



St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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Settling in our new recruits

Our awesome bunch of Reception children have experienced their first few weeks at Primary School and we are delighted to say that in true St Hilary spirit, they have settled into their new classes with bundles of energy and enthusiasm. It has been great to see smiles on faces and the building of new friendships, whilst adjusting to the routines and expectations of school life.

The first few days can be daunting, leaving the security of mums and dads and entering an unknown environment with new faces. Positive relationships have been forged from day one, as the priority of our Early Years Team is to make sure each new recruit feels safe, secure and happy in our care and has fun learning the ropes in a stimulating, creative and fun environment. Learning through play and practical hands on activities encourage our youngest children to explore, experiment and engage.



Nurturing well-being is of paramount importance, now more-so than ever. For children in Prussia Cove and Perran class, activities that are enjoyable, meaningful and age-appropriate promote well-being, particularly games that they themselves initiate. With resources and provisions to hand, the children can investigate, explore and invent imaginary worlds. Play offers so much to the children; they develop skills and understandings along with a greater concentration, all in readiness for their ongoing and future learning.

So....when your child comes home and says they have been playing all day, in reality they have been doing so much more, they have been actively learning and discovering the world around them, becoming resourceful and resilient individuals who learn from trial and error (plus it's so much fun!)

We must finish by saying that we are so proud and very impressed with our phonic sessions this week. We have learnt that the initial sounds 's' 'a' and 't' can be blended to make the word...sat. The building blocks of early reading skills are being laid for the foundations of our future readers and writers!

Mrs Sandow & Mrs Gardner



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.

Chartwells, our meal provider, have tried to provide a menu for the day that will appeal to most children and you will find it further on in the newsletter.

Charlotte Fraser
Business Manager

FABULOUS FULL-MARKERS

Lamorna

Jolie G
Amelia A
Flo P
Poppy Da
Jack L
Daisy R
Layla R
Florence B
Malia W
Dom H

Sennen

Rosie L
Amelia L
Stella R
Thomas L
Penny P

Kynance Cove

Amy B
India A
Evie L
Isla M
Ada W
Moritz F
Archie B
Charles L

Gwithian

Dan D
Isabella R
Archie D
Aiyana E
Harriet W
William J
Mike McC

Gwenver

Tahar A
Aedan L

Poorthcurno

Azalia A
Willow R

English

Spelling Shed

Speller of the Week:

Noah M (Lamorna)

Class of the Week:

Lamorna



MATHS

Maths Shed

Mathstronaut of the Week:

Malia W (Lamorna)

Class of the Week:

Lamorna



TTrockstars Class Champions

Year 2 – Harry E
Year 3 – Benjamin M
Year 4 – Thomas M
Year 5 – Chloe E
Year 6 – Charlie T

Average coins per person in class:

1st – Lamorna
2nd – Kynance Cove
3rd – Gwithian

A massive well done to all who got involved especially Porthcurno who had over 50% of pupils using TTrockstars.

CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 18TH SEPTEMBER

2020

Perran	-	The whole class
Prussia Cove	-	The whole class
Porthcurno	-	Violet S & Bruno N
Sennen	-	Stella R & Archie E
Kynance Cove	-	Maddie S & Marley S
Gwithian	-	Joe McC & James P
Gwenver	-	Lilla P
Lamorna	-	Ruby T & Teddy H

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to SENNEN class with 100%.
Well done all.



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 8th 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 that every adult associated with the school read the letter from Public Health England entitled Test & Trace**, which is attached as a separate letter. This explains PHE'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).

Bag2School event...

We are holding a Bag2School event on **Thursday 1st October**. This is a great way to raise some money for the school but also clear out any unwanted clothes, bags, shoes, towels, bedding etc you may have at home!

Due to Covid-19 we can only accept bags on the morning of the collection. We will have two drop off points - Infant parents please drop bags outside of the bottom playground and Junior parents please drop bags outside the main reception area.

A bag to fill will be sent home soon, but bin bags are also accepted!



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.

New Parents - make sure you check out our facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/StHilaryCornwall/>



We have a "Twitter" account up and running to share our news and celebrations. Please join us at 'StHilarySchool1'



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 to check. This is vital information for the school for general communication but particularly in case of an emergency.



1st October 2020

Southern Fried Chicken in a Bun
Quorn Burger in a Bun

Potato Wedges
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw

Chocolate Brownie

Fried Chicken was
first recorded in
the 1830s

West African
cuisine
introduced a
blend of herbs
and spices to
perfect the recipe




Chartwells