



Spring Term Issue 08

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Happy St Piran's Day! It is a shame you are not all in school to be making pasties like the few that are here are doing but I am sure that there are plenty of you doing so at home. I am also sure that teachers will be making some links to all things Cornwall next week as it will be our PSHE/SMSC theme; part of our wider half term focus on 'Wide World'. In the unit we celebrate the diversity in our country as well as the wider world but we also learn to understand that it is possible to be proud of the culture, community, county or country, we belong to whilst respecting others. There is certainly a great deal to be proud of living in Cornwall and I know that for many of you there is no where else you would choose to live. I also know that many of you are glad to belong to our school and for me being part of this school community is one of the things I have been most proud of in my life – and as I am sure you are aware there are quite a few years of experience to choose things from. It will therefore be an absolute pleasure to see you all back at the gates on Monday morning and I cannot wait to feel the building and the grounds come alive again with the sounds of your voices and the warmth of your energy and enthusiasm. It has been a difficult time for us all and as before you have excelled yourselves with efforts at home but there is no substitute to being here together so roll on next week.

There has been a lot of talk nationally about filling the gaps children have educationally but as I said last week our primary focus to begin with will be on helping all children settle back into school so that they feel socially and emotionally secure. With this in mind we want you all to remember, and for parents/carers to remind you, that all adults in school are here to listen to you if you have any worries or bad feelings about anything. Mrs Tate as our designated learning mentor and pastoral lead will be specifically working with children to help children feel happy in school but any adult, including me, can find time to talk with you if necessary. We also want to make your first week back as fun as possible and whilst we have to focus on teaching English and maths all teachers will be sure to make learning as exciting as possible.

During this last week we have been doing a bit of Spring cleaning to make sure everything is Covid safe but also bright and fresh for the new start – be sure to have a glance at the minibuses and at the cleanliness of the verandah to see the results of Mr Eyrie's, Mr Buckley's and my elbow grease, when you come in, pop your head in the resource cupboard and the photocopy room to see Mrs Eustice's, Mrs Skegg's and Mrs B's organisational skills and thank Mrs Mckie and Mrs Jones for transforming the art and drama cupboard and clearing out Class 3. Meanwhile Class 1 is looking as tidy as ever due to the hard work of Miss Gaylard and Mrs Barber and the kitchen is spotless after Pippa and Claire's deep clean

The grounds have just about recovered from all the wet weather we had and received Mrs Tate's and Mr Lester's attention, all the trees we planted are starting to bud and we have had some frogs in the pond that have left frogspawn to watch over the weeks to come so lots to be excited about outside too. Finally, although she can't join us for the first week back, Mrs Mogridge will soon be arriving (next week beginning 15th) and she brings a whole new set of skills including Forest Teacher training so more possibilities are on the horizon. All in all against the backdrop of national emergence from the grips of the pandemic it feels like a new positive start so let's make the most of it. In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend, it's looking like being dry and bright, and we will see you on Monday. Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Wide World*

HEADLINES: *Kernow*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *It's like the beginning of the World—Anon (in reference to Cornwall)*

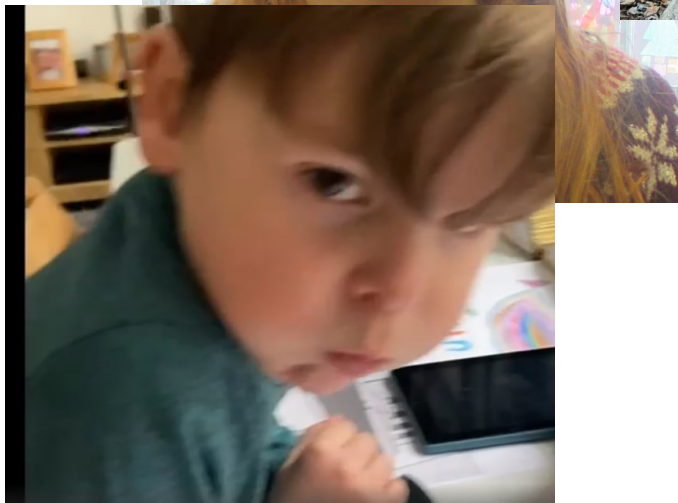
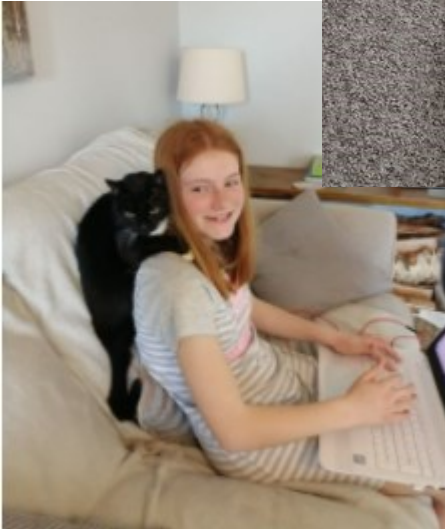
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Aphex Twin*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being proud*

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children for their fantastic learning. Thank you.

Poldhu

Isla for fantastic storytelling (The Tiger Who Came for Tea)

Georgie for a fantastic piece of artwork

Kynance

Agnes for excellent descriptions in literacy

William for tireless effort in phonics

Godrevy

Zach for great effort with online learning

Rose for great effort with online learning

Rinsey

Solas for fantastic PE and self portrait

Lola for excellent learning (with the cat!)