

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." (**Psalm 31:24**)

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of the first half-term and what a term it has been! Thank you for such a great response to parents evening, with 94% of you spending time talking to your child's class teacher. If you were unable to join your class teacher on Monday or Thursday of this week but would like to speak to them, then we would love you to contact school to make an appointment.

We have also had a great response to the After School Clubs, there are still a few spaces in Voice Club, Rhythm Band and Touch Rugby. If your child wanted to join any of these please let us know.

This week in Collective Worship we looked at using our eyes to see and ears to hear of the wonderful things that are around us, even though we lead busy lives, and making sure that we take the time to share with others and thank God.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have held our school council elections, the children chosen by their class mates are:

- Reception Elliott and Amelia
- Year 1 Tobias and Martha
- Year 2 Jack and Olivia
- Year 3 Vinnie and Niamh
- Year 4 Florence and Lucas
- Year 5 Ruben, Ava and Izzy
- Year 6 Bella and Ollie

Well done to the children. I am very much looking forward to hearing your ideas.

As I am sure that you are aware, we have been advised to ensure good ventilation in school, which can at times means that the classrooms are pretty draughty. Some of the children may find that they are cold so with that in mind we are more than happy for the children to wear extra layers of clothing.

Yesterday as part of our professional development the staff and I attended a Cyber Crime Awareness presentation that we all found extremely enlightening. We will be sending out a Survey Monkey questionnaire next term to see if any parents would like to attend the presentation as part of work around staying safe online.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you a happy, safe half-term break and thank the staff, governors, children and you for your support for what has been to say the least a tricky term.

Mrs Fletcher

SE Cornwall Cross Country League, Round 1

Last Friday 28 children travelled to Great Trethew for the first cross country league race in 19 months! Conditions were good on a hard, undulating course. Superb performances all round with some amazing results. In his first race for the school, Lucas stormed to a superb victory, and also led the 3/4 Boys team to first place, with excellent support from Bear, Oliver and Jack. In the Girls 3/4 race, excellent packing from Katy, Caitlyn, Florence and Megan meant a close 3rd place in the team contest. Excellent races from Elin, Jess, Isabel and Scarlett meant our 5/6 Girls were a very close 2nd behind a strong Landulph team. In the last race, Owen L was just outsprinted to come a brilliant 2nd in the 5/6 Boys race.

Great performances all round- it was like we had never been away!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

TERM

25-29th October – Half Term

1-3rd November – Bikeability Yr 5/6

4th November – Reception Class Vision Screening

15th November – Tempest photographs

30th November and 1st/6th December – Bikeability Yr 5/6

14th December – Christingle Service

What's happening next term in class -

Reception Class will be thinking about healthy eating and how to keep fit. We will be practising cleaning teeth and finding ways to make yummy and healthy food.

Year 1 will become amazing storytellers by looking at a range of stories. They will also be exploring materials and finding out about events we celebrate like bonfire night.

Year 2 will be exploring our capital city, London, seeing the sights and becoming tour guides.

Year 3 will be exploring Hinduism and celebrating Diwali with a party in school on Thursday 4th November. We hope you can join us!

Year 4 will be delving further into the depths of Ancient Egypt, researching about how the River Nile was important to Egyptian life.

Year 5 will be Viking settlers for our Viking day on Thursday 4th November. Please remember they can dress up for our experience. We have a 'real' Viking visitor joining us!

Year 6 will be analysing architecture of the 16th Century, and stepping into the shoes of the builders of the time, making their own wattle and daub walls - *we have plenty of animal dung!* We will also be designing, creating and planting a top-end Tudor kitchen garden...not to mention preparing for Christmas!

Achievement Awards this week go to:

Darcie in Reception class who has been trying so hard to face her fears and be really brave in different situations. We are really proud of her for trying and not giving up. Well done Darcie!

Martha in Year 1, who is a wonderful member of class. She always gets on with what she is asked to do and always does it with a smile. She has been particularly amazing at maths this week. Martha is always kind to others and she is a superstar in PE! Well done Martha!

Anthony in Year 2 for his excellent mental maths and quick thinking strategies to solve mathematical problems. He has a very enthusiastic approach to his learning and always makes us smile. Keep up the good work Anthony!

Henry in Year 3 for his fantastic scientific thinking and knowledge of rocks.

Katy in Year 4, who has used her artistic talents to create an amazing Egyptian-inspired painting on papyrus. She has thought really carefully about her use of colour and how to make this interesting by using a range of different shades and tones. Katy has also been an all-around superstar focussing hard in all of our learning. Well done Katy!

Niall in Year 5, who is always ready to learn, is always there for his friends, always comes to school with a smile on his face and is always doing the right thing. He is a truly outstanding role model for the school and represents Year 5 in a very positive light.

Eleanor in Year 6, who has been a real super star this week! She has worked really hard, putting lots of effort into her work, and has gone the extra mile to support and make others happy. She has a super attitude and is always smiling - she never fails to brighten up Mr Hill's day with a kind word or a smile! Well done, we are very proud of you!

This week in school and at home

This week Year 5 have written factual diary entries for the Viking period. They have worked incredibly hard ensuring they are cram packed full of technical vocabulary and key features for diary writing. They have also been code breakers attempting to break a code to build number squares. They worked well in their groups using dialogical talk to question suggestions and build upon them to solve the puzzle. Their homework this term has been outstanding and we will be playing their boards which they made, they are fantastic – see the photo!



Year 1 were out and about collecting collage materials to dry out and then use to express their own artistic visions of God.



Year 2 had great fun following instructions to make a paper aeroplane, decorating them with their own designs and creating a name. Inspired by The Wright Brothers' first flight of their plane Flyer 1, the children then took their planes for a test flight. They were very excited to see which flew the furthest, and to discuss ideas as to why some planes flew further than others.



Due to the weather, the peasant feast has been put on hold until after half term, however, we did get out and cook some of our home-grown apples on the fire! We've also had great fun with watercolour, creating our own colour charts as well as refining our editing skills in English! I think Year 6 are all quite tired and looking forward to a rest! However, we're looking forward to the super busy half term ahead!



This week Reception Class have been thinking about the story of the colour monster. We shared our feelings and how all feelings are ok to have. We made our own feeling jars like in the story.



In our art lessons this week Year 4 have been amazing Egyptian artists. We have been looking at colour mixing to create different shades and tones. The paintings we have created on papyrus look amazing - like they are from real Egyptian tombs. We have also been using our sketching techniques, looking at our use of lines and tone to create our unicorns which have been brought to life within our English lessons. Well done Year 4.

Yr 3 have been geologists exploring rocks and investigating which would make the best material for a new set of steps outside!



Please remember - if your child is unwell, and displaying symptoms of COVID, these include: a new continuous cough, a fever, loss of taste or smell, a sore throat, headaches and fatigue which are also symptoms in young people, please can you keep them at home and take them for a PCR test. Thank you!

Reminder - what are you going to do to have an optimistic October?

Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1. Write down three things you can look forward to this month.	2. Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time).	3. Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you.
4. Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list.	5. Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good.	6. Remind yourself that things can change for the better.	7. Look for the good in people around you today.	8. Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding.	9. Share an important goal with someone you trust.	10. Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week.
11. Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward.	12. Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today.	13. Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing.	14. Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation.	15. Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted.	16. Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting.	17. Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society.
18. Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead.	19. Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future.	20. Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time.	21. Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you.	22. Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague.	23. Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise.	24. Write down three specific things that have gone well recently.
25. You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?	26. Find a new perspective on a problem you face.	27. Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time.	28. Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29. Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to.	30. Identify three things that give you hope for the future.	31. Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month.

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