

Newsletter

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Our School Blog...

This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with many other Primary Headteachers of Cornish Church Schools. It was great to see how well-regarded BB school is within the Diocese of Truro and how all Church of England schools are focussed on driving standards so that the children benefit from fantastic teaching of an excellent curriculum.

There was one particular piece of information shared that particularly resonated with me and that I have reflected upon since....

We were told that scientists in the USA conducted an experiment to measure people's capacity to endure pain. In this experiment a barefooted person stood in a bucket of ice water. Interestingly, they found that when there was someone offering encouragement and support the participant was able to tolerate the pain twice as long as when no one else was present.

This will be no surprise to BB staff as they are well tuned into the importance of supporting pupils when they need help, encouragement and help to give them the strength and resilience when faced with challenges. We also know that we benefit as a school from your support as parents, governors, St Luke's Church and BB Friends, etc. and therefore, we are able to achieve more because of this. Thank you for all your help and cooperation in making BB school the wonderful community that it is!

Finally, we know that many children and adults are excited that the FIFA Men's World Cup kicks off at the weekend. As a school we will celebrate the coming together of the different nations supporters and sportspeople and we hope that the tournament shines a light on injustice and the importance of equality throughout the world. Good luck to Gareth and his team!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gynn

Our school vision is at the heart of all we do at Bishop Bronescombe. We feel it is important to share the achievements of children who have worked hard to share their gifts and talents.





This week's achievers

Well done to the children below for following our BB Rules for Life. This week, we are celebrating our achievements in PSHCE

Little Doves

Jack

For your amazing enthusiasm and interest in Martin Luther King Jr. during Black History Month

Little Fish

Jacob

For your contributions in our anti-bullying discussion this week, showing maturity and good understanding

Little Lambs

George B

For being able to talk about how to be a good friend in PSHCE

Peacocks

Livia

For your super answers during PSHCE when you were learning about on-line safety

Pelicans

William

For a great understanding of road safety

Phoenix

Amelia

For always being a kind and accepting friend to others in class and having a great understanding of topics within PSHCE lessons

Angels

Bow

For showing great maturity when discussing the impact that bullying can have on people and the importance of having trusted adults that you can turn to!

Faith

Ellie

For being such an amazing friend and always showing empathy

Hope

Finley

For your mature attitude when dealing with friendship differences

This week's achievers...



This week, we learnt about
and celebrated our school
vision of courage

Little Doves

Elise

For having the courage to put your hand up and ask questions in front of the class

Little Fish

Francesca

For a good understanding of what makes a good friend and knowing that it's important to 'reach out' if you see your friends being treated badly

Little Lambs

Thad

For having the courage to speak up and talk to others about how you are feeling

Peacocks

Lacey

For always trying your hardest and for always having the courage to take part in class discussion

Pelicans

Ethan

For being so brave and transitioning into school brilliantly

Phoenix

William

For showing courage by contributing to class discussions and regularly joining in with collective worship

Angels

Marnie

For beginning to put your hand up and engage in classroom discussions. Your ideas are fantastic Marnie! Keep sharing them!

Faith

Alfie

For your perseverance, even when things are tough in class

Hope

Jaxon

For showing so much courage in maths this week, you've really pushed yourself!

Thank you Jesus that you
are always with us,
May we know that we
need never be afraid and
that our courage comes
from you.
Amen

Over the last few weeks we have been made aware of some pupils having issues due to the use of social media platforms at home.

Two of these instances have come from the use of WhatsApp. The following information and advice comes from National Online Safety and WhatsApp's FAQs. We hope that, as parents and carers, you find this of use:





WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.











What parents need to know about

WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE
Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES
WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

SCAM MESSAGES
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING
WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

SET TIME LIMITS
A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY
If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

SOURCES: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/may/29/whatsapp-age-restriction-16>, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/technology/whatsapp-update-limits-and-how-to-report-messages-app-8649211.html>

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Children in Need

What a day we've had!

The children had great fun filling our huge Pudsey bear (thank you for all the coppers, which are yet to be counted).

So far, we have managed to raise over £400!! Special thanks to the two families that made a very generous donation.

There's still time to donate using the link below if you'd like to.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9219>



Christmas Bulletin



Friday 2nd December

Event: Santa Fun Run

Time: 11am-12am

See Whole School Dojo for more details of the event.

Friday 9th December

Event: Nursery/ EYFS Nativity

Time: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Please limit your numbers to 2 people per child per performance. Doors will be open 15 minutes prior to each performance starting. If you wish to attend either of these performances, please Dojo your child's class teacher with the number of people and the time by Friday 2nd December.

Monday 12th December

Event: Christingle (hall)

Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm

You are warmly invited to attend our Christingle Service which will be led by Rev Jules Williams.

Tuesday 13th December

Event: KS1 Nativity

Time: 10.00am and 2.30pm

Please limit your numbers to 2 people per child per performance. Doors will be open 15 minutes prior to each performance starting. If you wish to attend either of these performances, please Dojo your child's class teacher with the number of people and the time by Friday 2nd December.

Event: KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm

Please come and join us for our outdoor Christmas Carol Concert. Gates will be open from 4pm to purchase a festive drink followed by a performance led by our KS2 children. Make sure you wrap up warm, hats and scarves might be needed and possibly an umbrella! More information to follow regarding dropping off your children and collecting them.

Wednesday 14th December

Event: Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day

Event: KS2 Christmas Carol Concert (back up date if needed)

Thursday 15th December

Event: Years 1-6 Cinema Trip

Coaches will be transporting the children to the cinema at 9.30am and they will be returning to school for lunchtime. Nursery and EYFS will be holding their own Christmas celebrations in school on this day.

Friday 16th December

Event: BBs Got Talent (in the hall)

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Staff will audition children in class in the lead up to this and will communicate via Dojo the class act to ensure that you have time to sort out costumes/ backing tracks etc.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 19th November - BB Friends Prize Bingo (3.30pm in the hall)

Friday 25th November - BB Friends Uniform Giveaway - for a small donation (3pm in the hall)

Friday 2nd December - Santa Fun Run for Little Harbour Hospice

Wednesday 7th December - BB Friends Secret Santa

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Jumper day & *Christmas lunch*

Please note there will be no jacket potato or tomato pasta options on this day

Thursday 15th December - Y1-Y6 Cinema trip (YN & YR will do something in school)

Friday 16th December - Last day of term - **NO WRAPAROUND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

2022-23 Inset Days - Mon 24th July 2023, Tues 25th July 2023

World Cup 22

On Monday 21st November, we will be showing the England Vs Iran game, in the hall for any children that would like to watch it.

The children are welcome to bring their England football shirts to school, and they will be able to wear them whilst watching the match.



Christmas Jumper Day 2022



Do NOT bother buying a new jumper!! They cost money and shopping is sooooo boring! It's more important that everybody gets involved -

Make your own....grab any, old top from the wardrobe and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever! You'll look fab!!

Wednesday 14th December

Dates for your diary



We have received numerous concerns and complaints from the residents of Killyvarder Way about the speed that cars travel on this road.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that Killyvarder Way has a speed limit of 20mph, and politely ask that you are mindful of your speed when on the school runs.

The safety of our children and local residents is paramount.

Other notices




St Austell Support Hub

When: Every 3rd Thursday of the month starting 17th November 2022

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Light & Life CENTRE

Location: Light and Life Centre, Unit 4, Brunel Business Park The Sidings, St Austell PL25 4TJ

5 minute walk from St Austell bus and train station. Limited parking spaces available; off street parking nearby and pay and display at Polkyth behind the centre if preferred.

Free hot drinks, soup, cake and a chance to meet new friends at the chill 'n' chat group. Advice given by representatives from a variety of local and national organisations and agencies to help with the cost of living and rising housing and utility bills. There will also be support from organisations and agencies around IT, form filling, carers support, employment, benefits, debt and more. If there's something else you're struggling with not listed then come along and we'll try to find suitable support for you the best way we can.

 Adult Social Care

 CORNWALL COUNCIL

 CRCC

 Volunteer Cornwall

 CAP Debt Help

 RSPCA

 jobcentreplus

 help@hand Cornwall

 citizens advice

 foodbank

 LonelyLess

 COMMUNITY ENERGY PLUS

 South West Water

 WALES & WEST UTILITIES

 Ocean


 Cornwall One Parent Support



Melodees & Harmonix

Singing club for ages 5 - 18 years

Led by experienced singing teacher
Teaching vocal skills, using rock, pop and musical theatre songs



Every Wednesday
6.30 - 7.30pm
St Austell Market House

FREE session for any new children

Contact Tracey 07990 070568

CHRISTMAS EVENING

St Austell Brewery
Saturday December 10th
5pm to 7.30pm
Christmas Carols
Stalls
Elf workshop & Mrs Claus Raffle



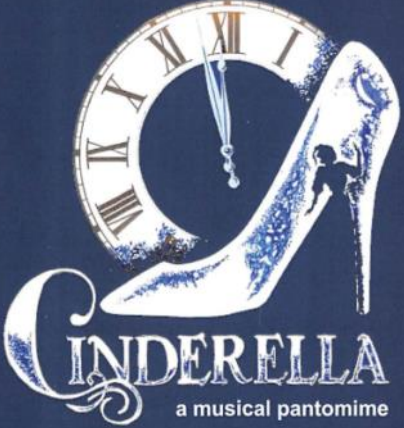
Adults: £10 which includes a glass of mulled wine or apple juice
Children: £6 which includes a gift from Mrs Claus and a visit to the Elf Workshop

Tickets are available on Eventbrite:
eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-evening-tickets-435597242077

For further information email
tamsin@citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk

St Blazey Amateur Operatic Society

Registered Charity No 1089885



CINDERELLA

a musical pantomime

At the Key Theatre
From Saturday 21st January
to Saturday 28th January

ticketsource.co.uk/st-blazey-amateur-operatic-association
03336663366

