



Bishop Cornish CEVA Primary School
Issue 15: 7th January 2022



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to 2022 at Bishop Cornish! I very much hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and got to spend precious time with your loved ones. The children have returned to school in high spirits, ready to learn and start the new year off. It was an absolute joy to see their smiling faces as they walked into school on Wednesday.

In Collective Worship this week our focus was Epiphany, where we reflected on how the wise men might have felt going on a journey, following the stars to meet Jesus. An activity that the children could do at home is to view the night sky and draw or write down what they see. I would love to see their work!

It is great to see that so many of you have joined Class Dojo. I hope that you find this form of communication helpful. The system enables you to directly contact your child's class teacher through the message icon, and view what is happening in class as teachers share either by commentary, video or photos. As parents you can like what you see by tapping the heart icon and make comments. At the moment the story page is for you as parents/carers to see what is happening in school. As we introduce more aspects of the system, the children will be able to log in and upload their work at which point they can write comments to share with you and their class teacher. If your child is currently off school but well enough to work and is accessing the home learning, you might want to try this out. We will also be using Class Dojo as part of our reward system. You will be notified when your child receives a positive point. The children are very excited by this and are working with their teachers to create their special reward chart. Any feedback from what you have seen so far would be much appreciated.

As of next week there have been changes around the testing for COVID. Thankfully, due to the diligence of parents testing their children before the return to school on Wednesday, although there were confirmed cases, the children have not been into school and therefore have not had close contact with others. Thank you for supporting us with that. If you are able, can I please ask you to test your children twice weekly to ensure that any asymptomatic children are identified.

The new guidance from the government is as follows: *Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.*

To help us to keep everyone as safe as possible and stop the spread of COVID, it is imperative that if your child is unwell, and displaying symptoms of COVID, they stay at home and take an LFD test. We will keep you updated with the ever changing nature of this.

I wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

Mrs Fletcher

For your diaries

Monday 10th January

ARENA League Football Match

Friday 14th January

Yr3 and 5 start swimming

Cross Country Race at Cotehele

Wednesday 2nd February

Year 1 Hearing Screening

w/c Monday 14th February

School reports sent home

Monday 28th February

Parent Consultations

Achievement Awards this week go to:

Dexter in Reception who had a brilliant smile during our music session. He loved "jamming" and showed a great sense of rhythm on the bongos.

Jack in Year 1 who has been amazing this week and always has a fantastic smile. In literacy this week he segmented words to write all on his own and found the sounds. We are very proud of you Jack - keep it up!

Poppy in Year 2 for her enthusiastic and hardworking approach to all subjects. She has produced some beautifully presented English work this week and always gives thoughtful contributions in class discussions. Keep up the good work Poppy!

Isla in Year 3 for her amazing scientific knowledge around magnets. Her enthusiasm in the lessons was wonderful. She is a great role model for effort within all lessons. Well done Isla!

Aaliyah in Year 4 has been an absolute superstar with her learning in maths. She has been working extremely hard in Doodle Maths and has been putting in a huge amount of effort.

Isla in Year 5, who has used excellent research skills to create an accurate and informative poster about Edward the Confessor. Not only did she use lots of technical vocabulary but also thought about presentation and what she needed to make it eye catching. Well done Isla!

Bella in Year 6, who shows consistent enthusiasm in all we do; has a supercharged energy which lifts all our spirits; is a kind hearted and deeply thoughtful girl and puts an enormous amount of effort into her learning, her work and her

Next week the children in:

Reception will be starting their new topic of dinosaurs. They will be learning about different types of dinosaurs, what dinosaurs were and who Mary Anning was.

Year 1 will be looking at a new story called Beegu. It is about a lost alien. We will be thinking about his feelings. In maths we will be looking at place value and using what we already know with bigger numbers. We will be jumping in gymnastics, reviewing our work on materials and learning the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans with some very catchy tunes.

Year 2 will see the opening of the class Victorian Museum which will unveil some fascinating historic artefacts to inspire their writing and learning.

Year 3 will be rambling into the rainforest topic starting with a senses journey and finishing with some art to create a collage display of the layers of the rainforest.

Year 4 will be writing their own English fairy tales – look out for the big, bad Nile crocodiles and fairy Pharaohs!

Year 5 start swimming lessons as well as their new space topic focusing on forces. They will be using their scientific knowledge to create lots of experiments and recording data.

Year 6 will be starting their new history topic on World War II, which will be their anchor-point for most of their learning across the rest of the curriculum.

If you have any old newspapers please send them in for our animal hutches - thankyou

This week in school and at home

Year 5 have started the year with lots of enthusiasm and are working really hard. To finish our Viking topic, they have created informative posters about Edward the Confessor. They have also logged on to Doodle maths which is our new home learning platform which we are trialling. They are very excited so will tell you all about it.



This week Year 3 have been enjoying their science investigations with magnets and forces. What budding little scientists we have at the school! They were super enthusiastic.



This week Year 4 have been so creative. On Wednesday we used drama to understand the structure of different fairy tales. On Thursday, we worked with clay and made some replicas of Egyptian cartouches.



This week Year 2 have been writing about their experiences over Christmas and exploring everyday materials as part of their new topic in Science.



Year 1 have settled back into school really well and I have been amazed at their shape knowledge. They have enjoyed seeing each other and sharing things about their Christmas.



This week, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed going back in time to finish our work on the Tudors, by celebrating the Feast of Epiphany at Honicombe Manor. The atmosphere was just incredible: fabulous costumes, authentic food, a candlelit great hall with a fabulous roaring fire! We ate, sang, danced, sugar-crafted edible figures, listened to a story around the fire amongst other things... A brilliant end to our topic!