and any maintenance that was carried out will be sent to you at the beginning of next week.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott

Head of School

### Dates for your Diary

#### April

Mon 26th Y6 Swimming starts  
27th-29th Virtual Parents Evenings

#### May

Mon 3rd Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Thurs 6th Polling Day (School open as usual)  
31st May-4th June HALF TERM

#### June

Mon 7th INSET Day (School Closed)  
Mon 21st Class Photographer here.

#### July

Fri 23rd Last Day of Term

Dear Parents

Please remember that schools are unable to grant any leave or absence during school term time.

Whilst we understand that some absences may include times when your child is ill or attending appointments it is important that we all work together to ensure your children have the best possible chance of success whilst in school.

School will consider exceptional leave requests on an individual basis. Forms are available on our school or the school office.



It's been a busy week of caterpillar observing and hedgehog rescue in Reception!





Excitingly there is just over 2 weeks to go until the start of All Stars and Dynamos!

Incredibly nearly 700 children across Cornwall have signed up to All Stars or Dynamos Cricket in the last month or so!!

Join the growing band of players, sign up now to one of our cricket clubs at [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk) or [www.dynamoscricket.co.uk](http://www.dynamoscricket.co.uk).

As there is just over 2 weeks to go, for some clubs, don't delay getting your kit before the programme starts!

#### POLLING DAY

St Marys are hosting the Polling Day on Thursday 6th May.

School will be open as usual.

## Congratulations to our Wonderful Stars of the Week! 22nd-26th March

### Reception

Eva - For her enthusiastic approach to her writing.

Y1

Jacob - For trying extra specially hard to sit still, listen and join in on the carpet.

Y2

Sebastian - For listening well in class and for his great work.

Y3

Diego - For his excellent effort with his behaviour and super attitude.

Y4

George H - For making great improvement in the recall of his times table facts.

Y5

Amelia F - For an excellent attitude to her learning.

Y6

We had



On Wednesday

20th April!

Thank you for your support!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS.**  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



### Congratulations to Alix in Y4!

Alix recently achieved her Bronze Chief Scout Award with Helford River Scout Group. This award takes into account 2+ years of hard work. Alix had to learn new skills, impact our community, work as part of a team, get out into the fresh air and be environmentally aware amongst many other things. For Alix to have finished this award during the pandemic is an

**amazing achievement!!**



## THANK YOU DR BIKE!

As part of St Mary's commitment to

sustainability we took part in Sustrans Big Pedal today. Nick and Brian from Sustrans came to give bike checks to our Y3-6 families.

Please help us to encourage active travel to school by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever possible



Please see the link below for Citizens Advice Cornwall, which includes important information on their services and how people can get help.

<https://www.citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Citizens-Spring-2021.pdf>



Please see the link below for our Parent Survey.

Please respond online by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=27740-34432-26193141>

Thank you for your support.



We have had two near misses with cars driving into the cul-de-sac at pick up time this week. One driver refused to stop for one of our very vulnerable children.

This is not acceptable.

Please do not drive into the cul-de-sac at pick up and drop off times. There is no excuse for parking inconsiderately and endangering our children.

Please make any family member or friend who picks up your child aware of this.

Thank you for your support in keeping everybody safe.

Whole school  
attendance  
for 19th-23rd April  
**98.48%!!!!**



Parents consultations will now all be booked online, so please ensure we have your correct details.

Hopefully you have all received an email with details on how to book your virtual parents evening slot with you child's teacher. Appointments will close on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 4pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit:-

<https://stmaryscatholicfal.schoolcloud.co.uk>

to book your appointments.

If you have more than one child to make an appointment for, logging in with the details of just one child allows you to access appointments for all your children.

Here is a useful guide to attending appointments over video call:

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

We have tried to contact everyone who has not yet booked, but do let us know if you are still having trouble getting an Appointment.

We are taking part in the Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition.  
Letters in book bags this week

