



ST FRANCIS C OF E VA SCHOOL

Inspiring Creative Active Nurturing Challenging

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we launched our Active Travel Challenge where the children are being encouraged to be active for some part of their journey to school. Children can walk, scoot, cycle all or some of the way to school to earn points for their class. This week's Active Travel winners are Class L who have had the most children travel in an active way to school. They have won themselves our SUSTRANS teddy for the week and extra Golden Time. Congratulations to them!

We understand that sometimes using a car to travel the whole way to school is necessary, but we are hoping that, through this initiative, we will encourage a healthier start to the day, whilst also easing the congestion with cars at the beginning and end of the school day. This week, I have had it brought to my attention that cars are still being parked illegally close to the school and creating a hazard. We would please ask that parents and carers park lawfully and considerately around the school site to help us keep our children safe.

Today has been such a brilliant day where the children have been learning how to develop their skills in art. Children have learnt about key artists and have practised skills in weaving and sewing to create final pieces. Examples of the learning and artwork produced will be shared on our school Facebook page, and displayed in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Hannah Stevens – Headteacher



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5th MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day by coming to school dressed as a book character from any story. This is always such a fun day in our school calendar and the children spend the day immersed into stories. This year, World Book Day coincides with St Piran's Day and, therefore, our English Team are planning a Cornish themed day where the children will learn about Cornish authors, Cornish myths and legends and hear stories that have been set in Cornwall.

As part of St Francis's commitment to sustainability we are part of the Sustrans schools project which promotes active travel to school (walking, scooting and cycling) and aims to reduce congestion near to school. As part of this we are holding a Cycle/Scoot to School Day on Friday 14th February. Pupils who cycle/scoot to school will have a *free* maintenance safety check done on their bike *or* scooter. Small adjustments will be made and a report attached to outline work done and any further work needed. A typical bike check involves checking/adjusting brakes, handlebars, saddle and pedals, inflating tyres, tightening nuts and bolts and oiling parts. Scooter checks involve checking wheels, deck and fixings, making adjustments where necessary. The school recommends the use of helmets. All bikes need to be roadworthy, and have working brakes and pumped up tyres. These free checks are available to *both* staff and pupils. To take part simply cycle *or* scooter to school on Friday 14th February!



The new app for School Money is experiencing a few issues, so for the time being you will need to login via the website. As soon as the app is available to use, we will let you know. After half term, there will be no need to mark packed lunch orders, please ensure that all school lunch orders are made online.



Curriculum News – looking forward to the week ahead

(Monday 10th February).....



Reception	Will be reading the story 'Supertato' and learning the importance of being healthy.	
Year 1	As scientists we will be making boats to see which ones float or sink.	
Year 2	Are looking forward to a visitor who will be talking about the history of cycling.	
Year 3	As mathematicians we will be learning the value of coins and notes to help us become more proficient with money.	
Year 4	Are looking forward to their pasty making workshop on Tuesday afternoon.	
Year 5	We are also looking forward to our food workshop on Tuesday with Chartwells.	
Year 6	We will be concluding our unit on Darwin in History.	

Reminder!

On Thursday 5th March to celebrate St Piran's Day, we will be having a Cornish pasty themed lunch. The options will be either Steak or Cheese & Onion pasty, or a Jacket potato with either Coleslaw or Ham. **Parents/carers will need to log onto school money to order your child's lunch.** Orders are to be selected by Wednesday 12th February, and need to be ordered regardless if your child is entitled to free school meals.



Golden Awards

Holly T and Jacob P	A
Emily C and Zach B-H	B
Arjan B and Thomas R	D
Ollie T and Phoebe B	F
Alasdair S and Daisy O	G
Amelia S and Kamil S	H
Harry W and Millie N	I
Charlie L and Ethan H-B	J
Lucy K and Luke D	K
Layla P and Max C	L
Jago P and Summer S	M
Ella F and Sam P	N

If your child is interested in learning the Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone. Lessons and instruments are available through Cornwall Music Trust. Please leave your name and contact number with a member of the school office, who will pass your details over.



Interim CEO Corner

I have been spending time talking to some of your children during the last week and I am continually impressed by their positivity and energy.

During a review visit to King Charles CE Primary I met with a group of Year 2 and 6 children to talk about their writing and how the teachers help them to make this better. The children at King Charles talked confidently about how staff have helped them to improve their spelling and punctuation. They were able to spell a wide range of words accurately. They understand how to improve their writing through editing and using a better of range vocabulary. Most of the children have superb handwriting and take great pride in their literacy activities.

Later in the week, I was invited by the Head Girl and Boy at Falmouth School to attend the **Junior Leadership Team** meeting at 8.30 am. This group is made up of about 50 students who discuss concerns that the student body have. We talked about safeguarding and bullying. The feedback from this student group was generally positive and the Head Boy and Girl will meet Mr George, the headteacher and his senior leaders to share the student views.

They asked me to ensure that bins are placed in the closed playing courts; these have been ordered and will be in place a soon as possible. Again, I was impressed by the confidence, maturity and positivity about their school from this student group.

Next week, I will be meeting the children at St Francis CE to talk about their science and art learning.

Mark Lees

Interim CEO



Whats on at St Francis

February

- 07 – Class A (Ducklings) Parent Assembly 9am
- 07 – Year 5 Swim Gala
- 11 – Year 4 Pasty making workshop
- 11 – Year 5 Food workshop with Chartwells
- 14 – Class B (Chicks) Parent Assembly 9am
- 14 – Cycle/Scoot to school day, Break up for Half Term
- 24 – Return to school, swimming continues for Year 2
- 25&26 – Group and class photos
- 28 – Class N (Elephants) Parent Assembly 9am
- 28 – Year 3 & 4 Futsal Falmouth School

March

- 05 – World Book Day, St Pirans Day Lunch
- 06 – Class M (Giraffes) Parent Assembly 9am
- 09 – 12 Year 6 Mock SATS week
- 11 – Friends Easter Fundraiser (More info to follow)
- 13 – Class L (Pandas) Parent Assembly 9am
- 13 – Inter School Football Festival
- 16 – Year 2 last swimming session, Vision screening for reception year
- 20 – Class K (Koalas) Parent Assembly 9am
- 23 – Year 1 Swimming begins, Girls PAFC last session
- 26 – Boys PAFC last session
- 27 – Class J (Flamingos) Parent Assembly 9am, Last Day of Spring Term, PAFC Multi-skills last session



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Key Dates

- February 17-21 Half Term
- March 5 – World Book Day
- March 11 – Easter Fundraiser
- March 27- Break up for Easter Holidays
- March 30 – April 13 Easter Holidays
- April 14 -Summer Term begins
- May 8 -Bank Holiday
- May 11-14 Year 6 SATS
- May 11-13 Year 5 Barton Hall Residential
- May 19-22 Year 6 Bristol Residential
- May 25-29 -Half Term
- June 26 – Year 6 Global Boarders – Fistril Beach
- July 10 – Summer Fair
- July 13- 17 - Year 6 Secondary Transition Week
- July 21 - Year 6 Prom
- July 22 - Last day of term and Year 6 Leavers service
- July 23 -Start of Summer Holidays



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