



# St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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## English at St Hilary

Busy, busy, busy!

At St Hilary, we are always looking to improve our practice and outcomes, as well as continuing to embed and develop things that we are already doing successfully.



### WRITING

We are also continuing to work on developing writing across the school (as per priority 2 on the SIP - Close the attainment gaps between boys and girls in writing). Teachers are working really hard to develop teaching and learning in writing, trying new things and adapting ideas which have been effective in the past. As a whole-staff, we came up with a list of things which engage our boys in English units of work – we aim to learn from each other and continue to improve our practice.

Some of the things we came up with which you can also apply at home:

*Make tasks relevant and motivating, reflecting their interests and allowing some choice*

*Make use of ICT, both to stimulate discussion and ideas, and during the writing process*

*Give regular feedback throughout the process*

*Include a mix of visual media and high-quality, varied texts*

*Work collaboratively on tasks, editing and reviewing throughout*

*Make tasks active, involving talk, drama, movement, ...*

*Include an element of competition and challenge (time, points, quantity, ...)*

### Reading

Accelerated Reader was introduced last year, and proved to be a huge success, leading to really positive progress scores in reading across KS2. We therefore decided to take this further down the school this year and we are currently looking at starting AR when they become 'fluent' readers.

We have recently discussed and implemented READING VIPERS to ensure consistency in the teaching of reading skills across the school. Children will become familiar with these skills throughout their time at St Hilary and it would be really useful information and support for you as well.

Link to question booklets for KS1 and KS2:

<https://st-hilary.eschools.co.uk/website/english/303788/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0yMyAyMTowNjowMw>

### World Book Day 2018 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of March

Listen out for news about how we are going to celebrate World Book Day this year – our children tend to love books, and this is a fantastic opportunity to show just how much!

Penzance's fabulous independent bookshop has a special guest for WBD – Andy Griffith, the author of the incredible Treehouse series! Check out their facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/TheEdgeoftheWorldBookshop>

**BOOK FAIR** – We will update you with times and dates nearer the time, but the Book Fair is with us between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March



I hope this gives you an insight into current goings-on in our English teaching – please ask any questions or make suggestions at any point...we really value your contributions!

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### Early morning drop-offs



We have an increasing number of children being dropped off at school before 8.45am when a member of staff is on duty, some as early as 8.30am. The teaching and office staff have regular morning meetings, and so children are neither watched or supervised for this period of time.

We now have a breakfast club at school so that any parents who need to drop their children off early can do so knowing that their children are appropriately supervised. Please book your children into the club if this is the case by phoning Dot on (01736 763324).



### FUN ZONE

If your child(ren) are attending Fun Zone at the end of a school day from 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., any messages relating to the collection of your children etc from Fun Zone, please ring their mobile on 07789665659, as messages left on the office phone may not be picked up after 4.15 p.m.  
Many thanks



Since the beginning of the Spring term we have been providing a breakfast club, which is run by Mrs Gardner and Mrs Bettens every morning, and I am delighted to say that it is very well attended!

St Hilary breakfast club is open from 8am until 8.45am with breakfast being available until 8.30am. We share the Funzone room; that is the room along from Dot's office, so when children are dropped off at the reception they don't have far to go!

The children are able to choose from a selection of cereal and toast along with a drink. If there is something that the children would like then I will endeavour to provide it as soon as I can.

The breakfast club is a relaxed start to the day, with the children playing calmly with the toys available to them. Children from most classes come together and chat over their cereal in a very relaxed way and it is lovely to see all ages chatting together.

If you would like to use Breakfast Club in the future, please give Dot a ring and book your child/children in. It could be a regular booking or a one off, it doesn't matter. I look forward to seeing them!

Jude Gardner



### Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Prussia Cove with 98.3% Well done all.



### CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 19th JANUARY

Perran	- Jessica Hewett, Oliver Crump
Prussia Cove	- Mike McCorry, Caiden Martin
Porthcurno	- Daniel Davies
Sennen	- Zela Inch, Aedan Laity
Kynance Cove	- Teddy Hodgson
Gwithian	- Leo Chinery, Caitlyn Richards
Gwenver	- Gabe Newing, Theo Semmens
Lamorna	- Fin Sharp, Ellen Cook

### Accelerated Reader



### Fabulous Full-Markers

#### Prussia Cove

Harry Bettens  
Matthew Atkinson  
Ravi Sharp

#### Porthcurno

Archie Davies  
Harriet Wright  
Mason Smith  
Isabella Rhodes  
Joe McCorry  
Daniel Davies

#### Sennen

William Green  
Harvey Woodward  
Rosie Kelly  
Daisy Laity  
Maximus Jackman

#### Kynance Cove

Jenna Wearne  
Malia Williams  
Noah Morton  
Claudia Prospero-Matthews  
Teddy Hodgson  
Ruby Thomas  
Jack Semmens-Ley  
Thomas Mann  
Lydia Smith  
Florence Brown  
Layla Richards

#### Gwithian

Samuel Craigie  
Grace Stevens  
Emma Tilly  
Caitlin Richards  
Alfie Hill-Dann  
Beth Walsh-Reading  
Caleb Stevens

#### Gwenver

Molly Denton  
Alaina Roderick  
Rory Trathen  
Charlie Allen  
Ben Nicholas  
Jacob Mann  
Gabe Newing  
Oliver Hamshar  
Harvey Rule  
Ava Gilmour  
Annalisa Ashton-Smith  
Zelah Anjari  
Emma Brown

#### Lamorna

Lilou Dobinson



**Star Writers'**

This week's 'Star Writers' were awarded with their special stickers in this morning's assembly!

Check out their amazing writing on our writing display in the main school corridor.

Gwenver Class - Joel Veal

Kynance Cove Class - Ruby Thomas

Porthcurno Class - Isabella Rhodes

Perran Class - Amy Burnett

Huge well done children - keep up the fantastic writing!



**School Uniform Shop**

If you have any school uniform requirements, we are holding a uniform shop here in the school staffroom on Wednesday 7th February commencing at 3 p.m.

**Mathletics – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan –21st Jan**

It's someone different at the top for the first time in a while. An awesome job Isaac Stephens with a HUGE amount of points. He therefore becomes the R/KS1 star and overall 'Mathlete of the Week'.

Thomas has become our highest KS2 star of the week again! Well done ☐

94 hours of online Mathletics successfully in the bag in a week – keep it up everyone! Total points so far in 2017/18 is 1,800,000.

Top Students	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points
Stephens, Isaac	> 7,260	2,931	10,191
Mann, Thomas	> 6,980	0	6,980
Gilmour, Ava	> 6,130	0	6,130
Trevennen, Taylor	> 5,050	470	5,520
Trevennen, Adelaide	> 4,900	131	5,031
Mann, Poppy	> 3,310	0	3,310
Stephens, Oscar	> 2,760	309	3,069
Edwards, Aiyana	> 3,040	4	3,044
Mann, Jacob	> 3,010	0	3,010
Edwards, Freyja	> 2,570	0	2,570