# St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2020



# **Key Dates**

Term Dates Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February -INSET DAY - School will be closed

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - HALF TERM

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

ISLES OF SCILLY CAMP (YEAR 5/6) 15<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

# More dates to be announced soon

We Need You!
If you have any free time and would be able to listen to readers in school then please let us know!

#### Sickness

Please remember that we have a '48 hours policy'. This means that a child must stay off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness. This is to help prevent any illnesses spreading throughout the school and to ensure all children and staff are well.

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Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and all children should be in school ready to go into classes and start their learning by that time.

Thank you

# Believe, Achieve, Aspire

# **Buryan Bulletin**

We are at the end of another great week!

What I have really loved about this week is going into each class room and seeing all of the children so engaged with their learning, whether it be finding out about dinosaurs, how rocks form or what is around us in space; every class and child are enthused by their learning.

We are having a focus on reading throughout the school, including our nursery! We would encourage all of our children to have a reading folder, available from the school office for £4 – the school make no profit on these but they are a great way of carrying reading books and letters home.

We are on the lookout for parents who have a love of reading and would be willing to help us with the upkeep of our library. We would love for someone who is passionate about books to help run our library voluntary an afternoon a week. If you may be interested then please get in touch.

On the subject of reading, we would really appreciate it if you could encourage your children to read daily and make a note of it in their reading records.

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As you know, Mrs Wilson begins her maternity leave from February half term. I am really happy that Mrs Rendle has accepted the offer of covering Mrs Wilson's maternity cover and know that she will be fantastic in that role.

This does mean that we will have a teaching assistant vacancy in Nanjizal Class for 5 mornings a week lasting two terms from February 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available from the school website. If you are interested in the role then please email <a href="mailto:secretary@stburyanacademy.org">secretary@stburyanacademy.org</a> for an application form.

Lastly, could all parents ensure that their child is in school for 8.55am please, the start of the school day. Parents, unless otherwise agreed (volunteer readers for example), should not be in the main school building after this point.

Make sure you read some exciting news below regarding the development of our outdoor space!

Have a great weekend

Mr Josh McDonald

#### St Buryan Academy Outdoor Project

We have been lucky enough to secure some trees from The Woodland Trust, in anticipation of the trees arriving in March; we are starting to do a little planning for our new woodland garden. We will be inviting any children wanting to have their say to a lunch club next Thursday, where they can get involved in planning the garden project, putting forward design ideas, and considering practical implications. Following on from this, look out for an after school date when parents will also be invited to have their say, offer advice and expertise and look at the draft plans so far! This is a very exciting, long term project for the school and we are keen for all the support we can get! We hope that it will create a fantastic new space for outdoor learning and exploring in the natural world.



#### ASSEMBLY THEME

This week we have been thinking about resilience.

We have read poetry encouraging us to be positive and to approach challenges confidentially. We have learnt to juggle, and realised that although we may not succeed straight away, it is important to stay focused and appreciate the progress that we make.

# School Dinner Menu Week commencing Mon 20th

#### <u>Jan.</u> Monday

Beef/vegetarian burgers with salad and wedges Chocolate buns

# Tuesday

Lasagna/vegetarian lasagna Banoffee pie

#### Wednesday

Mild chicken curry/vegetable curry with rice Fruit and custard

#### Thursday

Roast gammon/quorn chicken, potatoes and veg Ice Cream

#### Friday

Fish n chips, peas or beans Ice cream

JACKET POTATOES AND FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

# Penberth (Reception/Year 1)

In our 'Dinosaur Planet' topic we have been designing and improving our junk model dinosaurs, whilst learning how to join materials using different methods. Our Reception children have used Numicon tiles to make number patterns on peg boards and they have learned the value of each coloured tile.

Year 1s have discovered that the 'ee' sound can be written in six different ways.

# <u>Gwenver (Year 2)</u>

We are loving our learning in Gwenver!
Our dinosaur topic has fascinated us all - I
have been so impressed with the art work,
reading and researching children are doing
themselves at home and I have been
really pleased to see them continuing
their learning outside of school. We are
currently creating dinosaur poems and
have written some amazing similes. In
maths we have looked at division and its
link with multiplication! We are also
lucky enough to have, Mrs Morall - a
trainee teacher - in our class until the end
of March!

# Nanjizal (Year 3/4)

Year 3 and 4 have had a rocking week. They've learnt a new chord on the guitar and can now play a G and C. Miss Hocking, a truly inspiring geologist from Mining Searches UK came in and gave a very knowledgeable talk on rock types to the children. They learnt the properties of each rock type, the make-up of soil, the rock cycle and looked at several different samples of rocks. We will be making model volcanoes in the next few weeks. We would really appreciate any of the following items: small plastic bottles, lots of newspaper and firm cardboard. Thank you!

#### Porthcurno (Year 5/6)

This week we have been learning more about the solar system using books and the internet to gather facts. We have continued to explore our class book 'Northern Lights' delving deeper into the characters we have met so far and writing our own settings that are fantasy but based on a real place, just like Pullman's Oxford. In our maths we are on our second week of shape work, focusing mainly on perimeter and area, using our problem solving skills and resilience to work through some pretty complex problems!

# **Celebration Awards**

We love celebrating our achievements at St Buryan Academy. One of our many ways of praising and recognizing success is through our weekly 'Chuffed Awards' where teachers nominate a member from each class to win an award in our Friday Celebration Assembly. This week's winners are...

Reception - Ella

Year 1 - Ayla

Year 2 - Violet

Year 3 - Finn

Year 4 - Felix

Year 5 -Livvy

Year 6 - Asya

Well done to for winning this week's team points!

PLEASE COULD ALL KS2 CHILDREN BRING SHINPADS FOR PE IF POSSIBLE – THANK YOU

# After-school clubs

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

KS2 Football Club with Endorsed Academy (please bring shin pads)

Rec. and KS1 Lego Club with Mrs Cross

Year 5/6 Homework Club with Mrs

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Y2-Y6 Choir with Mrs Crow

KS2 Computing Club with Mrs King

<u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></u> KS1 Creative Craft Club with Mrs K

KS1 clubs finish at 4pm KS2 clubs finish with at 4.15pm

#### Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
Mr J McDonald
Deputy DSL and SENCO:
Mrs J Kwiatkowska
Safeguarding Governor
Mrs V Hall
Parent Liaison Officer:
Mrs Care

Please note that if your child attends Breakfast Club (8.00am-8.45am) there is a £1 cost which should be payable daily or at the end of the week. Thank you.