



Newsletter 1st March 2019

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Hit the ground running!

We send enormous congratulations this week to all those who have taken part in the Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech. Whether performing an individual poem, being part of a choral speaking team or playing an instrument, we are incredibly proud of all who bit the bullet, pushed through their nerves and took part. The chance for public performance is very important in developing confidence and a sense of pride in one's achievements and we salute you all!



We seem to be bombarded with internet safety scares of late and it is hard to keep up to date with the latest issues. Please see the below paragraph from the Safeguarding Team at Aspire.

In an ever-changing digital world it's vital we stay informed of the latest apps, gaming and internet 'challenge' trends facing our young people. Take a look at the internet safety page on the main Aspire website at <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/esafety> which provides links to recommended eSafety organisations and some of the latest guidance for download. This page will be regularly updated as new advice emerges.

Following on from the work on positive relationships and behaviour that staff undertook during our recent training day, we have been working with the children this week on what they view as both positive and unacceptably negative behaviours. We have new celebrations and sanctions to share with you next week - watch this space!



During half term, we began our refurbishment of the library, financed by an extremely generous parental donation. At St Minver we aim to instil in our children a lifelong joy in the pleasures of reading, of seeking out new information and of appreciating the power and the reach of the written word. Reading is the key to learning and is at the core of so much we do in school. The children deserve a quality space for reading and we hope our new library will inspire them in this regard. We have streamlined our reading stocks, removing older and less tidy books and plan to gift each child one of these books as part of our World Book Day Celebrations next Thursday, 7th March (see the box below). We will also hold a PTA book sale after school and hope to use money raised to buy more poetry, which seems to be a gap in our book stocks. So don't forget your pennies after school that day, please!

I'm pleased to report that we have had no issues with visitors to the school site since I last wrote to you, so sincere thanks to those who have 'had a word!'

Jo Rodwell

Head of School

Week 1 of the menu next week.

World Book Day - Book Snuggle Day!

On Thursday 7th March, children can come to school in their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies and bring their favourite book to share in class.

As well as their outside shoes, children may bring their slippers to wear inside, if they would like to.



DATES

5/3/19—Yr 5 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum

7/3/19—World Book Day

7/3/19—Yr5/6 Cycling competition

7/3/19—Songfest Performance (eve)

11/3/19—Yr 4 Bikeability

12/3/19—22/3/19—Yr 5 Bikeability

13/3/19—Hi-5 Netball Competition

14/3/19—Our Girls Can Y5

15/3/19—Comic Relief fundraiser

18/3/19—Tennis Competition Y3/4

21/3/19—KS1 XCountry

25/3/19—Tennis Competition Y5/6

26/3/19—Yr R trip to Bodmin & Wenford Railway

28/3/19—Yr3/4 Football Festival

3/4/19—Mountain Bike Comp

5/4/19 —Payment for Y4, Y5 & Y6 residential trips due

5/4/19—Last Day of Spring Term

8/4/19—22/4/19—Easter Holiday

23/4/19—First Day of Summer Term

8/5/19—10/5/19—Yr 4 Camp Kernow

13/5/19—SATS Week Y6

14/5/19—16/5/19—Yr5 Bristol Trip

20/5/19—22/5/19—Yr 6 PGL

24/5/19—Last Day half term

27/5/19—31/5/19—Half Term Break

Please can pe kits be brought in to school on a Monday and stay here for the week. Classes will do PE at different times over the week and it is easier for all if kits are here and ready to go.

Also we will be completing our Active mile every Friday as we did before half term, children should wear normal school tops and sporty bottoms and trainers please.

A HUGE thank you to all who supported Mrs Richards' fundraiser for Blood Bikes UK and Children's Hospice South West, the Johnny Cowling evening raised a superb £4055.



Stars of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: Izzy Moore & Felix Williams—Being enthusiastic learners

Class 1: Lockra Obolensky—Excellent reading & moving up a book band & Millie Newman—A super first week at St Minver School & settling so well

Class 2: Poppy Dubber, India Toogood, Clara Marshall & Daisy Hodge—Demonstrating a great attitude to learning & improved confidence in maths

Class 3: Koby Brown & Dexter Warren—Being kind to their friends & being good role models

Class 4: Claude Hutley—A kind & enthusiastic team leader approach when being a team captain in PE & Eva Newman—Being brave and resilient when dealing with the challenges of being in a new school

Class 5: Emily Wills—Super fractions work & Lowenna Watts—Showing kindness & friendship to others

Class 6: James Marshall—Always being keen to learn with a positive attitude to school every day & Tabitha Bouzaglo—Making huge progress in maths & showing improved confidence

Mathletes of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children are our mathletes of the week.

Class R: Faith Davis—4,030 points

Class 1: Lexi Couch—2,519 points

Class 2: No scores over 1,000 points

Class 3: Chantelle Wearne—2,212 points

Class 4: Kai McAuley—2,397 points

Class 5: Oscar Hawtin—2,238 points

Class 6: Daisy Lane—3,080 points

Mathlete of the week is FAITH DAVIS!!

The top three class scores—

1st place—Class 4—11,415 points

2nd place—Class 5—11,038 points

3rd place—Class 1—8,638 points

Come on Class 2, let's get going and get some scores over 1,000 on the board!



Speech & Music Success!!

WOW! Despite the logistical challenges involved in ensuring that children could attend their chosen classes at the Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech, it was SOOOOO worth it! (plus a huge thanks to all of our parent drivers).

St Minver children did so brilliantly.

Winning their classes were:

Amy Polak, Henry Wight, Ella Metters and BOTH KS1 and KS2 Choral Speaking teams

The individual feedback for all of the participants was truly phenomenal with every child doing their very best in their class.

We even received a call from retired Head Teacher of Wadebridge School, Mr John Godwin who wanted to commend all of the St Minver children on their behaviour and their exemplary performances at the festival.

A HUGE well done team St Minver!



Comic Relief!

Once again, we will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March.

Plans for fundraising are as follows:

Week commencing 11th March—Red noses will be on sale with Mrs Gregson in class 3 every lunchtime. Please note the new price for a red nose is **£1.25**

Friday 15th March—Children can wear red (tops, bottoms, accessories etc) for a donation. It'll also be Active mile day so sporty bottoms and trainers as usual please

Please bring cake donations for the cake sale to the office at the start of the school day

Friday 15th March from 3pm—Cake sale outside Year R, please bring your pennies to purchase a delicious treat.



Next week's guitar lessons will be on Friday 8th March and not on Thursday 7th March.