

Date: 28 January 2022



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GODREVY: Fran

FISTRAL: Martha

MOUSEHOLE: Mhyla

TREEN: Louise

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes to:

Noah, Lexi, Levan and Evie

Phonics– Website information

Parents will be aware that when your child starts school the first academic priority for us is to teach them to read. Being a fluent reader enables children to access the whole curriculum, and the sooner this can be achieved the broader children's experience of school will be. At St Erth we have developed our own systematic synthetic phonics program to achieve this.

At the start of the school year we usually enjoy inviting parents in for a meeting to explain how phonics and early reading work at St Erth so that you are able to support your children at home. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions have made this impossible this year so far. However, I know that Miss Bloxam and Mrs Thomas have communicated about home reading and our expectations. As Covid restrictions ease we will look to arrange a meeting as soon as possible to provide as much information as we can.

In the meantime, our Literacy lead Mrs Murgatroyd has been working hard to update our website with all the relevant information parents may need and more! There is some interesting reading at the top of the page and very useful links at the bottom. Please take a look and if you have any questions or would like to know more then please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Heights and Weights

We have already sent notification to parents of pupils in Year 6 and Reception that the School nursing team will be here next Thursday, 3 February, to carry out height and weight measurements. Full details about these checks, together with the form to opt out, can be found by following the links below:

Reception Year - <https://mailchi.mp/18026a07be64/child-health-programme-health-information-reception-year>

Year 6 - <https://mailchi.mp/cc99221a9df0/child-health-programme-health-information-year6>

Covid letter - Attached with the newsletter this week is a letter concerning the slight increase in Covid cases within school. Please read this letter carefully.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR GLASSES?

A pair of spectacles has been tied to a branch along Battery Mill Lane for at least three days, photo below. They are now being held hostage in the shop. Some one must be missing them. Please claim from the shop if they are yours.



SCHOOL CENTENARY

Our Centenary book is now almost finished and ready to go to the printers. We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who have donated towards the cost of printing:

A Burstow Plant Hire Ltd	St Erth Parish Council
Greenwood Wilson	Hayle Pump
The Star Inn, St Erth	Friends of St Erth School

Early Help – Penwith

Parenting Advice

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?



To get in touch with your questions please send an email to Penwith.FamilyHubs@cornwall.gov.uk or call 01736 759058 and leave a message mentioning Parenting Worker Advice Line with your contact details and the best time for us to contact you. You will receive a reply within two working days.



Together
for Families

www.cornwall.gov.uk

Their latest newsletter, giving details of all the courses that they are running and the help they are able to offer, has been added to our website: go to 'This week's newsletter'.

CAR PARK



Please can we politely remind parents that, for safety reasons, you should not use the car park for dropping off or collecting your children at the **start and end of the school day** unless there are extenuating circumstances and you have made a prior arrangement. This is purely for safety reasons, as we cannot have children in the car park when there may still be staff arriving at school.

If you come to deliver or collect your children at any other, quieter time you are welcome to drive into the car park.

Children's Clothes Exchange

Starting on Saturday, 5th February, there will be a new Children's Clothes Exchange in St Erth Chapel from 10-12 noon. Bring any good, clean outgrown clothes, including school uniforms, and take any clothes to fit your child now.

Updated Coronavirus Guidance -

Following the recent Government updates to national Covid guidance, please be aware that at present nothing has changed here in school. As soon as our Risk Assessment is updated we will let you know. In the meantime, guidance remains as follows:

- Book a PCR test for anyone in your household who develops Covid symptoms.
- Anyone who is notified that they are a close contact of a positive case should take a lateral flow test daily for 7 days. They do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms, in which case they should book a PCR test.
- Please limit social contact as much as you can to reduce the spread of the virus.

We also request that if possible all parents, carers and older siblings of school aged children test twice weekly, in line with school staff, using a lateral flow test.