



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see the whole school efforts with the Virtual Cornwall Schools Games this week. I have loved seeing the photos on Facebook each day of the children and staff at school, alongside the children and parents at home competing in the variety of activities. The points will all go towards a whole school total and our school results will be released from 12midday on Facebook today. Great effort everybody!

The weather has been glorious this week, and I hope you have all been able to make the most of it in some way. At school, we are very aware of the continual challenges many of you are facing as you try to balance home learning with working. I hope that the zoom sessions we have introduced are helping to motivate the children with some of their learning – it has been lovely to hear that so many of you are taking up the offer of the zoom sessions; our teachers are really enjoying these sessions too. Remember, that we are all doing the best we can in the most challenging of circumstances, so it is important to be kind to ourselves and balance schoolwork with homelife and fun. The Government announced last Friday evening, during their press conference, that they plan for all children to return to school in September. We are delighted with this news, and are awaiting the guidance for what this will need to look like from the Government. As soon as we are able to, we will communicate with you what this will mean here at St Francis.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Hannah Stevens

Please note that the last day of the summer term is Wednesday 22nd July, and the first day back after the summer holidays is Monday 7th September.





Summer Reading Challenge

Despite current circumstances, the annual Summer Reading Challenge will still take place this year. The challenge for children aged 4-12 to read 6 books over the Summer will be a little different, you can find out more details about this year's digital challenge at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. To help children get free access to reading material, Cornwall Library Service have provided each child in the school with an electronic library card number. This will allow them free access to e-books and e-audiobooks through the Borrowbox library app. There are no overdue charges, no loan charges, it is completely free! Children will be able to access this material in school and from home if a mobile device is available. A text message has been sent to you, which is a series of numbers and this is the library card number you need to access this service. If your child already has a Cornwall Library Card they can of course use this. However, you may prefer to use this new membership number when using Borrowbox as it will only contain children's books.

If you did not receive the text message with the library card number, please email the school on secretary@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk for it to be re-sent.



Writing Challenge

Our English team have been busy creating videos for the Writing Challenge, that we held. To view the video's, please check out our Facebook page

Thank you to everyone that took part, we hope you enjoy the videos, to showcase the amazing work we received.



Thank you to all those that took part in the first ever Cornwall School Games Virtual event. It was a great success and we really do appreciate all the efforts made by everyone. We hope you had fun taking part in the activities, whether you were at school or at home. Keep checking our Facebook page, for any results.



What we have been learning at School and at Home this week.....



Children in reception look like they have had fun making Stick Men this week.



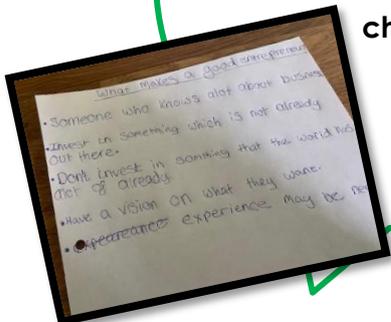
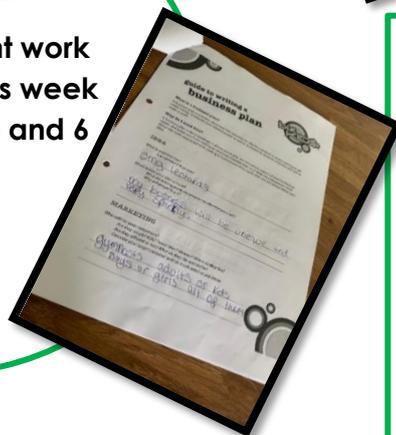
Year 1 have been getting up and close with Nature this week, and making the most of the sun.



Years 2,3 and 4 have sent in some lovely pieces of work, as well as trying out their baking and art skills.



Lots of excellent work sent in again this week from our Year 5 and 6 children.



We love to see what learning you have been doing at home, so don't forget to send us an email to learningathome@st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk

We will share these photos on a Friday on our Facebook page and on our weekly newsletter.

Please remember we can only share photos of those children, whose parents have given consent.

Interim CEO Corner



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the **Summer Solstice** on 21st June 2020 and if you saw the sunrise, it was spectacular!

It is becoming much clearer to school leaders what is expected of us in September 2020 when we reopen our schools for the new academic year. We are currently working with The Roseland MAT for Falmouth School and Kernow Learning for King Charles CE and St Francis CE to finalise our plans and will inform you of these in the next two weeks.

The Government have also launched the '**Catch Up Premium**' which is available for schools from September 2020. We will be able to use this additional funding for small groups and 1:1 catch up programmes. Hopefully, we will be able to share our plans for this funding before the end of the summer term 2020.

Our schools will close for the summer holidays on **Wednesday 22nd July 2020**. Schools will inform you when they reopen for the autumn term 2020. Our schools have continued to be open since lockdown commenced on 20th March. Our childcare hub was open during all of the school holidays including the bank holidays. Staff have been planning and reviewing learning at home.

All of our staff are currently working in our primary schools with Reception, Year 1 and 6 as well as setting home learning for the other year groups. In order to refresh home learning all three of our schools are now using Broadcast/Face to Face lessons that pupils can tune into. These are going very well so far.

During the last week we have been welcoming senior leaders from The Roseland MAT to Falmouth School and Jennie Walker, the CEO of Kernow Learning has visited King Charles CE and St Francis CE.

Finally, the primary headteachers and I have been working together to ensure that our school buildings and resources are up to date and in a good state of repair.

At King Charles we will be decorating and re-carpeting two classrooms, greatly improving the Reception outside space and purchasing 32 more laptops. Our insurers have given us the go ahead to repair, redecorate and carpet our two flooded classrooms as well.

At St Francis CE – we are also buying carpets and blinds and replacing the pupil's tables and chairs in a number of classrooms.

Both schools will look much smarter and refreshed in September 2020.