

Newsletter 10 March 2022

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Dear parents and carers,

What amazing weather we are having at the moment, its great to get out and about as much as possible and enjoy what we have on our doorsteps!

The school is going from strength to strength. Our school has started on its journey into Read Write Inc. A detailed way of teaching phonics and early reading and we are delighted to say that we have seen significant progress being made already for our youngest children in their reading and also in their gaining of phonic knowledge. It is taught in a very systematic way resulting in children building on prior knowledge. It is a great way to teach early reading. We hope to hold parents meetings about the teaching of phonics soon. We recognise the value of reading everyday and this continues to be a focus for all pupils across the school. Thank you for the amazing amount of money that has been raised through our Read for Good readathon. You are all amazing and so generous!

We recently had a Plymouth CAST and Local Authority review of Safeguarding. This was a brilliant outcome for the school and the team. The review highlighted the amazing work we do to keep our young people safe as well as highlighting the focus on mental health and wellbeing for all pupils including those with a special educational need. The report also stated that 'The positive culture of the school; the hard work and commitment of staff; the strength of leadership; the trust that children have in school staff, and the overall safety of the children resonated through every aspect of the process'. We were really pleased and we are delighted to be able to share this strength with you.

I was lucky enough to have a face to face meeting with the Falmouth School Heads today to discuss events for transition and sort out the arrangements. These are now underway for those pupils moving to Falmouth School. Further information will be released later on this week or early next week and as soon as we can we will pass it on to you. We welcome Mrs De Souza at our school on the 25th May to meet with our year 6 pupils at 2.30 and also meet with parents at the end of the day so please add it to your diaries. We hope to hear back from the team at Penryn College soon about their transition arrangements a and will let you know the next steps for pupils as soon as possible.

Sadly we are saying good bye to Mr Boyes and Mr Scarborough in April. We wish them all the very best in the next chapter of their lives as we thank them for their unwavering support and commitment to the pupils, the parents, the staff and the wider community of St Mary's. They will both be sadly missed.

Mr Williams and Mrs Bulled will continue as class teachers in year 6 and year 4 respectively. We will be recruiting permanent members of the team for September soon.

As always we are here at any time to help in any way. Please give us a call, a Dojo message or email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued support; Alison McDonald and all of the team at St Mary's.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 21st March-Fri 1st April Big Walk and Wheel
24th-25th March FOSMs Book Fair and

Pre-loved uniform Sale

29th March Kernow King Performing

Tus 29th & Weds 30th March Parent Evenings

1st April FOSMs Bags to School

Monday 4th-5th April Y5 Residential Carnyorth

Fri 8th April Coin Trail

EASTER HOLIDAYS 11th -23rd April

Fri 29th April FOSMs Social 7.30

25th May Mrs De Souza to meet Y6

Mon 30th May- Fri 3rd June HALF TERM

Monday 6th June—Inset Day

Thursday 9th June—Class Photos

Friday 10th June—School Summer Fair

20th-22nd July Y6 Delaware Residential

22nd July Last Day of Term!!

Read Read Read Read Read Read Good Good Good Good Good

£1332.50 for the Read for Good charity which supplies books and storytellers to children in Treliske Hospital as well as further afield. We will also get £250 to spend on books for our school. Thank you Mrs Laloe, Mrs Shailes and all the team at St Mary's for making it a success and thank you to our parents and pupils for raising such an enormous amount of money



If your child is absent for any reason, please can you always call the school's dedicated absence line before the school day starts. Emails, messages on Dojo or Tapestry are not

always monitored when it is very busy. We really don't want to disrupt class teaching by asking teachers if they have had a message from you, or call you.



Get ready for a clear out!

FOSM's are collecting for

Bags to School on the

following dates:
Friday 1st April

Tuesday 5th July

We will let you know when you can bring your bags in!



Are you free on Friday 29th April at 7.30pm?

FOSM's are meeting at Falmouth Hotel

and would love to

welcome new members





FOSM's Coin Trail is on Friday 8th April.

Please start to collect your coins ready to bring in to school. It's a great fun and a great Fundraiser!



We have successfully trialled dinner bookings in Y3,4 5 & 6.

ParentPay is now set up to allow Reception, Y1 & Y2 parents to pre-book their child's meals.

Meals can be booked up to 8.30 a.m. on the day your child requires a meal and bookings can be made for the week. The menu is on ParentPay so

hopefully it's easy to use. If you have any problems just let the Office know.

Please note: For Y3,4,5 & 6 sufficient funds must be in your account for all dinner bookings to be

confirmed or the meal will **not** be booked and your child will not get a lunch.

Breakfast Club is also bookings only. Please remember we cannot give you a place if you have not booked.

Thank you for your support.

We are very excited to announce our wonderful Teaching Assistant
Ms Liptrott has won a place at the London Marathon in October. She will be raising funds for Little Harbour Children's Hospice. https://www.chsw.org.uk/our-care/our-hospices/little-harbour
In case you didn't know Ms
Liptrott looks after Jo with
Mrs Marshall. Jo often spends time at Little Harbour with his family.

We will be sending out more details soon. We are really looking forward to helping her fundraise for such a great cause!!!





We are getting new tables and chairs for y5 and Y6 soon.

If you would like any of the old school tables and/or chairs please let the office know.

Thank you







Falmouth Town Council are currently asking residents to share their views on how they should invest in the Trescobeas recreation area, particularly the views of children

What would you MOST like to invest in improving at the site?

Invest in the play area Invest in creating a social / picnic area Repair the bike track to keep it going for a few more years

Invest in creating a space for ball sports
Put in pathways / community orchard / garden
Don't do anything – wait, investigate raising additional funds with a view to creating a bike track with longevity

Other (please specify)

If any context is needed, costs of different elements are, for example:

Benches - £1,200 each plus £200 for concrete base

Basketball hoops - £1500 each plus installation £500

Play equipment – ranges from £1500 to £15000 Repair bike track - £20,000

A more sophisticated and longer lasting surfaced track would cost in the region of £30-50k, so significant fundraising would be required which of course has a time implication.

Please send your thoughts to comms@falmouthtowncouncil.com or email the school office who will pass your comments on.





Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out:-! https://viaferratacornwall.co.uk/holiday-club/

This February Half Term we're running climbing, zip-lining, catapulting, adventure games, canoeing and archery sessions in line with the latest Covid guidelines - so you can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us!

There is also a Family friendly Silent Disco on 8th April 7-12am

Cricket with Falmouth CC

Aimed at giving children aged 5-8 years old their first taste of cricket, our sessions start on Tuesday 17th May (16:00 - 16:45) for 8 weeks just for £40! (which includes all stars kit) \square

All stars cricket provides a fantastic first experience of the sport for children, whet they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activities and skills development. the programme is designed to introduce children in the sort, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so!

looking forward to seeing you all this summer in the sunshine playing some cricket! If you have any questions, let us know send us an email. falcricket@gmail.com





The Cornish Caretakers

We are very excited, Kernow King will be visiting on the morning of the 29th March to perform

'The Cornish Caretakers'. I



As we are now using Dojo, the newsletter will now be monthly.

Stars of the Week and the Headteachers Awards will all be posted weekly on Dojo.

If you would like anything added to the newsletter please contact the school office



Please be careful and safe at drop off and pick up times. This week we have seen parents parking completely across the cul-de-sac and blocking any traffic in or out!

WE are very concerned for everybody's safety, please consider others especially if you are running late or in a rush.



Well done Maggie!

WELL DONE to Maggie in Y4 for making the County Running Championships yesterday!
We are all very, very proud of her!





Message from Gemma at Pendennis Leisure:-

We would be really grateful if as many people as possible could fill out this survey regarding the impact of the closure of Ships & Castles Leisure Centre in Falmouth. This will be used to:

- 1. Use as evidence of impact in conversations with Falmouth Town Council, UK and Cornwall Council and to keep momentum behind new centre conversations.
- 2. Share key findings to social media, press and relevant organisations to keep this issue live and of high importance.
- 3. To inform our leisure strategy A full needs assessment including questionnaire will follow later.
- 4. As evidence for funding bids.

We want to reach as many people as possible with the survey and appreciate some people aren't on social media, so if you are able to share these or you can help others access them, we would be really grateful.

Adult leisure survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/888RYFK

Children's leisure survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7YYJRC





Time 2 Move is run by Plymouth Argyle and Active Cornwall, at Falmouth Primary School.

Children take part in a variety of fun multi-sports activities throughout the day, such as football, dodgeball, netball and dodging/evasion game. All children are also provided with a free hot lunch, kindly provided by Cafe Strand, Falmouth.

Each session is available free of charge for children receiving free school meals, or just £10 for those do not.

The days run from 10am until 3pm, on the following dates:

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th April

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd April

For more information contact

gary.stevens@pafc.co.uk, or to book use the link below

https://client.mail-away.co.uk/t/ViewEmail/ r/1589DE7CC37251BF2540EF23F30FEDED/596740DC1C EDFF17A45B570D7414CF6F?alternativeLink=False



GREAT NEWS.



There is the opportunity to learn a Brass instrument (Cornet, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone or Tuba) at St Marys School with Mrs Claire Churcher from Cornwall Music Service Trust.

In order that we can get your child's music journey under way please go to http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup/ to sign up for your musical sessions.

If you require an instrument, these can be hired from various suppliers please see:

http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/provision/instrument-hire-and-purchase/

All terms and conditions around this wonderful opportunity can be found at: http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/music-lessons/

Many thanks for choosing Cornwall's premier music education service and if you have any gueries or need further assistance please contact us at: office@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org

