



6th March

School news Update

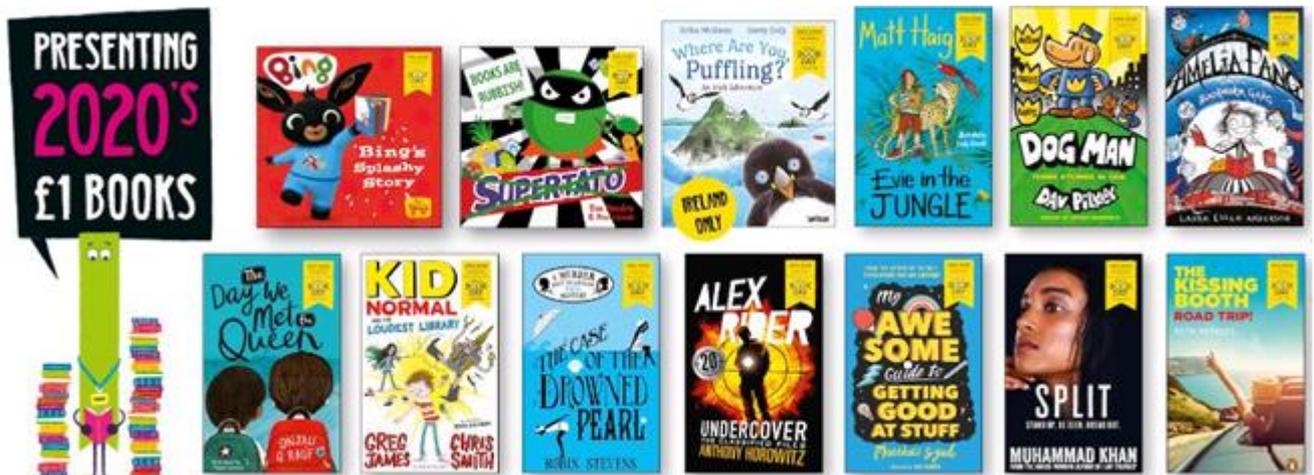
Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

World Book Day – Story telling and hot chocolate!

We had a lovely day today celebrating World Book Day. The day started with a whole school story time and then each class spent time reading stories together and enjoying hot chocolate in class! We loved seeing the children in their PJ's too!



All children have received their £1 Book Token today so please do remember to use them when buying a book or to buy the £1 special edition World Book day Books.





Lent challenge

This week we have started Bishop Stephen's lent challenge which has posed the question: GOD'S CREATION, A GIFT OR A LOAN? The challenge is about the planet, creation and life, and how we act as stewards of God's World.

Viewed from space, the earth is seen as a beautiful blue planet, full of life and diversity. It is a great gift and as people, we are stewards of the planet for all life forms living and inhabiting the earth, on land, in sea and air. It is undoubtedly under threat in 2020, and there are significant groups who are working tirelessly to make sure we take steps to save the planet from pollution and misuse. Many of these groups are children and young people, who have a voice in so many ways.

The Lent challenge is asking schools and their community to think and reflect about the concept of God's Creation – A gift or a loan? How do we see the earth in the solar system and universe? Is this something we can take and use or misuse? Or is it something for us be part of and look after? Is it a well wrapped present which we can discard after use? Conversely, is it a present we can thankfully receive and look after, enabling others to also receive and pass on in a good state to the next generation. Many questions and we don't have all the answers!

This week we looked at the live images being broadcast from the International Space Station and the children were in awe of the beautiful images. If you would like to look at this together as a family the link is [here](#).

Science week

We are linking our science week (which starts on Monday) to the Lent Challenge with the theme of 'Our Diverse Planet'. We will launch our week with a presentation from a science specialist teacher from St Peter's School. He has the most amazing ways to demonstrate biodiversity and adaptation which we hope will amaze the children!



During the week the children will learn about 5 different biomes and undertake a variety of investigations and challenges linked to these. This will involve the children being outside everyday and also visiting the Wild Wood at least once during the week. Please can we ask that **all children** bring a pair of old trousers (track suit bottoms would be best), a pair of wellington boots or old trainers which may get wet and muddy) as well as a warm coat. If these could be in a named plastic bag and kept in school all week we would be grateful.

All children have been given a different animal to research as their home learning this week; if you haven't seen this please ask your child and request a new sheet on Monday if needed. We are hoping that this will give us the information about 100 different animals for our 5 different biomes!!

**Attendance % for
W/E 06/03/2020**

Van Gogh ~ 99%
Monet ~ 98%
Kandinsky ~ 96%
Picasso ~ 87%



Sport relief mile

All of the children have come home today with a sponsor form for Sports Relief. Please support this worthy cause by sponsoring your child to walk a mile around our school site on Friday. If you are a UK taxpayer please do fill in your details on the form so that the charity can claim a 25% top up. Please could all money and sponsor forms be back in school by 23rd March at the latest.

Picasso Class sharing assembly

It is Picasso Class assembly on Tuesday 10th March at 2.50pm. As the class have decided to focus their assembly on ICT and the internet, this assembly will be just for parents due to the content not being suitable for younger children. Please do come along.



Rotary Club Quiz

A team of Year 6 children took part last week in the Rotary Club quiz. They were fantastic and worked so well as a team and it was a really enjoyable evening. Overall we came fourth – we are very proud of you all. Well done.

Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our parent consultations next week. Slips with your allocated time have been sent home with your child today.

Year 3 Football festival

Well done to the team from Year 3 who took part in the St Ives Football festival yesterday. We got through to the final and ended up as the runners up! A fantastic achievement against lots of other schools. Well done Year 3!

Fairtrade



Our thanks to those families who sent Fairtrade products in to school. We enjoyed learning about the difference that Fairtrade makes to the lives of families and communities around the world. Following an audit by our older children, we realised how few products in school are Fairtrade. Therefore, as a staff we have committed to purchasing Fairtrade coffee for the staffroom and Jo in the kitchen has requested that the sugar that she buys is also Fairtrade from her supplier.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Spring 2020 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

9th March	Science Week
10 th March	Picasso Class Assembly – for Year 6 parents only at 2.50pm
11 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm – booking details to follow
12 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm – booking details to follow
13th March	Sport relief sponsored mile
13 th March	STARS Film Night - 3.15pm
20 th March	STARS Mother's Day shop – 9.30am
23 rd March	Kandinsky Class assembly at 2.50pm - Everyone welcome
31 st March	Year 2 Football Festival – All day St Ives
2 nd April	Book Bus visiting- more details to follow
3 rd April	End of term
3 rd April	STARS – Easter Egg Hunt 3.15pm
6 th – 19 th April	Easter Holidays
20 th April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
21 st April	Summer term begins
24 th April	Bikeability training day – Year 3 and 4
28 th April	Year 1 Football Festival – All day St Ives
8 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
10 th – 12 th June	Mount Cook Residential – Year 5/6
11 th July	STARS - Summer Fair
22 nd July	End of term
23 rd July	Teacher Training Day