



At A Glance

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.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term 2020. We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We are looking forward to another busy term.

Dates
for your



Diary Dates

Please find attached our diary dates which have been updated for the next term. We do try to plan ahead to support parents with as much notice as possible about key dates and we do hope that you continue to find this useful.

Collective Worship Theme - Hope

During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about Hope; we will reflect on what we are hopeful for as we start a new beginning at the start of a new year and a new decade! We will think about hope as an anticipation of something good to come in the future and reflect on what this means for Christians; instead of wishing or hoping for something to happen, a Christian knows that their hope is grounded in the word of God. With this newsletter, we have sent the home/school values information with ideas about how you could reflect on 'hope' within your family and with your child/children.



Parking



As you are aware, we trialled a new start to the school day with children being dropped to school any time between 8:40am and 8:50am in order to stagger the timings of cars in the car park. We have received some very positive feedback about this and so will continue to start our school day with the children coming straight into the building when they arrive.

However, we have received some concerns that more cars are moving in the car park whilst children are walking across the area. Please do be vigilant in both your driving when arriving and leaving and also in supervising your children when they cross the car park. Our thanks to all parents who shared their views with us.

Clubs

We are delighted to offer a different selection of clubs this term. Please see the attached information and relevant booking forms. As some clubs are very popular please ensure you have booked prior to the start of the club so numbers can be confirmed.

Walk Through The Bible



We are really fortunate to have booked the 'Walk through the Bible' series of workshops for our Year 5 and 6 children this term. RE lessons for these children will consist of 6 one hour workshops which cover the key stories of the Old Testament - explaining how they all fit together into one big storyline. Please do ask your child about these workshops which will take place on Friday afternoons (Year 6 this half term and Year 5 next half term).

Play tower update

Work will resume on Wednesday, weather pending, to complete the new play tower. Please can we remind you to keep your children away from the area for their safety.



A quick reminder – Year 5/6 Swimming starts on Monday!



Year 5/6 start their swimming session on Monday 13th January. Please ensure that you send your child into school with their swimming kit. Payment plans have been returned today for the next instalment.

Application to Primary School for 2020

Do you have a child, or do you know of someone, who has a child due to start school in September? The application process is live online and all applications need to be submitted to the admissions team by **January 15th 2020**. Further information is available from our website.



Curriculum maps

The curriculum maps for your children will be coming home this week. Do have a look at what your child's class is focussing on this half term and if you have any resources or experience which may support our learning please do let us know.

Dinner Money – Payment required for any children in Year 3- 6



If your child is having a school meal and they are in KS2 (Years 3-6), the cost of meals this half term will be £69.60 (29 days @ £2.40). If you wish to pay weekly the cost is £12.00.

We are having a variety of special lunch menus over this term including an invitation for you to join us for lunch as this was so popular last year. Please look out for the booking flyers which will follow shortly.

No Nuts!

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please ensure that if you provide a packed lunch it contains no nut based products such as peanut butter etc.

Contact details

Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details e.g. telephone numbers etc. It is very important that we have the correct information on file for your child in case of emergency.



Year 4 Football festival – new date

Due to the very wet weather before Christmas the Year 4 Football festival was postponed. The new date for this is Thursday 16th January. If you wish your child to take part then please sign and return the letter that has been sent home today.

Medicine in school

We are in the process of reviewing our Administration of Medicines Policy and one significant change is that following advice from the British Medical Association, we are now able to administer non-prescribed, over-the-counter medicines. This is to prevent parents needing to make unnecessary appointments to seek a prescription for an over-the-counter medicine simply so that it can be brought into school.

It remains the case that medicines should only be administered by school staff when this is essential and parents will still need to follow our procedure by filling in a consent form etc.

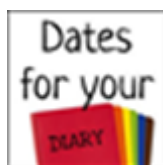
Parental workshops

Our local family workers are now running parent workshops at Broad Leas in St Ives between 1.15pm and 2.45pm. The workshops are free to attend, but places are limited so it is advisable to book on to reserve a space.

The workshops for this term are as follows:

- 15th January 2020 — Managing Challenging behaviour
- 29th January 2020 — Understanding the pathways for a diagnosis
- 12th February 2020 — Sibling Rivalry
- 26th February 2020 — Positive Parenting
- 11th March 2020 — Managing Anger
- 25th March 2020 — Understanding the pathways for a diagnosis

For more information or to book, please contact Kayleigh Fry or Zoe Hope (01480) 372602 / 01480 372686 or email: Kayleigh.Fry@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or zoe.Hope@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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
6 th January	Teacher Training Day – school closed
7 th January	Spring term begins
7 th January	Rise and Shine before school club starts
<i>W/C 13th January</i>	<i>After school clubs start</i>
13 th January	Year 5/6 swimming starts
<i>14th January</i>	<i>STARS meeting in school hall 7pm – all welcome</i>
<i>16th January</i>	<i>Year 4 Football Festival – All day St Ives</i>
<i>7th February</i>	<i>Maths Mastery Workshop for Parents – more details to follow</i>
<i>12th February</i>	<i>Van Gogh Class assembly at 2.50pm followed by an invitation to see Learning Journeys in class - Everyone welcome</i>
<i>17th - 21st February</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
<i>24th February</i>	<i>Fair Trade Fortnight</i>
<i>26th February</i>	<i>Lent Challenge begins</i>
<i>27th February</i>	<i>Year 6 Rotary Club Competition – 7pm</i>
<i>4th March</i>	<i>Monet Class assembly at 2.50pm - Everyone welcome</i>
5 th March	Year 3 Football Festival – All day St Ives
<i>6th March</i>	<i>DATE change - World Book Day – more details to follow</i>
<i>9th March</i>	<i>Sport Relief Week – more details to follow</i>
<i>10th March</i>	<i>Picasso Class Assembly – for Year 6 parents only at 2.50pm</i>
<i>11th March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm – booking details to follow</i>
<i>12th March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm – booking details to follow</i>
<i>23rd March</i>	<i>Kandinsky Class assembly at 2.50pm - Everyone welcome</i>
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
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
22 nd July	End of term
23 rd July	Teacher Training Day