

Our values: Compassion, wisdom, forgiveness, perseverance, trust and respect

Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive so that all our children succeed, learn & thrive.

Talk for Writing:

Congratulations to all pupils for the enthusiasm and energy shown in their story telling. The children performed in the story telling competition to a very high standard. The school audience enjoyed hearing texts from 'The Dinosaur who pooped a planet' to a cumulative tale 'Nail Soup'. The children enjoyed varying their voices, adding different effects and actions. The Year 6 acted as the judges and provided feedback to each class including scoring them against the criteria. They planned and asked each class questions about their text in reference to grammar, punctuation and spelling. The children are gaining confidence talking about and identifying nouns, subordinating conjunctions and imperative verbs. Well done to Carne Class for being awarded the story telling champions.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the eight parents who attended our Parent Forum this week. It was lovely to see a few more parents and a lively debate was held; a summary of our discussions is to be found below:

Positive feedback - many of the parents said how pleased they were with their children and the work they are doing at school. They can see the progress they are making and thanked Miss Cameron and the staff for this.

Run a mile - the parents really liked this innovation which takes place during the mornings. Miss Cameron said that the run refreshed the children and their learning improved after the run had been completed.

Outside play improvements - Miss Cameron outlined the new play equipment improvement which will be built during May half term. This will include a climbing area and a wonderful early year's garden.

Wrap around care - Our new breakfast and after school clubs are now up and running. A discussion was held as to the low uptake by parents at present and the school is hoping to see this improve. The parents who use these clubs are pleased with the provision.

School Nursery - Our new nursery has been up and running for a few weeks and the children have settled very well into school life. Mr Lees confirmed that the school is considering how the nursery will work in September 2016.

Class and year group splits - parents asked how the year groups are split between classes each year. Miss Cameron explained that this is done carefully and where older children stay in a younger class this is always done after discussions with parents.

Drop off in the mornings - Miss Cameron outlined again why the decision was made to ask parents to drop the children at the gate each morning. This was for safety and to encourage independence.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar focus this week: Determiners.

Determiners are words that introduce a noun or noun phrase. E.g. a/an, the, every, this, those, one, some, many E.g. **a** cat, **the** cat, **this** cat, **those** cats, **every** cat, **one** cat, **many** cat. Challenge: Can you find any determiners in your reading book?

Importance of prayer and collective worship for Christians

We have been thinking about the importance of prayer to Christians. The children have discussed with their talk partners about its value and meaning to all of us. Each day we begin Collective Worship with a prayer when we think about coming together to reflect and deepen our relationship with Christ. They identified the different reasons for praying including: thanking God, reflecting on a situation, thinking of others, saying sorry and passing on wishes for others. The children have helped to make a special prayer/thought box for children, parents and staff to put any prayers or thoughts into. This will be in the main entrance so please pop any prayer/thought/wish into our box. These will be collected by Andrew Wade and included in his thoughts during his collective worship. During the school week of the 9th May we will be joining in with the Diocese of Truro's prayer week. We will particularly be thinking of praying for transformation across the World.



Stars of the Week. Come and see our work displayed near the office...

Euan for really impressive progress with his reading. Well done.

Grace for trying really hard in all of her learning.

Alice for fantastic effort and concentration in class.

Lucas for persevering with his Maths this week and developing his confidence.

Fraser for working very hard and always eager to take on Maths challenges.

Lilah for being ready to learn at all times and supporting her peers, showing excellent compassion.

Skipp for writing a fantastic information report with excellent sentence structure. I am delighted with Skipp's consistent positive attitude to learning.

Luke for giving a high level explanation of his belief as to how the World was created.

Mrs Howe for teaching Poldark Class Art and RE including preparing the Worship Leaders for their Collective Worship.

Miss Cameron for always appreciating her team and rewarding us with treats and praise. Nominated by Mrs Wright & Mrs Godwin.

Bursting to tell moments

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE: Well done for the fantastic boat entries for the Trust Home School Challenge. Great team work with children and families to create extraordinary boats. ☺ We will let you know winning entries next week.

Outstanding discussion through Religious Education lessons reflecting on their own experiences and exploring different spiritual areas. Reverend Wade and Mrs Best our joint chair of governors were impressed with the children's behaviour and confidence to talk about and share their learning. Well done everyone.

Information for Parents:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Bangers & Mash	Roast Beef	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers/Salmon Fishcakes
Bank Holiday	Veggie Chilli	Quorn Roast	Quorn Burger	Cheese Ploughman's

New menus for the summer term have been sent out. Please complete a school meal form at the beginning of the week and hand into the office. Please remember that Parentpay offer a completely secure way to pay for your child's meals in advance and for you to view your child's account 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations to Brooklyn, Ellie-Mai and Holly who have earned a golden ticket for the golden table this week for helping to look after their buddies or helping the adults. Well done.

Wrap around Provision:

At Grampound Road Primary School we now offer a breakfast club 'Munch Bunch' from 7.45-8.30 am every day and an after school wrap around provision from 3.15-4.15 or 3.15- 6.00 pm. Please contact the office to book a place and payment should be in advance of these sessions.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday- School closed.

Wednesday 4th May Year 6 Breakfast and SAT preparation morning. Arrive from 8.15 am

Thursday 5th May Ascension of Jesus on Holy Thursday

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/ascension.htm>

May 9th - Year 6 SATs Week Important for early nights.
Week of Prayer with Truro Diocese.

May 9th - MAT and School Annual Parent Questionnaire

May 16th to 18th - Year 4 to Camp Kernow

No more inset days this academic year. Royal Cornwall is a normal school day. We hope you are able to get tickets to attend on Saturday 11th June.

Attendance at School.

Poldark Heligan Trelyon Carne Caerhays
99.5% 97.1% 96.7% 97.2% 94.7%

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%.

Please ensure your child only takes time off school for medical reasons.

If your child is unwell and is off school please call on 01726 882646 to inform us of the reason for their absence.

Remember 8.30 gate open

8.35 Come into school

8.40 Wake and Shake in classrooms KS1 and 'Run a Mile' later in day. This is followed by Morning Maths to enable pupil to practice their multiplication and number facts as part of the new curriculum.