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

Compassion, wisdom, forgiveness, perseverance, trust and respect. Newsletter 14/5/2020

#### MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

The government has stated, "...that we may be able, from the week commencing 1 June 2020, to welcome back children from year groups nursery, reception, year one and year six, alongside key worker and vulnerable children."



In response to this we have asked the parents of those year groups to complete a survey. We are very keen to understand your current views and gauge an understanding of take-up of places. As you can imagine there are many implications for consideration. It is important to note, that for social distancing purposes the children would need to be in smaller groups, may be offered a part-time place and may potentially be in a group with an adult that is not their current class teacher. By responding, you are by no means committing to anything in the future, you are just allowing us to plan further. Any plans made will be communicated with you in the coming weeks.

If we are able to open from 1st June for these year groups and it is successful we will potentially open up for other year groups. We will send out a survey to those parents to ensure everyone has be given the opportunity to express their opinions. Parents may be concerned about their child returning to school, but please be rest assured attendance is not compulsory and it is at you own discretion. Parents will not be fined if they do not want their child to attend. We are planning how to go about re-opening the school with strict health and safety measures that will minimise the risk from the virus, following government guidelines.

For now please continue with the home learning and the good news is that we are allowed to visit our beautiful beaches and have a swim!

#### A poem for year 6 pupils from Mr Salway

To all of our Year 6's,

As SATS weeks arrives it is not quite the same, The tests that were printed this year never came, The displays all still up; walls full of Maths 'rules', But Year 6 very different, at present, in schools. For some of you, happiness, lots of relief, For others a sigh of pure disbelief, That you worked REALLY hard in advance of this week, Expected and Greater Depth marks you did seek. Algebra, fractions, the times tables drills, Inference, retrieval, in-depth reading skills, Past present, progressive...and all the SPaG terms, You've practised and mastered them over the years. Fear not though, the SATS, yes, won't happen this term, But remember tests don't measure everything you learn, Primary subjects are varied; you've always tried your best, And many of those skill that you've gained can't be defined in a test.

So here at Grampound Road, you've made us SO proud, We sit here with pride and we shout this out loud...
Year 6 you amaze us, you've come incredibly far...
And we don't need a test to see how AMAZING you all are!

A lovely message from Rev'd Joachim Foot—click on the link below to watch the video.

Rev'd Joachim Foot has kindly produced and collective worship for our families to watch. The children will really enjoy it because the Rev'd introduces us to some baby animals that he is rearing at home. I have learnt so much about how to look after very young animals. I wonder if you can guess which animals he is caring for? Please copy the link into your search engine and it will take you directly to the service.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=oBa2AVCN9LY&feature=youtu.be

Every week Oak Academy are producing a collective worship which this weeks topic is

'Looking after yourself'. Enjoy a good singalong with the cast from Lion King

available on:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgOKwgu5 g9Pm1YBMb5G A

#### **WE NEED YOU**

We would love to hear from you all about the things you are doing at home to keep busy, please contact us with ideas we can share with other families, send pictures of your home-learning/activities or doing something fun that you would like to share with your friends and that we can include in our Newsletter.

### Class News



Well, so much has changed compared to this time last year. No rows of tables in the hall, no displays covered over and certainly no packs of test papers to carefully open and file away. Instead, we can take a deep breath knowing SATS are not happening and, instead, reflect on how 2020 has changed our lives considerably. Once again, it has been a delight to call myself Wolf Rock's teacher and the engagement and dedication shown by so many of the class has been remarkable and so uplifting. VE Day on Friday marked a significant date in British history and lots of you embraced it by taking part on socially distanced street parties, virtual family get- togethers or by partying with the people in your household. Thank you for sharing the photos. Thank you for showing everybody your bridge building efforts and also the bakes and pizzas you've made. The pictures of the camouflaged task were fantastic and I can announce the winner is: Eliza - for her road camouflage. Incredible vision and creativity. Well done!

#### **Tater Du**

It's been brilliant to hear about all the activities that everyone has been getting up to and I hope that everyone is enjoying the fabulous weather outside. I'm still doing a Joe Wicks workout every morning but also a lot of baking! The VE day fruit scones and chocolate brownies are going down a treat in my household! My son is also constructing lots of wooden troughs for all the plants he's been growing for me in between his Year 10 work. He's loving the distraction and I'm loving the results!

I dressed up and had a toast for VE Day on Friday. I hope you all enjoyed your celebrations too. My 89 year-old dad had a lovely time at his road's lunch party.

Take a look at the photos on our gallery page from the week: my overgrown windowsill, my VE day toast, Abi and Olivia's VE day oat cookies and carrot cake, Jake's White Rose Maths Challenge pizza and Campbell's cheese scones.



Have a brilliant week everyone! We miss you 🙂 xxx

## Trevose

This week we have been thinking of creative ways to learn our spellings, making pizzas as part of our maths and creating wanted posters for different characters. We have been writing our own short stories about our own superhero too!

Another great week for Trevose. I am so proud of everyone's hard work whilst at home, well done! Check out the pictures on the gallery page. Miss Eastham x



Thomas has been growing bean plants—and measuring the height of his plants. This is an excellent way of incorporating Maths into our everyday activities. Lily has been finding different ways of making the same amount. It is very useful to teach children the value of coins and how to make up an amount. We don't use money often as we used to because most of us use cards, but if you can try to encourage this sort of activity at home. VE day was celebrated around Cornwall, in Probus I saw families having tea parties in their gardens and the taking time to remember the sacrifices made by others which enabled us have our freedom. It is important to pass on this message to our children so that they understand and respect our military. I love to see your home learning, please post on tapestry so we can share some of the fabulous things you have been doing at home.

Miss Kennedy x







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Oliwia's amazing cup cakes and home made bread look delicious and Campbell's cheese scones look very yummy!







Message from Miss Eastham I have had a little break from my laptop and did my favourite thing...bake! I have made some vegan choc chip cookies. They went down a treat in my



Jakes White Rose Maths Challenge Pizza and Ellie's Pizza







Skye helping out with cake making and scone making with the Allan family.





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Danny's tasty pizza!



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#### Wow! Amazing achievements and creations for our fantastic children this week!











Harley looking after his plants, Alice learnt to ride her bike, spelling practice using cut up letters and Annabel's super hero!



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Hugo did experiments of water resistance using Playdoh shapes. Phoebe working very



Well done!

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#### Joke of the week by Mr Salway!

If I went to Barbados and bought an apple pie, it'll cost me £3. If I went to St. Lucia, the same pie will cost £2.50 and in Jamaica, it will be almost £5.

These are the Pie rates of the Caribbean!!!

#### **VE Day Celebrations!**

Robin and Campbell with their VE day bunting they painted and strung together. They also baked scones and cake for an afternoon tea.





Isaac's carrot cake for VE Day.

Miss Hosking looking glamourous on VE Day





Abi and Olivia's VE Day Oat Cookies

#### **Greetings from Marten Holmes**

I trust you and all the staff are well and coping in these difficult times. I've been busy videoing some more of the stories I tell in schools. Please feel free to use these in school, send the links home to pupils or share them anywhere else you might feel appropriate. It is a little strange to be telling the stories to a camera rather than an audience but hopefully they don't come across as stilted as they sometimes feel when recording them.

Inside Outside takes a look at how youngsters might feel under pressure to live up to certain body types, how what's on the inside is more important than the outside, the importance of making good decisions and how God can help us be the people we are made to be <a href="https://youtu.be/inXxKUZ4pe8">https://youtu.be/inXxKUZ4pe8</a>

Cut and Restore Bible uses a simple magic trick to explore the Bible as a collection of books covering a spectre of genres and what it's central message is - <a href="https://youtu.be/iqYZHZdoN04">https://youtu.be/iqYZHZdoN04</a>

Chocolate Puzzle is a short video showing how you can start with 24 squares of chocolate, eat one and still have 24 left. It can easily be replicated - and you get to eat the chocolate at the end - <a href="https://youtu.be/ow17qcudGfg">https://youtu.be/ow17qcudGfg</a>

I hope you find these of some use. Stay safe.

#### Colouring Book to download

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Devon Contract Waste have created a free colouring book for you to download and print at home to keep your little ones (or big ones!) busy - https://www.dcw.co.uk/dcw-colouring-book.

Why not display it in your window for your bin men to brighten their day?

If you'd like to send them your finished pictures when you're done – they would love to see what you come up with! Their email address is: <a href="mailto:dcwsales@dcw.co.uk">dcwsales@dcw.co.uk</a>



#### WHEAL MARTYN

To help families and schools with the demands of home schooling, playing, having fun and keeping busy and positive, here are some activities for families and schools to use in whatever setting they find themselves. We hope that the activities are fun and offer a chance for some creative learning. Wheal Martyn have endeavoured to link the activities to our beautiful and special local area and Cornish heritage, in particular, Wheal Martyn and the China clay industry.

You can follow this link to find our **Activities At Home** page with a list of suggested activities and resources to keep you busy and learning: https://www.wheal-martyn.com/activities-at-home

#### https://wp.cdn.thriveftc.com/prod/uploads/2020/04/Thrive-Colour-Hunt-scaled.jpg

## Questions to ask your child in self-isolation YOUNGMINDS What could help Is there anything you want time you were the last time you were the your were the county of the your were the





#### **TURN2US**

Please see details of a website recommended by Becky Chappell (Inclusion & Data Co-ordinator)

It is a very strange time that we are living through, one that is unlike anything that many of us have ever experienced. Most of us have a steady income, that has been unaffected by Covid-19.

I have been using this website for many years to help support people in various situations, it takes a few minuets to enter your details but will quickly tell you what benefits you might be entitled to, with the links to the forms to fill out. It also has information of local charities of whom you can apply for small grants and loans. But there is also a Covid-19 grant of up to  $\pounds500$  to help people that are suffering financial hardship caused by loss of income during this virus.

https://www.turnzus.org.uk/get-support/Turnzus-Funds/Turnzus-Coronavirus-Grant-Fund

Please pass this information on through your school newsletters, to your friends and family.

Many of us are doing what we can to try and help people who can communicate their needs, but some people will struggle with this, whether it be pride, fear, or, in some cases, access to the internet. Let's do what we can to make sure no one has to go without.

Useful link for bereavement support during Covid 19.



https://www.penhaligonsfriends.org.uk/

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#### Useful links for wellbeing and mental health:

• BBC Bitesize has top tips for looking after yourself and your whole family's mental health.

#### https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znxyvk7

• There are free resources on Twinkl that can be accessed from the link below from Mindfulness tips to craft activities to relieve boredom and explore creativity.

#### https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search

• Exercise is one of the five steps to wellbeing,, you could combine physical activity with mindfulness and try taking part in yoga lessons like Cosmic Yoga for children:

#### https://www.voutube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga

Arena have created a PE and Outdoor home learning YouTube channel to support children and parents <a href="https://www.voutube.com/channel/UCCStiKIMICO-Em7zMIoHR3A">https://www.voutube.com/channel/UCCStiKIMICO-Em7zMIoHR3A</a>