



Return to school update

Our new sink that has been installed outside the Year 1 door where the bikes racks are, this is proving really beneficial in reducing waiting times for hand washing. As you are not coming into the building at the moment what you also may not know is that there are sanitiser stations by the doors. Every classroom also has spray sanitiser, a pedal bin for tissues and a bucket with cleaning equipment. Tables are wiped down after every session and door handles etc are regularly wiped. Trish also comes in and cleans at lunch time as well. Each bubble has allocated toilets in the building.

We have had one fire alarm practice and will repeat again. Bubbles are spread out at the muster points and have different ways out of the building.

The progress the children are making is amazing. So many have returned to school showing an eagerness to learn and gaps are quickly being identified and activities planned.

We have really prioritised wellbeing and physical activity so children have a programme that means they are doing physical activities each day. Sometimes these are curriculum based and sometimes more structured fun games and team building. This is all going so well and possibly because of the skill set of many members of staff. We are really fortunate to have a talented and committed school team.

The PHSME programme is being delivered by class teachers several times a week and class assemblies also support this on a daily basis. We are finding children need more structure and support as for many months they did not spend time with large groups of people. Re-building relationships and learning to be tolerant of one another is requiring some adult structure and support. Again we are lucky to have at least four staff in each bubble so all children have time to talk and can be guided when needed. Nic and Susan are also working with children either individually or in small groups. THRIVE/TIS has been prioritised once again as we know that it

really helped in the summer when many children did return.

Every bubble has a space on the grounds somewhere in the mornings, lunchtime and after lunch so different activities can happen. To keep our staff and pupils safe we need to allocate space so bubbles do not mix. On the farm for example after lunch they can play in the paddocks, cuddle the guinea pigs, play in the sand etc. If they have Mr Summers, there is the opportunity to play age appropriate games in one of the field spaces.

When we hear about large numbers of adults on other school sites and lack of social distancing we are really pleased that our community have worked so well with us to keep everybody safe.

I am sure we all wish things were more normal, but unfortunately it would seem at the moment we have to continue to make sure that everybody is as safe as possible and the children benefit from the teaching and learning we can provide. With so many constant changes and restrictions being introduced it can be hard to remain positive at all times, but this is what we are endeavouring to do and actively encouraging. It is easy to find fault and not realise the reasons behind decisions so once again I want to thank all of our community for their understanding and support.

Lunch Menu

This week we are **WEEK 1** on the menu.

School Admissions

Transfer to secondary school application deadline in 31st October 2020

Starting school application deadline is 15th January 2021

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Parenting Courses Available – online

All children can be tricky at times and I can remember attending some amazing workshops on how to reduce the stress of being a parent. I have learned over the years that children not only come without a handbook or instruction manuals, 200 of other people's children are easier than one of your own! It is certainly the most difficult job we do.

Please consider doing one of the courses on offer especially at the moment when you can do it from the comfort of your own home. There are different times and days and if you express an interest they will try to accommodate if possible.

On offer at the moment are:

- Being Passionate about Parenting 5-11 years. Delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session)
- Being Passionate about Parenting Early Years 3-5 years. Delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session)
- Being Passionate about Parenting with a basic introduction and awareness of ADHD. Delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session)
- Being Passionate about Parenting with a basic introduction and awareness about the Spectrum. Delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session)
- Being Passionate about Parenting Teenage Brain. Delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session)
- Take 3 – supporting teenagers. Delivered over 5 session (2 hours per session)

For further information please contact the early help Hub on 01872 322277 or earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk

For useful parenting information (search understanding feelings and emotions) and Parenting Podcasts please access the family Information Service website - www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Google Classroom

Please do make sure that your child can get onto the google classroom and email if there is a problem. Home learning will be put in this during the year.

Class teaching inputs and activities

Some are already there and from this week more will be present in case of the need to self-isolate.

Activities will be available and it is important to make sure your child does watch and complete if they were to be off school so they do not miss more learning and feel confident coming back into school.

However if off we suggest....

- 1) Reading and quizzing
- 2) Completing any activities set on the classroom
- 3) Use of education city
- 4) Use of www.mymaths
- 5) Use of mathletics
- 6) Practising spellings -will be on the google classroom

For the time they are off we will be able to lend a chromebook that will need to be brought back when they return

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Please be aware we will be sending emails this week with information regarding this year's Nasal Flu Vaccinations which are due to take place on 18th November 2020 and will be for all year groups.

Wrap Around Care

Preschool Breakfast and afterschool club is open, please book by contacting them directly. 01752 851343 or email srg.preschool@live.co.uk

Reading

Please, please, please encourage your child to read every day. This is one of the best ways to improve all aspects of their English.

To teach reading at SRG we use Phonics Bug especially in KS1 and we have invested in many more phonics reading books. Children will bring home one that they can decode from the phonics lessons they have. This should be one that they can read independently to you. They will bring other books as well that will provide additional opportunities to practise their skills. Look out for them.

In Year 2 and beyond they use accelerated reader and through this we can easily track their reading and progress. We have so many books that can be used for group or individual activities.

Please make sure that they read every night and quiz as often as possible. They all have log in's and should be able to click the link in their google classroom.

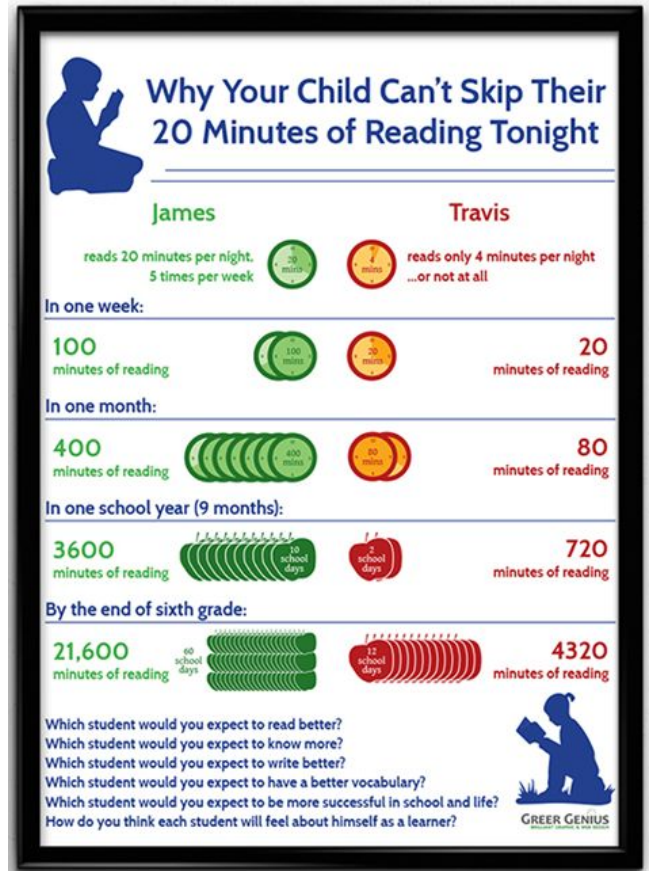
We give badges to support this scheme and the children are aiming to become word count millionaires.

SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE



Parking

Can we please remind parents that the parking area opposite the school is for residents of the homes, and not for general parking. Thank you.

Please could we also remind you to drive into the staff car park before driving to the playground, even if dropping off from 8am.

Music

Mrs Suckling has a few spare places for piano available. If your child is interested in starting lessons, please let the school office know

Music awards

Eddie Townsend - Piano Award
Sienna Briggs - Singing Award