

Grampound Road Village C of E School

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Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

26th February 2021

We are delighted with the news that all the children will return to school on the 8th of March 2021. The partial opening of schools forced everyone out of their comfort zone, it has been a challenge for parents and teachers alike. We are excited to teach full classes face-to-face lessons once again, it is what we do best, and it is what we are trained to do. The staff are putting all their energy into making the school environment welcoming and ready. I have been busy this week going through all the latest government guidance and I have completed a guide for parents which will be sent out soon. I hope this will give you all the information you need and answer any questions that you may have.

On the first week back, our focus will on the emotional well-being of the children. Our aim is that we plan and deliver PSHE sessions and that we give the children time to socialise and get used to one another again. There will be lessons taught, but we want to make sure the children feel safe and comfortable in school and that routines are re-established.

Although we are not permitted to arrange school trips yet, we would like to have some events to look forward to, including Red Nose Day, St Pirans Day and a fun run. The fun run will be to raise funds for the school. We are also extending forest school, to enable the reception children and KS1 children to become involved, Mr Jory has some wonderful ideas! Lastly, through our PE funding budget we are going to order some new playground equipment for KS1 and KS2, this will enrich the children's playtimes. The outside area in Pendeen and Trevose will also benefit from some new resources to enable the children to spend more time outside.

"Nature breeds curiosity; it helps to grow explorers rather than robots. It reminds us that we are part of something bigger. It grounds us, calms us." Ben Palmer-Fry

I hope you enjoy the sunshine



Class



Happy New Half Term, everyone!

Mr Jory and I hope that you all had a restful holiday and that you managed to find many opportunities to explore - even though the weather was rubbish. We have just started a new topic, Ancient Egypt, and have drawn maps of Egypt having located the country using atlases first. Some of the key places – Cairo, the Nile, the Aswan Dam will be explored in later lessons as will Egyptian Gods and Pyramids. I am really looking forward to seeing your head-dresses being created today. In RE, on Wednesday, the discussions around the Fruits of the Spirit were engaging, especially when identifying those values which we felt were most important. Kindness and love topped most people's list and this provided a chance to delve into their real meanings. There is not much longer before we are all back and the 'buzz' of a busy classroom can be heard once more. We cannot wait!! Have a lovely weekend.



captivating to learn their explanations about the how the world was created although I'm having great difficulties pronouncing all the names! We've learnt about some Greek Gods and Goddesses and we started an ICT unit all about Spreadsheets. The Google Meet on Thursday was fabulous and we're so looking forward to everyone being back together again. Have a gorgeous weekend enjoying this wonderful sun!



Class News Trevose

This week we have welcomed Mrs. Warne to Trevose! It has been lovely to have her in our class helping us with our learning. It has been great to see what everyone did over the half-term, it looked like you all enjoyed lots of delicious pancakes on pancake day and had fun with your families!

We started our week with some sunshine and went outside to do some observational drawings of different plants. Take a look at some of our drawings of flowering plants and trees. We really enjoyed sitting and concentrating on drawing what we could see!

Our topic this half-term is 'Our Heroes' and we began thinking about what makes a person significant. We spent time looking at different reasons why someone is important and then we compared our own opinions with our partner. It was interesting to see what we agreed and disagreed on! We also looked at different significant people and thought of some of our own. I was very impressed with Arlo who remembered the name of America's president- Joe Biden! We have also been learning our new class story- Traction Man. We have been getting creative with retelling the story and thinking of different actions to help us remember the different parts.

actions to help us remember the different parts! Well done for a great week, everyone .





Thomas and Alayah doing some Observational drawings



pendeen

Phoebe found some daffodils and drew the tree she saw in the park.





Welcome back Pendeen, I hope that you have all had a lovely half term. It is lovely to see that the daffodils that you planted in September are all in bloom now, just in time for St David's day. In our phonics this week we have moved onto the Ditty books. I hope that you have all been 'wowed' by your child's excellent reading. They have all been working so hard on this this week so well done children. In literacy the children have been learning the story of The Three Little Pigs. The have learnt some actions to help them to remember the story and have retold the story to each other using puppets in the storytelling area. In Maths this week we have been ordering our numbers to twenty and we have been looking at numbers being higher or lower than each other. The children have shown some real resilience when they have found the work a little tricky and have worked through these challenges. We have started our new topic on animals. The children enjoyed learning about animals and their young and have thought of some questions about animals that they would like to find out the answers to. We have been lucky enough to have Mr Webb take Pendeen for PE and it was lovely for the children to be able to do their PE outside in the nice weather. We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Hello everyone—hope you are all well?

Forest School

On the final Friday, before half term, we did a treasure hunt on the field and playground where clues led the 'hunters' to letters that they then had to arrange into two words - these words being 'oxygen' and 'ash' that were part of our previous fire & buds sessions. On a chilly day, the challenge was really embraced by all.

Looking forward, the sessions will be varied; some may have an element of creativity, while others will have an alternative focus (e.g. orienteering, knowledge of Cornish towns - both as a geography focus). Whatever the subject, the

emphasis will be on getting outside (when the weather allows) and having fun - something that we have had limited opportunity to do in the past year. 😳

Miss Warne & Mr Jory.

Weather

After a chilly week before half term, half term week itself was a wash out even if we weren't able to get out of our homes very much! Currently, as I type, it's a beautiful day (after a slight frost) and the weekend promises to be similar. Early next week there may be some showers but, on the whole, hopefully it won't be too wet as high pressure will be close to us. Later on in the week our weather will be dictated by where this high pressure moves; if it goes east, for example, the Atlantic fronts and rain will be on our doorstop again. It's difficult to have any confidence, my gut feel is that the high pressure may go north west allowing colder air to get drawn into Europe which could affect the UK.

The Bumble Bees have really impressed us this week. They have all worked hard on their activities, and have really supported one another. We have spent time together discussing the issues surrounding our worries and how it affects our mind and body. We know that worry is something that happens for children and adults. We have shared our experiences together and explored ways in which we can keep our 'Worry'



Lexie C

We are incredibly proud of the determination and emotional resilience you have shown this week...

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(You've got this!)



Bumble Bee of the







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WHAT DID YOU ALL GET UP TO IN THE

HALF TERM HOLIDAY?



Lilly's half term news!

Thomas had a busy half-term helping his brother build some furniture.



Tickle, tickle

Hooray for Traction



Maisie, Phoebe and Annabel have been inventive with our class text;

Traction Man and have created their own scenes from

the story!









Grace and Ruby made a 3D Pirate picture and Grace made a fantastic observational drawing.

Daisy's amazing tree and leaf drawing.

Well done everyone!



Ruby's fantastic observational drawing.

Lilly's actions for our class story!









It's World Book Day on Thursday! It would be wonderful to see you dressed up in a favourite book character! We'll be doing lots of book related activities in school and at home. It would be lovely to see photographs of you reading in some unusual places to celebrate this special day. Please send them to

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ATTENDANCE

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for last week was:

Pendeen: 89.7 % Trevose: 67.9 % Tater Du: 76.7 % Wolfrock: 76.9 %

In accordance with our attendance policy we will be sending some children home with attendance letters during the term to help keep you informed of your child's attendance in line with the new RAG (red, amber, green system). Below are the band widths, as a reminder, if your child falls into one of these coloured bands a letter will be sent home.

GREEN Band 96% to 93% **AMBER** Band 93% to 90% **RED** Band Below 90% (PERSISTENT ABSENTEE) This is a government definition.

How to contact us:

The office is open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm



Contact the class teachers through dojo or if you would like to speak to the class teacher or head of school please call to make an appointment. Dismissing pupils at the end of the day is a very busy time, if you would like to discuss something in detail please call the office between the above hours and we will pass the message onto the teacher. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



Supporting young people , and their families, with positive mental health

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers: <u>https://www.gov.uk/</u> <u>government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-</u> wellbeing

Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on: Miss S Kennedy 01726 882646

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WORLD BOOK DAY- 4TH MARCH

ST PIRANS DAY—5TH MARCH

RED NOSE DAY –19TH MARCH

SCHOOL FUN RUN—TBC

IF YOU REQUIRE WRAPAROUND CARE THIS MUST BE BOOKED BY THE FRIDAY LUNCHTIME THE WEEK

PRIOR FOR US TO HAVE THE NECESSARY STAFF ON SITE.

THIS NEEDS TO BE BOOKED VIA PARENTPAY IN ADVANCE.

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Please can we remind parents/carers of the following information:

As from 8th March 2021 (New times) see below

<u>Drop off and pick up times: (younger siblings will follow the times for the</u> oldest child)

Pendeen 8.45 am – 3.15pm

Trevose 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tater Du 8.55am - 3.25pm

Wolf Rock 9.00am -3.30pm

Reminder for children to have a pair of PE trainers left in school, a drinks bottle and coat (all labelled please)

PE Sessions: Next week Thursday and Friday

We will confirm the days for each class next week for returning on the 8th March

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?

