

Dear Parents

Bank Holiday, Half Term & INSET Days

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 5th May as it is a bank holiday. We will also be closed for an INSET day on Thursday 8th May which is Flora Day. We finish on Friday 23rd May for half term, the children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd June as Monday 2nd June is an INSET day.

Parent Forum - You are invited to our first parent forum on Wednesday 30th at 1:30pm. The next forum will be a different time to accommodate those who can't make this one. Look forward to seeing you.

VE Day - We will be celebrating VE day on Tuesday 6th May, children will be invited to wear red, white or blue or to dress up in VE related clothing i.e. as an evacuee, land girl, soldier etc. Mrs May will do a VE Day assembly at the end of the day for the children.



War Horse by Michael Morpurgo - Godrevy class will be reading War Horse this term, to enable all the children to have a copy to read and work from we were wondering if anyone had a book of their own which they would be happy to use. Please see Mrs Hoskins or Mr Kitto if you do. Thank you!

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl - Portreath class will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine this term. We have several copies in school but to enable all the children to have a copy to read and work from we wondered if anyone had their own book which they would like to use. Please see Mrs Hoskins, Mrs Powley or Mrs Woods if you do. Thank you!

Little Learners - We have been showing families around with an interest in Little Learners, please let us know if you would like us to put your child on our list.



Toddler Group - We hope to open a toddler group on Thursday mornings after May half term. More details to follow.

Thank you! Thank you to Andy, Kerensa and Jake for their contribution to the last finishing touches to the wooden shelter which is looking great all revitalised and refreshed including the wood treatment.

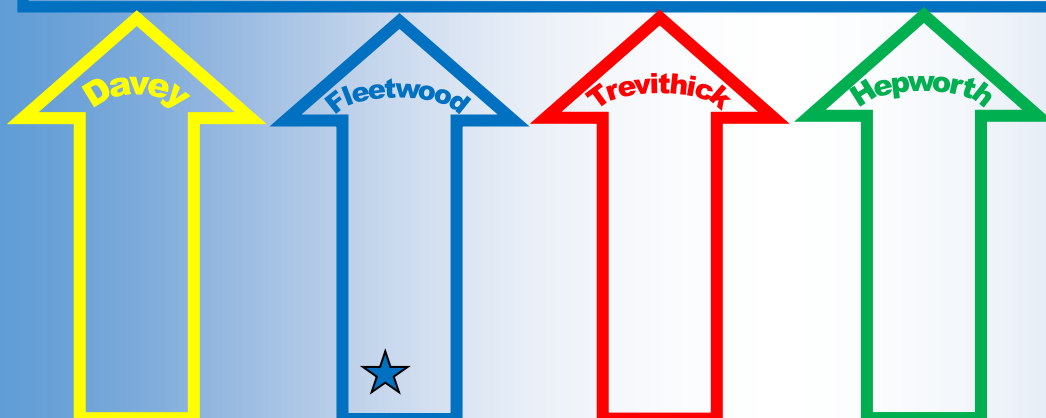
Multi-skills - Trafford will be running a Multi-Skills club, it will commence on Tuesday 29th April from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Initially this will be for the infants for YrR, Yr1 and Yr2. After SATs the club will be offered to the juniors and the infants will be offered a sports club with Mrs May.

Praa Sands Swimming - Children in Praa Sands class will be swimming for 4 sessions next term. The sessions will commence on Friday 2nd May until Friday 23rd May inclusive. The swimming contribution will be £20 per child. A letter has been sent home today with a reply slip, it would be much appreciated if this could be returned on Monday of next week.

Sailing - The children's sailing trust have invited the children to attend 5 sailing sessions in the summer term. The sessions will take place on June 4th, 18th, 25th and July 2nd & 9th. It will cost £32.40 per child with concessions for children on FSM. Initially the sessions will be offered to children in Godrevy class but if there are spare places Yr4 pupils will be offered these. Further information will follow.



School Meals - The summer menu has arrived. Please see page 6 of the newsletter for the choices available. There have been some changes to the menu, instead of sandwiches being available, children can choose from wraps and baguettes each day with different fillings which include ham, cheese, egg mayo, tuna & sweetcorn and cream cheese. If you require a three menu with all of the options on please let Mrs Hoskins know.



Fleetwood were this week's House Point Winners, well done!

A reminder of the school times

8am - Early Bird

8:30 - Wake & Shake

8:30 Children can arrive and wait in the playground with their parents.

8:40 - Doors open

8:45 - Registration

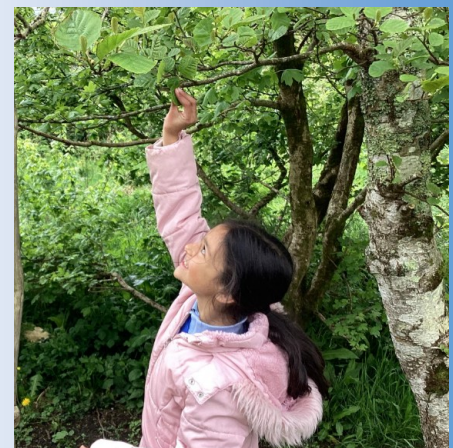
15:15 - End of the day

15:15—17:00 Kids Club

Swimming - The requested contribution towards swimming is £25 for Godrevy and Portreath classes and £20 for Praa Sands class. This can be paid via ParentPay. We would be grateful if contributions could be paid as soon as possible for all classes. While swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum there is no government funding to support this, and we are not permitted to use our PE funding for whole class swimming lessons. Therefore, heavily subsidising lessons out of the school budget takes away from the resources we are able to provide across the curriculum and the support we can give to the children, which is why we depend on parental contributions. If you are able to support us with this, it is very much appreciated.

A Science Lesson in Portreath Class

This week in science, Portreath class went on a hunt for different leaves. They then worked in groups to find ways of classifying them.



This week's certificates go to....

Oliver ~ Learner of the week for writing an excellent persuasive letter in English this week.

James ~ Citizen of the week for acting quickly to help a friend.

Charlie H ~ Citizen of the week for acting quickly to help a friend.

Penny ~ Learner of the week for having a fantastic maths brain and always attempting the challenge questions!

Arthur in Portreath ~ Citizen of the week for being a supportive friend to another member of the class.

Arlow in Praa Sands ~ Learner of the week for independent working in maths and English.

Pippa T in Praa Sands ~ Citizen of the week for demonstrating great care for our resources.



Attendance

Whole school to date: 94.2%

This week

Praa Sands Class ~ 100%

Portreath Class ~ 95.4%

Godrevy Class ~ 92.9%



Mrs May will be in school on..

Monday 28th April - pm

Tuesday 29th April - pm

Wednesday 30th April - all day

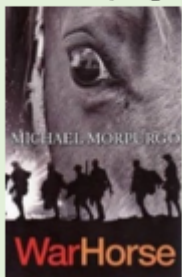
Friday 2nd May - all day

Tuesday 6th May - pm

Friday 9th May - from 10:45am

World at War: The War to End All Wars

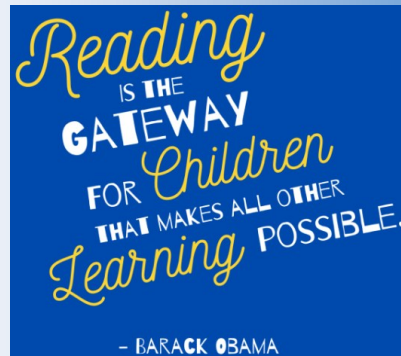
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo



War Horse is a powerful narrative, beautifully written, which explores the horrors of WW1 and the power of friendship. **This has been chosen both to help immerse the children in the historical context but will support them in the development of describing characters and settings.**

Trannack Reading Spine

Godrevy class are reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo as the fiction text from their reading spine for this half term.



Amazing Fun Facts for Children

Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker-uppers. I wonder if that means that mean your mum or dad is a 'knocker-upper' or a 'waker-upper'?

Fun Facts about Books

The M6 Road the UK Was Built on 2.5 Million Copies of Pulped Fiction
Here is one more fact in a long list of fun facts about reading and books: the M6 toll road utilizes 2.5 million copies of pulped novels. Just imagine all these copies; it's a huge amount. Such an unusual sustainable construction solution was used to reduce noise and prevent the road from cracking (according to Tarmac).

Reading Karate

Edward ~ Green ~ Portreath
Nelly ~ Orange ~ Portreath
Pippa ~ Orange ~ Praa Sands



Recommended for ages 9 - 11



SCAN ME
<https://bit.ly/2SOxXWg>

Charlie Changes Into a Chicken

Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne

Storytime (extract - full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Sam Copeland

Storytime Online

Scan the QR code and the link will take you to a video of the of the story being read aloud. Click on this link: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/resources/storytime-online/> to see more books for all ages on this website.

Diary Dates

Praa Sands swimming ~ Fri 02/05/25 to Fri 23/05/25 inc. (4 sessions)

INSET Day ~ Thur 08/05/25

Half term ~ 26/05/25 ~ 30/05/25

INSET Day ~ 02/06/25

Sailing for Yr5/6 ~ 04/06/25 (5 sessions)

More info to follow

*Residential (Bristol & Bath) Yr5/6 ~ Mon 09/06/25
- Weds 11/06/25*

*Yr6 transition to Helston ~ Tue 01/07/25 9am
- 3pm and New parents' eve Helston 6pm*

*Yr6 transition to Helston ~ Wed 02/07/25
9am - 3pm*

New parents' eve Helston 6pm

*Yr6 transition to Mullion ~ Wed 02/07/25
8:40am - 3:15pm*

*Rocksteady concert for parents ~ Tue 22/07/25
~ 9am*

Last day of term 22/07/25



Easter Forest School
Tues 8th and Weds 16th April
9:30-3:00

14 funded spaces available for free school meal families.
Join our Forest School Leaders for a day of outdoor Easter themed fun
Campfire lunch and snacks provided.

Logos: TIME MOVE, Department for Education, active CORNWALL, CORNWALL COUNCIL

<https://playwaze.com/natures-playground/yegr8ngbfcido/session-display?eventId=PhysicalEventSeries/111557-B>

SATURDAY ART CLUB AT CAST



Our popular Saturday art club for young people is open to new members.

Age 11-16? Join us on Saturdays at CAST to work with artists, explore your creativity, learn new skills, and develop creative projects! This applies to children in Yr6.

All sessions are free with materials provided and you don't need any previous experience to take part.

Our Saturday Art Club enjoys a variety of workshops and projects including printmaking, textiles, stone carving, darkroom photography, ceramics, sculpture, zine-making, badge-making, painting, drawing and more! Join us to make art, experiment with materials and relax in a welcoming studio space supported by professional artists <https://castcornwall.art/learning/programme/saturday-club/>

We have 2 Saturday Art Club groups. The morning group meets from 10.30-13.00 and the afternoon group from 14.00-16.30. Summer term sessions will take place on the following dates and then resume in the autumn term.

3rd, 10th and 17th May

7th, 14th and 21st June

HOW TO TAKE PART

We recommend registering as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To take part, or to find out more please contact Kate@castcornwall.art.

ABOUT CAST

CAST is a visual arts organisation, based in Helston, Cornwall. Our programme includes exhibitions of artist's film, talks, screening events and workshops. We provide learning programmes for schools and creative activities for children,