



14th February



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.

The new Perimeter fencing and gates

We are delighted with the new fencing and are now just waiting for the power to be run across the field. Until this is installed we will simply be using padlocks so please do be patient if you are waiting for a gate to be unlocked!!

Drop off in the morning

Please can we remind you that the back door for the school is open from 8.40am until 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.50am, it is important that you accompany your child/children to the front door; please do not send them across the field on their own as they will be entering a car park to reach our front door.

Coffee and Catch up invite



We have had several parents comment that they now don't have time to chat and catch up with other parents on the playground. We would therefore like to trial a regular opportunity for a coffee and catch up. This will be the first Friday of every half term from 8.50am – 9.30am. Tea and coffee will be available but we will be asking for a donation of 50p per person towards the

supply of this. We anticipate that this will be self run by parents for parents and we hope you will find this time valuable.

Fair-trade Fortnight

During the first week back to school after half term, we will be focussing on Fairtrade to coincide with Fairtrade fortnight. During this week the children will learn about the importance of Fairtrade and how the lives of producers have been changed by this. If you are happy to donate any food which is Fairtrade we would be delighted to receive it. We will be using it as a display and as a teaching point and will then donate it to the homeless housing at Coneygear Court.



On Friday 28th February we will be selling Fairtrade bakes (cupcakes/biscuits) to the children as a tuck shop – they will learn what ingredients have been used and where in the world these have come from. If you would like your child to purchase a bake we are asking for a £1 donation which we will donate to Fairtrade charity. To find out more, please visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

E-Safety



This week we have spent some time thinking about being safe online as Tuesday was UK Safer Internet Day. We are aware that there are a huge number of benefits to being online and a world of learning opportunities are available to children. However, we are also aware that there are many dangers online too. As a result, there are many, many sources of support for parents to help them to support their children with navigating this. We know how challenging this is as technology moves so fast and children are often more tech savvy than we are!! However, there are some particularly good sources of support:

- This area of the UK Internet safety website is written specifically to support parents with talking to their children about online safety - click [here](#)
- The NSPCC has a great website which includes how to set up parental controls and is very up to date on the latest technology/Apps etc. and what to be aware of as parents - click [here](#)
- We know that many of our children connect online with one another through games and the Internet matters website is particularly good. Click [here](#)

One App that we are aware is being used by some of our older children is **TikTok**. TikTok is a social networking app which gives users the ability to watch and create short video clips of up to 60 seconds. With 1 billion active users across 155 countries, it seeks to promote safety and has recently released a range of safety videos to promote its safety tools. They can be found by clicking [here](#)

Lastly, if your child has a mobile phone, the NSPCC has teamed up with O2 and you can take it along to any O2 shop and they will help you to set up parental controls - free of charge even if you don't shop or have a contract with O2!

World Book day

As you are aware, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. The theme this year is about sharing stories and the social aspect of sharing books. We are therefore asking children to come to school in their pyjamas as during the day, we will have a big 'bed time story' themed read together!

We will also be sending home a £1 book voucher with every child after the half term break. Look out for the special £1 books for World Book Day!



Governors roundup

As you are aware, our Governors play a vital role in our school with three main functions: Setting the school a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction; Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In order for parents to gain an insight into the sorts of things that the Governors do in order to fulfil their role, we would like to share a 'Governor Roundup' of all that they have achieved each half term. We hope this is useful to you and please do ask if you have any questions!

Over the last half term Governors have:

- Undertaken in school monitoring linked to the curriculum including a visit to maths lessons, meeting with the maths lead and attending a maths parent workshop. We have also monitored Religious Education which included talking to the RE lead and looking at curriculum maps and children's RE books.
- Undertaken a Health and safety walk around and a cleaning inspection. This includes checking some of the schools records such as those relating to fire drills and risk assessments for school activities.
- Completed a Safeguarding audit from the Local Authority which included checking that our records about staff, volunteers and external providers such as sports coaches are accurate and up to date.
- We have monitored our Christian distinctiveness through observing Collective Worship and talking to children about their views on Collective Worship.
- We have ratified many school policies relating to employment and the curriculum.
- We have monitored and analysed our financial provision as we near the end of the financial year. This has involved benchmarking our school against other similar schools in key areas of spend such as staffing. We have also begun to look at our finances for the next financial year, ahead of setting our budget for 2020/2021.

Monet Football

Monet class will be completing a football unit with the sports coach in their PE lessons after half term. Please **do not** send in football boots (even if your child asks!) as these will not be allowed. Instead, an old pair of trainers would be great and a plastic bag to put them in for when they get muddy! Many thanks

Change to menu for the first week back

Due to delivery issues around half term, the menu for the first week back will swap on Wednesday and Thursday so will be as follows:

Wednesday – Lasagne and chocolate brownie

Thursday – Roast Gammon and shortbread



Dinner money for the next half term

There are 30 days next half term so the cost of dinners will be £72.00 (£2.40 a day). Please ensure we receive payment promptly.

STARS news

Thank you everyone who came to the Bake sale after school today and an even bigger thank you to those of you who baked or bought bakes!
Don't forget that tickets are on sale for the Neon Silent Disco on Friday 28th February.

Make do and Mend Spring Clean up

Do come along on Saturday 29th February from 10am – 12 noon to help with the tidying of our school grounds ready for Spring. A small amount of your time will make a huge difference. Thank you.



Attendance % for W/E 14/02/2020

Van Gogh ~ 96%
Monet ~ 95%
Kandinsky ~ 98%
Picasso ~ 100%

Update from Government about the Coronavirus

As a public body, we have been asked to share the following with our parent community:

The government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low. Please read the current guidance below.

Advice to those who have travelled recently

Public Health England has changed the advice for individuals who have travelled recently as follows:

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

- Elsewhere in China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country

Encouraging good hygiene

As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Please see attached poster for more information.



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

Date	Event
17 th - 21 st February	Half Term
24 th February	Fair Trade Fortnight
26 th February	Lent Challenge begins
27 th February	Year 6 Rotary Club Competition – 7pm
28th February	<i>Fairtrade tuck shop - £1 donation</i>
28 th February	STARS Silent Disco KS1 4pm : KS2 4.30 till 6pm
29 th February	Make do and Mend day – 10am – 12pm
4 th March	Monet Class assembly at 2.50pm - Everyone welcome
5 th March	Year 3 Football Festival – All day St Ives
6 th March	World Book Day – Pyjama day
9 th March	Sport Relief Week – more details to follow
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
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