



Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School

**To inspire through faith and love, that all may flourish**

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*'be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'*

**Ephesians 4:32**

This half term's value:

## **Compassion**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It might have been a very wet week but that hasn't stopped the children and their teachers doing anything! Our children have been down in the woods for Forest School, practised their football skills with Mr Brown, and enjoyed playing in the playground.

We began our week with Collective Worship, where with help from Oscar (y4) and Rosie (y1) we listened to the story of The Lion and the Mouse and learnt that even if we are small we can still make a BIG difference. As we come to the end of our first full week at Bishop Cornish it is a joy to see how well everyone is settling back into school. Visiting each classroom has seen the children working super hard and enjoying their time in school.

Our children in reception class are happily sharing what they are doing in the classroom. Today it was learning that maths is everywhere. They then practised singing their number songs. 😊 Across Year 1 and 2 the children have started their new topics - Castles and The Great Fire of London. In Year 3 and 4 the children have been collecting apples in readiness to make some tasty treats as part of DT and creating their own beasts as part of their English topic. The children in Year 5 have started to explore their topic of Ancient Greece. They shared the story of the Minotaur with me. Year 6 have had a completely different week. They have been on their residential trip at Heatree. Mrs Williams, Mrs Miller and Tim have spent a week with the children enjoying the outdoors and trying out many different activities. The children have been an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to everyone for giving the children such a wonderful experience. I end this week with a couple of reminders - Can everyone that travels to school by car please make sure that the entrance to the school is not blocked and the zig-zag yellow lines are not parked on. This is to ensure the safety of all our children and their families. I have had quite a few absence requests. It is important that children are in school. Recent research from the Department for Education has highlighted a crucial link between school attendance for primary school children in succeeding and developing key life skills.

### **Why Attendance Matters**

Social & Cognitive Development – Attending school every day helps children build friendships, develop skills, and grow in confidence.

Higher Achievement – Pupils who attend school regularly perform better academically, particularly in subjects like English and Maths.

Long-Term Benefits – Good attendance lays the foundation for future success in education and career Opportunities.

As a school we are aware that there are exceptional circumstances and we will look at every request as an individual case, but ask that you are mindful when booking holidays or trips away.

I wish you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher



## Diary Dates

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| <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/>RNLI visiting Reception</p> <p><b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/>Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting – 3.30pm</p> <p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/>Painting Day – 2-4pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br/>Paramedics/Ambulance Service visiting Reception Class</p> <p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/>Fire Service visiting Reception Class</p> <p><b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b><br/>Parent Consultations<br/>Dentist visiting Reception Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b><br/>Parent Consultations</p> | <p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>Harvest Festival – 1.45pm<br/>No ASC – whole school staff training</p> <p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>Phonics Parent Meetings – 2.30pm and 7.15pm<br/>Open Morning – 9.30am<br/>Open Evening – 5pm</p> <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>Tempest Portraits</p> <p><b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>Nasal Flu vaccinations</p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b><br/>INSET – non-pupil day</p> <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b><br/>Half Term</p> |
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### Message from Reverend Laura Bushell-Hawke

#### Confirmation

Are you thinking about Confirmation, or simply curious about what it means to live as a Christian today?

Join us for a four-week journey through Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*, exploring the heart of Christian life through four key themes: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer.

- Sunday 14 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 21 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 28 September, 3pm at St Stephen's
- Sunday 23 November, 3pm at St Stephen's

The Confirmation Service takes place on Wednesday 26 November at 7pm. This is for those in Year 5 all the way through to 100yrs old! Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and let's explore what it means to be Christian in today's world.

## **Achievement Awards**

Finley in Reception Class for showing great listening when given instructions and using them carefully in his learning!

Eden In Year 1 for her amazing efforts in all lessons - she is maturing so well into her learning.

Rosie in Year 2 has joined our class this week and has settled so well. She has made friends and showed that she is a superstar in her learning.

Willow in Year 3 for starting the year with a positive attitude and showing perseverance and determination with her reading and handwriting. Well done Willow.

Harper has made an excellent start to Year 4 – she always listens carefully, tries her hardest and arrives full of smiles. Well done Harper.

Lois in Year 5 for demonstrating outstanding writing this week. All week, you have used exceptional vocabulary, making your writing vivid and expressive.

## **Values Award**

Reagan in Reception Class for showing great compassion by being kind, caring and thoughtful towards his friends.

Sienna in Year 1 shows the value of compassion naturally - she is kind, caring and will always check in with somebody who is sad.

Xander in Year 2 saw another child in the playground who was on their own and went over and said thank you, the other child came and told me how compassionate Xander was.

Molly in Year 3 who is kind, caring and considerate with her classmates. She comes in with a smile, ready to learn and is willing to help others around her. Well done Molly.

Eliza in Year 4 always looks out for others and offers to help anyone whoever needs it. She never needs to be asked...she just does. Well done Eliza.

Alfie P in Year 5 for always being kind, caring, and supportive of others and always looking out for your classmates.

## **Our new Award for Beautiful handwriting presentation BFF (Bottoms, Feet, Fingers)**

Indie in Reception Class

Maxwell in Year 1

Ada in Year 2

Samuel in Year 3

Dempsey in Year 4

Dexter J in Year 5

## This week in school we have.....

This week Year 2 have really got stuck into their learning. They have been writing some super sentences in literacy as well as getting to grips with tens and ones in maths. They have begun to explore materials in science as well as learning about the United Kingdom in geography. They became history investigators on Monday seeing if they could find the cause of the great fire of London together. They have all settled beautifully and we are super proud of them.

This week Year 1 have been learning about the parts of a castle. We have been perfecting letter formation and writing sentences along with some fun finger gym activities. They have been superstars transitioning up to Year 1!

What a wonderful start to the year we've had in Reception! The children have settled in and are already busy with their learning! This week, we began our phonics journey by exploring the sounds m and a, and in maths we have been working on the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We've also been enjoying the story of The Colour Monster which has helped us talk about our feelings and different emotions we experience. We are so proud of how everyone has started!

This week, Year 5 have been busy explorers of both our world and the wider universe! In Geography, the children have been learning about time zones, discovering how different parts of the world experience day and night at different times. In Science, we've been fascinated by the amazing universe, investigating planets and their unique features. In Maths, the class have been working confidently with place value up to 1,000,000, showing great determination and focus.

This week Year 3 have been looking at a historical timeline and plotting out different events that they have learnt about throughout Key stage 1. They also did some outdoor learning in the woods and picked some apples which they then made some fantastic drawings of in Art. This will link to our learning about Creation and Harvest in RE over the next few weeks. We have begun our writing unit based around the story, "The Secret of Black Rock," and have also read an extract from, "George's Marvellous Medicine,"

Year 4 have had a super start to the year. We are enjoying our Geography work and have been busy exploring the countries of Europe. We are especially enjoying our English writing unit on unicorns and have used drama in our lessons too. You've all been superstars – well done.

# Photo Gallery

Year 5



Year 4



Year 2



Reception Class



Year 1



Year 3

