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Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you had a good Christmas break!

Every term is a busy term, but the term ahead promises to be no exception.

On Monday we welcomed Mrs Petit from Mounts Bay Academy, who is going to be teaching French to our junior children each week. She has some great ideas and we look forward to working with her. We also welcomed Mrs Wright to our teaching assistant team working in Year 5. We know they will both be a great asset to the team!

Our Year 5 children started their bike-ability sessions this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to learn and practice basic cycling road safety skills and we are very grateful for the opportunity to take part in this scheme. We are currently working on plans to take groups of children over to 'Cross-fit Hayle' each week and look forward to adding this to our Physical Education offer.

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Bettens have begun Restorative Practice training this week and they will be working with Mr Hamshar during this year to put this into place in our school. The intention is that this will enhance our behaviour management policy and support an ethos of building and maintaining positive relationships.

Just after half term we will be receiving our Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review. We look forward to welcoming an Ofsted inspector and two senior leaders from other schools who will look at the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms, school improvement strategies and outcomes. This is always a fantastic opportunity to receive an external view of the school whilst working alongside professionals from other schools.

At the beginning of March, we hope that our partnership with the 'Leading Edge Academies Partnership' will become formal. Legal documentation is currently being completed but the schools are already working together to share where possible. I am enjoying my role over on the Scillies, and we are already gaining from working with staff outside of our school. Over the next few weeks, we look forward to welcoming staff from the Scillies to look at teaching and learning at St Hilary. We are hoping to take part in the OTILLO swim/run event over on the Scillies later this year and plans are being put in place for a Regatta too! Over the next few weeks we shall be working with the partner schools on curriculum and maths projects.

Plans are falling into place for our London trip for our Year 5 children at the end of March. This is always an amazing trip and many past pupils say that this was one of their primary school best memories! The trip will include a visit to 10 Downing Street, Houses of Parliament, theatre visits to watch Mamma Mia and School of Rock, Hamleys, the National Science Museum and maybe this year even the Tower of London.

...and before we know it, it will be Easter!

Mrs K Butcher



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club continues to thrive and is very well attended- thank you for your support with this! We have had enquiries from parents who would like their child to attend from 8.30-8.45am rather than for the full session. We have looked into this and are able to offer this session for £1 per child (but this won't include breakfast due to timing).

The full session is 8.00am to 8.45pm and includes breakfast for £3.00.

TERM DATES 2019

Spring term 2019

7TH January - 5th April 2019

21st January—Safeguarding training for all staff (NO FUNZONE ON THIS DAY)

Half Term - w/c 18th February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April - 25th July 2019

May Day Bank Holiday – 6th May 2019

Half Term - w/c 27th May 2019

Training Days 3rd & 4th June 2019

Training Days 24th & 25th July 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2019

4th September – 20th December 2019

Half Term - w/c 21st October 2019

Class Attendance

This week's attendance goes to Gwithian with 99.2% Well done all.



FUN ZONE



On Monday 21st January Fun Zone WILL NOT be running as all school staff will be undertaking

Safeguarding Training

SPELLING SHED SPELLER OF THE WEEK

Henry C

Gwithian Class

Well done Henry and Gwithian Class!



Just a reminder that Clubs begin next week. The Clubs remain the same as last term so if your child was signed up for them then they are already on the list. If your child no longer wishes to attend the Club please pop a message in their planners or let the teacher in charge know in advance and their name can be taken off the list.

Clubs that have changed slightly this term are...

INFANT SPORTS CLUB will now be on Wednesday until 4.15pm

DRAMA will now finish at 5pm

Film Club will be for Yrs 5/6 for this half term the Yrs 3/4 after half term

Lunchtime walking club please ensure your child brings spare suitable footwear.

Gardening Club— this will be on Tuesday after school for children in the juniors initially. Places are limited for this club so please phone or email Dot if your child would like to take part.

This week's 'Hot Chocolate Friday' winners!

Willow R was nominated by the school kitchen team because she is always very polite and uses good manners.

Ruairi was nominated by Mrs Tresidder because he has a wonderful sense of humour and was so brave when he dislocated his thumb before Christmas.

Alexander S was nominated by Mrs Newing because he was so caring towards another child and lunchtime and by Mrs Izzard because he is always polite when they meet and has matured into a sensible young man.

Caitlin R was nominated by Mr Larter because she is always so kind and helpful towards others. It makes his job that little bit easier!

Levi S was nominated by Miss Jelbert because he has been really smiley at her all week!

Emma B was nominated by Mrs Sandow because she is always so polite, friendly and chatty.

Evie L was nominated by Mrs Butcher because she always wears the hugest smile which makes me smile!...and she always tries her very best.

Jess H was nominated by Mrs Keskeys because she picked up all the play bricks in the playhouse for her. She is so polite and always smiling.

Claudia P-M was nominated by Mrs Fraser because she is always so friendly and polite.

CENSUS DAY UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR KS1 PARENTS: It's National School Census Day on Thursday 17th January. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets.

One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Year's 1 & 2 children having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, the funding we receive is based only on the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year. To face this challenge head-on, we ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. This means your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals throughout the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

Thank you for your support.

Charlotte Fraser

BELOW IS THE MENU FOR CENSUS DAY AND THERE WILL BE JACKET POTATOES ALSO

