



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This week has been incredibly busy with more of our pupils swimming. I had the privilege of spending three days in London with both primary and secondary heads, visiting schools that are dissimilar from our own. The intention is that we share good practice and look at their successes and how we may learn from these to positively impact on our own settings and other Cornish schools.

On Monday 6th February at 6.00pm, we are holding two different Read Write Inc parent phonics sessions. We hope to see all of our Year 1 and Reception families at these meetings so that we can share how you can support your child with the next stage of the RWI programme. Moreover, there will be a Year 1 meeting focused on how you can help support your child with RWI so that they are prepared and ready for the statutory phonics check they will take in June. Research shows that parents' involvement with supporting their child with phonics is key to a child's learning and development and not being able to read fluently is the biggest barrier to learning in all aspects of the curriculum. We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening.

Next week, Porthcurnick Class will be swimming each afternoon. Please can you ensure they have their swimming kit in school each day. SchoolGateway is open for payment. Thank you.

On Friday 10th February, we are inviting pupils to 'Wear Red' and non-school uniform for a small donation to help Cornwall Air Ambulance who save lives across the county. The Gateway will be open on Monday.

The clubs letter has been emailed this week and the SchoolGateway will be open for bookings on Saturday. Please remember, that if it can no longer be seen, the club is full.

As a school, wearing our school uniform is part of our identity and is part of our parent and pupil home/school agreement. We have noticed that many of our pupils are not following our uniform code. I have attached a reminder of this to share with your child at home as pupils are wearing trainers, tattoo transfers, dangly earrings, make-up, nail varnish and hoodies. Please can you support us with ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. Thank you.

Little Carne Nursery have enjoyed their investigation about people who help us. They visited the shop to meet the shopkeepers and met the postman. They have also been learning about shapes and have impressed us with their knowledge. Today, they enjoyed their forest school session drinking hot chocolate around the campfire.

Towan Class this week have been making 7 in lots of different ways. They have been exploring the tempo within lots of different pieces of music, identifying whether it is slow, medium or fast. Children then explored being animals and moving according to their character. In art, we have been exploring weaving using different coloured card. The children concentrated well and showed great resilience.

In music this week, Summers Class have been learning to memorise and sing a new song. They enjoyed learning the songs The Animals Went In Two By Two and Yellow Bird. In history, they have continued learning about explorers from the past. This week they compared Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott and their journeys to the South Pole. They had to decide which of the two was the greatest explorer.

Pendower Class have been looking at the features of houses in art. Next week, they will be creating a clay tile and designing it to look like a house. They carefully planned their design, thinking about creative ways to show different features. Some children have chosen to press objects to create different shapes and patterns. Other children have chosen to work 'in relief' by joining pieces of clay together with clay slip.

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Porthcurnick Class scaled up their sketches of animals from last week and created some very impressive large charcoal drawings. In English, they wrote news reports about the slaying of Grendel's mother by the hero, Beowulf. They also really enjoyed a workshop with Cornwall Caretakers in which they learned about the history of communications from smoke signals to pigeons, ship's telegraph cables, satellites and the internet.

Portholland Class have completed their very interesting biographies about their chosen Monarch. This week, they have amazed me with their resilience and determination in the swimming pool -they must be exhausted! Many fears have been overcome.

Porthluney Class have been exploring the advantages and disadvantages of electric cars in their English lessons this week before writing a balanced argument. The children have some staunchly held views and these have resulted in some impassioned debates throughout the week. The class have respectfully challenged each others' views and opinions and been ready to change their viewpoint.

Kate Douglass

## Headteacher





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- Week beginning Monday 6th February, Porthcurnick swimming (every afternoon)
- Monday 6th February phonics meeting 6pm
- Friday 10th February non-school uniform (wear something red) in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance
- Friday 10th February, break up for half-term

## Inset Days for 2022/23

• Friday 9th June 2023



Team captains and points Godrevy: Isaac, Seth: 1681 Trevose: Annie, Tristan: 1702 St Anthony: Ben, Nancy: 1574 Lizard: Dylan, Lacey: 1678 Towan 96.36 % Summers: 93.33% Pendower 100% Porthcurnick: 96.59% Portholland: 94.00% Porthluney: 99.01%



White band - Tyler, Layla Yellow band - Ruby, Leo, Elliot, Monty Orange band - Lacey Ben Ava

Blue band - Toby R Green band - Annalea, Frank, Rory, Polly, Arthur, Gracie, Tristan Brown band - Robert Black band -





