## Date: 4 February 2022





## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GODREVY: Aurelie FISTRAL: Jude MOUSEHOLE: Connor TREEN: Wilf

## 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.



**Covid Cases** - We are continuing to see Covid cases here in school. School staff test twice weekly, as they have done throughout the pandemic, and we suggest that pupils and family members also test twice weekly in order to reduce the number of infections.

## EARLY HELP SUPPORT

Our Family Support Worker, Christine King, will be available to offer telephone advice next Thursday, 10 February, between 9.30am and 11.30 am.

If you wish to book a slot to speak to her during these times please let us know and we will pass on your details to her so she can call you.

## **Children's Clothes Exchange**

Birthday wishes to:

Nathan and Ella-Rose

Starting on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### SCHOOL CENTENARY

Since last week, we have received further support towards the printing costs of the School Centenary book. Thanks also go to North Coast Log Cabins and to St Erth Village shop.

We are now about to start planning events for the celebration day on Saturday, 9 April. If you would like to be involved please get in touch.

Heights and Weights - The School nursing team were here yesterday carrying out the height and weight measurements for pupils in Reception and Year 6. They will return to do those children who were absent. Each child was given a letter to explain the results that you will receive via email in due course.

**Swimming** - There are still one or two outstanding payments for KS2 swimming from the Autumn Term. Please can we ask that these are paid as soon as possible. When you check ParentPay to see if this relates to you, please check carefully to see if you have already paid - some people are paying twice! We have processed refunds for these.

# MUSEUM OF CORNISH LIFE HELSTON

Fistral Visit to Helston Museum

As you know, Fistral class were due to

visit Helston Museum today but due to the teacher's absence we have postponed the trip. As soon as Mrs Walsh returns to school we will set a new date and let you know.



## 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 mean-time, 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.