

Newsletter 3

Spring 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short, but ACTION PACKED, half term and this newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the amazing things we have been up to here at school. There have been school trips, sporting events, the Youth Speaks competition, as well as all the exciting learning opportunities provided every day.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your support and the way we have worked together. I am most grateful to those of you who took the time to complete the recent survey on RE and Catholic Life. Thank you for your patience with the building works going on outside school. I also appreciate how positively you responded to our requests to strengthen compliance with the school uniform policy and our changes to the administration of medication procedures.

On that note, I wanted to remind you that, under no circumstances, should pupils be bringing their own medication into school. This is a very serious safeguarding concern. All medication must be given to the office and the relevant form completed.

I also wanted to remind you that we have pupils with serious nut allergies in school and as such we are a nut free school. Please consider this when preparing your children's packed lunches. Thank you.

I am pleased to confirm that the Spring term parent consultation meetings will take place during the week commencing 11th March. Please pencil Monday and Tuesday of that week into your diary and more information will be forthcoming.

It's always lovely to welcome you into school on a Friday for celebration assembly. You are also very welcome to our Monday liturgy. This happens in the afternoon, starting at 2.45 and will provide an introduction to the Gospel value that will be our focus for the week.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you and your children on Tuesday 20th February.

Yours sincerely, Mr Moran

"We've updated our Privacy Notice telling you how we handle personal data. Please visit our school website to view the updated document."

<http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/>



Huge congratulations to the Y4 girls football team for their outstanding performance at the football tournament held at Falmouth School! It was fantastic to see so many smiles and great teamwork on display.

Well done, girls! 🌟



Special Educational Needs Drop In

Every Thursday 2.15—3.15pm

Please contact Mrs Titheridge to book in:-

senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

Let's Celebrate!

Celebration Assembly

2.45pm every Friday

Monday Liturgy

2.45pm every Monday

All Parents and Carers

welcome!

What's on..

February

Monday 19th Inset Day (School closed)

Wednesday 21st Whole School Mass 9.15

Monday 26th Helen Bettle Parenting Drop In 1-3pm

March

Tuesday 5th Y4 St Pirans parade

Thursday 7th World Book Day

Friday 8th Y6 Climate Workshop

w/b Mon 11th Parent Consultations

Monday 18th Rocksteady Concert

Friday 22nd Music Service Concert 2pm

Thursday 28th March Last Day of Spring Term

April

Monday 15th Summer Term starts.

Tues 23rd Helen Bettle Parenting Drop In 1-3pm

Saturday 27th First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service

May

Weds 8th - Fri 10th Y5 Residential BF Adventure

Mon 13th Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 16th- Friday 17th Y4 Residential

Tues 21st - Fri 24th Y6 London Trip

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Summer Half Term

June

Sunday 2nd First Holy Communion 10.45am St Mary's Church

Monday 3rd Inset Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 11th Helen Bettle Parenting Drop In 1-3pm

July

Tues 23rd Last Day of Term!!

Family/Parenting Worker Drop In

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

These sessions will be run by Helen Bettle Parenting Worker from Early Help Team.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions **between 1.00-3.00pm.**

Appointment slots can be made **between 1.00-2.00pm** and drop in's available **2.00-3.00pm.** Please contact reception if you wish to book an appointment slot.

These sessions will run every 2nd Tuesday each half term

Tuesday 7th November

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday 27th February

Tuesday 23rd April

Tuesday 11th June

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324929



Please remember to leave a message on our automated answering service if your child is going to be absent, before 9am

Please provide evidence to the school office of any hospital appointments

Thank you



Y3 have been exploring the wonders of the Shang Dynasty! Year 3 has been delving into the fascinating world of ancient China, learning all about the daily lives and customs of the Shang Dynasty. From their impressive architecture to their intricate artwork, every aspect has captured our imagination!

But that's not all – In Year 3, we've been diving deep into the world of practical experiments, igniting our young minds with wonder and discovery.



Class 2 have had a great half term full of fun learning! They have practised their football skills, been scientists- investigating materials, making sliders and levers, writing their own stories and learning how to take photographs.





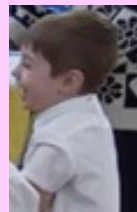
Year 1 have really been enjoying their science topic this half term, learning about different materials and their properties. This picture shows us investigating whether a material is waterproof or absorbent.



Class 5's English has been based on Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom. We have imitated the story and made sets based on the book, in art. We have really enjoyed reading, writing and recreating parts of the book this term.



YR have been reading 'The Big Umbrella'. We then acted out the story using our giant parachute umbrella.



Earlier this term Phoebe, Harley and Fin represented the school at the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition which took place in Marlborough School. Evie helped us out too as team coach and helped the team prepare for three weeks and guide the team on their public speaking and speech writing.

The team settled on the topic of Girls' Education after listening to a poem by Michaela Morgan about Malala's Yousafzai's experience and campaigning. It was a great experience and the children



Year 4 finished off learning about the Romans with a bang! We had a wonderful trip completing the Roman workshop at Truro museum, the children got to study artefacts and got to create their very own Roman lamps which will return to school after half term! 🏛️ 🏠 🏺

New to Cornwall

art-k

TASTER sessions available

An art club for children that...

- Provides a safe artistic space where children aged 6 - 16 have time to do long-term projects.
- Uses professional materials and delivers an in-depth art education.
- Builds children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Advises students studying GCSE how to build-up their sketchbook.

Mediums explored include: watercolours, acrylics, pastels, pencil, clay, papier maché. All materials are provided. **Adults classes and private tuition also available.**

Session Times

Tuesday	14.00 - 15.30 (home educated group) 16.30 - 17.45
Wednesday	10.30 - 12.00 (home educated group) 16.30 - 17.45
Thursday	16.30 - 17.45
Saturday	9.30 - 11, 11.30 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 15.30

Contact us...
Barras Moor Farm, Perranarworthal, Truro, Cornwall TR3 7PE
If you are interested in joining art-K please contact Sara on 07852 674316, email her at sara@art-k.co.uk or visit us online at www.art-k.co.uk

acrylic oil watercolour mixed media modelling collage clay

Half Term Holiday Camps

Cornwall Cricket

Softball
For school years 1 to 4
Tuesday 13th February
10am to 3pm
£15

Hardball
For school years 5 to 8
Wednesday 14th February
10am to 3pm
£20

U13 Indoor Comp
Thursday 15th February
10am to 3pm
Team of 6
£30

At Cornwall Cricket Centre
Truro College Campus
Truro
TR1 3XX

To book scan the QR Code or use the link in the text

WE need you!

PLAYERS and KEEPERS WANTED!

Come train, play and have fun with our Girls Team, players current in year 6

Cornwall Youth Football League

TRAINING- Mondays 6-7 Penryn College

Email - katjohnsonsdn@gmail.com

Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Week 2 - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Week 3 - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

EDVENTURE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS
Come and take part in our Edventure half term provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

TUE 13TH - THUR 15TH FEB
3 DAY SUPER CAMPS
5-7 YEARS | 8+ YEARS

FEATURING A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:
DODGEBALL, DEN BUILDING, GYM, PAPER PLANE WARS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DANCE OFF, FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS, CAPTURE THE FLAG, BOARD GAMES, FILMS, TEAM CHALLENGES & LOTS MORE!
JUST £75 FOR 3 DAYS OR £30 A DAY

MON 12TH & FRI 16TH OCT
FULL/HALF DAY CAMPS:
BASKETBALL
FOOTBALL
COMIC BOOKS
AND MORE...

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE COURSES & HOW TO BOOK:
WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK
01326 371379



As we move into February, Spring is in the air and there are just a couple of weeks to catch our breath before Lent begins. We're well and truly into the new year!

Look with Compassion

Jesus was full of compassion and He always noticed people who were excluded. There are plenty of examples in the Gospels, including the story of Jesus healing someone with leprosy – a disease that forced sufferers to exclude themselves from society. Jesus' reply to the man's request for healing, "Of course I want to!" reminds us that He is always ready to help us and His welcome applies to all of us.

It is right to turn to Jesus and ask His help,
and to be thankful,
because we know that He wants to hear and help us.

His answer may not be what we want to hear
but Jesus knows and loves us.

Lord Jesus,
We place ourselves in your hands.
In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Congratulations

to our incredible Year 4 Indoor Athletics Team! They've sprinted, jumped, and thrown their way to victory, securing a spot in the next round!



CDS
CORNWALL DANCE SCHOOL

MUSICAL THEATRE AT PENRYN COLLEGE
Every Monday evening;

5.30-6.15pm - Kids Musical Theatre (5-8yrs) - Trinity Syllabus, Initial Grade.
6.15-7pm - Junior Musical Theatre (8-11yrs) - Trinity Syllabus, Grade 1.

This is the link for more information and to book.

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/cornwall-dance-school-5540/register>



Congratulations

to our Y5 & Y6

Gymnastics team who made
it through to the
second round!!