

Date: 11 March 2022



### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GODREVY: Ava

FISTRAL: Bella B

MOUSEHOLE: Maggie

TREEN: Wilf

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes to:

Kiki, Saffron, Sydney and Esme

### Centenary celebrations - Saturday, 9 April

Thank you to the band of parents who agreed to distribute flyers around the village this weekend. It is very much appreciated. Please take a look at our website to see the full details of what will be taking place.

Remember, we would love to receive donations of bottles (anything from washing up liquid, to tomato sauce to champagne) for the tombola, as well as raffle prizes.

We also want to know your favourite pop song when you were at primary school. Send these details to [secretary@st-erth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-erth.cornwall.sch.uk).

### Farmers' Market

The School will be providing the refreshments at the Farmers' Market on Saturday, 26 March. Please mark this date in your diary and pop along for a coffee. We would be grateful for donations of cakes on the day.

### Easter Meal Vouchers

Vouchers for those in receipt of Free School Meals will be available for the last time to cover the Easter holidays. We have already processed these and two weeks' worth of vouchers should arrive with you on 6 April.

### Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 18 March is Red Nose Day. We have been bowled over today by the generosity of the school community in raising £374.42 to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Therefore, we feel like we may be asking a bit much of families to do it again a week later. However, Red Nose Day is enjoyed by the children and they would miss it if we didn't mark it. So **Friday 18th will be a non-uniform day** and donations are of course welcome, but we do understand that family budgets are under pressure at this time.



### Reception Vision Screening

Vision screening was postponed. They are coming back on 23 March.



**Glass in Trenhayle Lane** - We have been informed by a concerned parent that they've found glass bottles in Trenhayle Lane (the lane from School to the Helston road) on more than one occasion. They have kindly removed them but please look out for more and if you see the culprit please also let the police know.

### Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to Bristol

We have to pay our final invoice for accommodation on Monday. Firstly, there were one or two pupils who were unsure about whether they wanted to take part. Please can we ask that you make a final decision over the weekend as we will not be able to amend our numbers after that time.

Secondly, if your child is taking part, please can we ask that all deposits are paid over the weekend to allow us to settle the invoice.

### Congratulations!

Well done to St Erth Nursery who achieved 'Outstanding' in all areas in their recent Ofsted inspection.

They have also achieved a 'Very Good' Food Hygiene rating from Cornwall Council—and so did we!

## Reading at home

Reading is fundamental to all children's progress and development at school. Being a fluent reader enables children to access all areas of the curriculum and work independently. It is fundamental to all the work that the team at St Erth do to help our pupils progress. Recently, Mrs Murgatroyd communicated with parents, highlighting how we work to ensure the teaching of reading and the pupils experience of it is as high a standard as possible, referring to our 7 areas of reading:

- We prioritise reading
- We work to create a love of reading
- We have a systematic phonics system that ensures children make progress rapidly
- Our phonics reading books match the sounds children have learnt
- We teaching phonics from the 1st day of reception
- We ensure pupils can catch up quickly
- We are experts in early reading

Please have a look through the reading and phonics curriculum on our school website for further information.

Reading at home regularly plays a crucial role in creating a love of reading, allowing children to progress through regular practice and helping pupils catch up. We understand that family life is busy and finding the time to fit things in is difficult, but making the time to hear your children read, share a book, or make them turn off screens and read independently has enormous benefits and helps to create habits that support children's progress academically beyond primary school. We are grateful to all parents who ensure they do this regularly. It can be as little as 2 pages, but regular engagement is key. We have rewards in school to recognise the children's efforts in doing this also. A key objective in Key stage 1 is fluency. It is important that children re-read books they are familiar with to achieve this. This means that children will be sent home with the same book on consecutive nights at times.

To further encourage the children, we are adding a further reward for Key Stage 1 children, Treen and Mousehole, who manage to read regularly at home. Children who have their book signed or written in after having read 4 times in a week will be added to our reading, 'Roll of Honour!' which will be on the newsletter each week. We look forward to seeing who makes it!

Don't forget all children have logins to Reading Eggs, which can be downloaded as an app. This will support their progress in phonics and their comprehension skills.

**St Ives Kite Fest** has free activities throughout March, culminating with Flight Day on the Island, Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Join us at our free Kite Making Workshops in St Ives Library on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March between 10am – 3pm (booking recommended), run by 'Dr Kite' Billy Wynter and Barnoon Workshop. If you can't make it to the workshops, you can download our free step-by-step kite making guide from [stivestowncouncil-cornwall.gov.uk/civic\\_events/st-ives-kite-fest/](https://stivestowncouncil-cornwall.gov.uk/civic_events/st-ives-kite-fest/) / [stiveskitefest.co.uk](https://stiveskitefest.co.uk)

Visit St Ives Library Facebook page for full information.



### Current Coronavirus Guidance

Following the updates to government guidance through the living with Covid-19 plan announced on February 24th, Parents need to be aware of the following, this is also reflected in the school's risk assessment. Full details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

- Anyone with a new or continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change to, your normal sense of taste and smell, should order a PCR test and are advised to stay at home whilst awaiting results.
- Other symptoms linked to Covid -19 include: shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may have another cause.
- Anyone with a positive LFD test is also advised to stay at home and order a PCR test, even if not displaying symptoms.
- The most effective way of avoiding passing on Covid-19 infection remains to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you have Covid-19 you should stay at home.
- Below is a flow chart showing how LFD tests can allow individuals to end isolation early

