

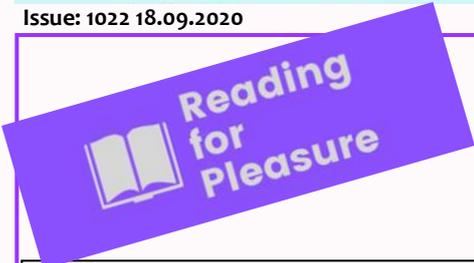


# St Hilary School Newsletter

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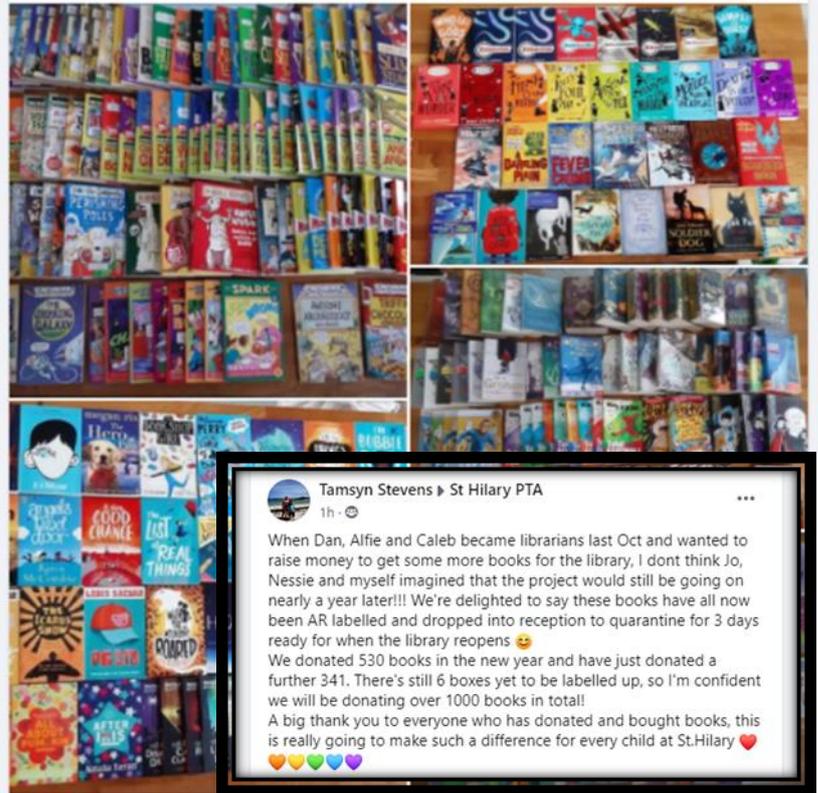
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To say that we're grateful to Tamsyn, Nessie and their awesome children is a massive understatement. Following conversations this time last year about books that we were on the lookout for, they have worked indefatigably and energetically to source more than 1000 books for our classrooms and library! Ladies, you're amazing!

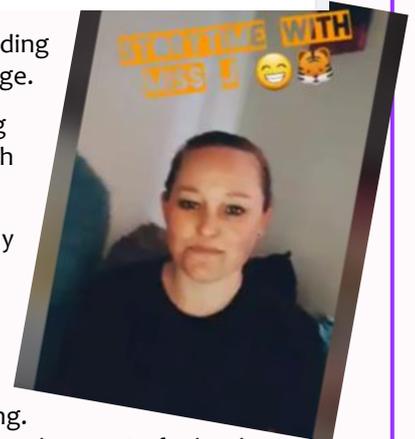
# THANK YOU!



Lockdown was such a strange experience for us all! We were constantly trying to think of ways to motivate the children and keep an element of normality for them. One way we did this was to record ourselves reading stories on video for them to listen to and watch and shared them in the PTA facebook page.

To work with such amazing colleagues is an absolute honour – recording yourself reading out loud for the children is really not an easy thing to do (in lots of ways!) and I thank each and every one of them for their dedication and enthusiasm.

We are very grateful to the various publishers for allowing schools to do this and we really hope you enjoyed them!



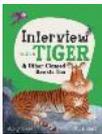
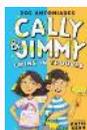
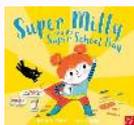
There are so many great websites and apps for the children to use to support their reading. These are some of them which we use in school and would love your feedback if you've used any out of school. Luckily, we managed to get BorrowBox up and running just before Lockdown – how did you get on with it?



## Now for some new books!

We're always on the lookout for new texts to inspire and excite the children. Children who enjoy reading are likely to do it more often, and children who read more often are likely to become better writers!

Here are some new publications from the 'lovereading4kids' website.

5+	7+	9+
 <p>This quirky information book lets 'celeb' animals speak for themselves.</p>	 <p>Twins bring double the trouble and double the fun!</p>	 <p>A timeless, lyrical treasure that sees a girl who's at one with the wild struggle with the world beyond her woods.</p>
 <p>A timely, beautifully told story with an important message from the oceans.</p>	 <p>A sparky fact-filled compendium of explorers, adventurers and thinkers through time and across the globe.</p>	 <p>A thrilling rollercoaster of an adventure full of emotion and heart.</p>
 <p>How to be a real superhero!</p>	 <p>An Encyclopaedia of Mythical Beasts and Their Magical Tales.</p>	 <p>Small boy, big heart - this riveting riff on Gulliver's Travels sees an Afghan refugee embark on a life-changing voyage.</p>

This website is awesome for finding new books for your children to read. Reviews, recommendations, related texts etc... a wealth of information for you and them!

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>





**Let's Make Some Great Art: Animals Synopsis**

Award-winning British illustrator Marion Deuchars has returned with a new addition to her popular Let's Make Some Great Art activity book series. From drawing and painting to collaging and printing, Let's Make Some Great Art: Animals includes all kinds of art activities to engage budding artists and animal-lovers. Get creative as you blow-paint your own strange creatures, make handprint animals, or use paper and fingerprints to make greyhounds, giraffes and tigers.

**If you loved this, you might like these...**



**All versions of this book**



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**Author:** Marion Deuchars  
**Publisher:** Laurence King Publishing  
**Format:** Paperback  
**Pagination:** 80 pages  
**Suitable for:** 3+ readers  
**Genres:** Puzzles / Activities, Art, The Natural World  
**Other Categories:** Free Books for 5+ readers

As always, we welcome any feedback concerning reading and English at St Hilary. Please email [kjelbert@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:kjelbert@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk) with any questions, comments, ideas or suggestions!

Thanks for reading!

Miss J 

English Leader

## COVID PLAN UPDATE:

Despite the current restrictions on face to face meetings, it has been a real privilege to get to talk to so many parents of children at St Hilary over the course of the last two weeks. The general consensus from you all has been extremely positive, with people generally happy with the logistical arrangements at the school. I have also had numerous parents enquiring generally as to how things are going at school, I would like to take this opportunity to say how positively the plan for the full re-opening of school has been put into place – thank you to everyone for making this happen!

In terms of key aspects to revisit this week can I ask for your complete co-operation and support with the following:

- ◆ Please can you ensure that you and your children do not come to school in the mornings and afternoons before your designated drop off or pick up slots. This is a key element of our return to school plan to reduce the number of crossovers between classes and bubbles of children in the school. We all appreciate that these timings can cause difficulties for parents with drop off and pick-ups, but it is for the health and safety of the school community and must be adhered to. If you are experiencing issues with this, please remember that the school wrap around care is now in place and can be booked via the school gateway app – as per the letter emailed to all parents on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- ◆ While we are very pleased that so many people have been walking to school in recent weeks, please can we reinforce the latest Government guidance which restricts any gathering of more than 6 people. In particular, I am referring to large groups of children walking, on mass, to school with no accompanying adults. Again, I am pleased to see such a healthy approach to the school drop off but need to ensure all of our children are sticking to the latest Government regulations.
- ◆ Can I please ask for every adult associated with the school to read the letter from Cornwall Council, which is attached as a separate letter. This explains the Council's current perspective on the situation regarding illness in schools at present and the process to follow if any family members display coronavirus symptoms (which it also clarifies).
- ◆ Can I once again reinforce the importance of maintaining physical distancing as adults on the playgrounds and outside the school gates – not only does this help to keep everyone safer but also helps to alleviate people's very real and understandable anxieties about the virus.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support with helping to keep our school community safe and following the school's, Cornwall's and the Government's guidance for the current situation.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date, particularly if there have been any recent changes. If you are unsure contact Dot via email at [secretary@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk) to check. This is vital information for the school for general communication but particularly in case of an emergency.

## NASAL FLU

An email was sent to all parents this week regarding the nasal flu immunisation programme that will be delivered here in school on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

Kernow Health is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's schools on behalf of NHS England and this year all children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive will be offered the vaccine. The letter advises about the vaccine programme and also how to access the online consent form, and specifies that you have to **Opt in** for your child to have the vaccine and that this should be done by 15th October .

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Kernow Health direct on 01872.221105.



## Universal Infant Free School Meals

It's that time of year again with school Census day on Thursday 1st October 2020 fast approaching. You may remember from a previous newsletter article the importance of the number of Universal Infant Free School Meals served on Census day and how it affects the school budget. I thought it would be worthwhile explaining how you could do your bit by encouraging your children to have a school dinner on Census day.

Next Thursday see's one of the twice yearly "Census days" for our Universal Infant Free School Meals, when the number of infants eating a school meal on that day is counted. That number is then used to calculate the funding for the next 190 days for free infant meals given to us as a school from the Department for Education. I know other schools are very keen to promote the meal and encourage as many infants as possible to take up the offer for that reason.

Our last Census day was back in January 2020 when 61 of our infant (Reception and Years 1 & 2) aged children took up a free school meal. Broken down this was 17 Reception children and 44 Year 1 & 2 pupils. The way the Census data is used to calculate the funding is different for both Reception and Year 1 & 2 pupils. For Reception aged children the funding is based on the Census day within the year, at which the most number of students received a meal; whereas the Year 1 & 2 funding is based on the average number of children eating a free school meal on the two Census days. In simple terms for the school though, the more children that take up a free school meal on these days, the more funding we receive throughout the year.

For every infant meal ordered on that day the school receives £2.34 for the next 190 days, so for every infant eating on that day who wouldn't normally eat a school meal the school would receive an additional £444.60 over those 190 days. More importantly to us as a school though are those infant children who would normally have a free school meal, but on the Census day don't. In real terms this means that as a school we miss out on their funding, but then still have to find the money to pay for their free school meals for the next 190 days.

Last year our funding was based on 64.5 children, out of a possible 99 children took up a free school meal.

Therefore if you could encourage your infant children to have a school dinner on Census day that would be beneficial to the school.

Charlotte Fraser  
Business Manager

### **SCHOOL MEALS 5 FOR 4**

Chartwells, our school meal providers, are continuing with their promotion that if your child has 4 meals Monday to Thursday, then the 5th meal is free.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

A reminder that the cost of a school meal has increased from £2.30 to £2.40 from 1st September 2020.