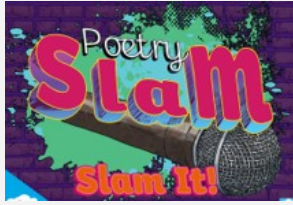




"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

HEAD'S BLOG...



We celebrated National Poetry day on Thursday this week. Children took part in class 'poetry slams' whereby children performed poems in as entertaining a way as possible! It was a fun way to get children into this genre of writing and there were some fab performances! Thanks to Miss Moore for organising.

Do you know someone who will be starting school next September? We are holding open events for prospective families to come and find out about our school after half-term. Please see the information on the next page and pass on to your friends and family.

We are currently looking for eager beavers to join 'BB Friends', our parents fundraising committee. The current chair is no longer able to fulfil this role so we are looking for someone to take the lead as well as an enthusiastic bunch to support. No experience necessary! If you're interested, please let Sam in the office know by emailing: bishopbronescombe.secretary@celticcross.education

Finally, we are celebrating Harvest on Monday with Revd Jules leading online Collective Worship. As usual, we will be taking in donations for St Austell Foodbank. If you'd like to donate something, please see the list on the next page.

Have a lovely weekend! Ms Carmichael

Coronavirus reminder

If your child develops any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he MUST NOT come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.

NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo or email. Thank you.

Polite reminder: School gates / doors open at 8:45am. Please do not enter until this time as your child may not be supervised and we cannot ensure their safety.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021/22 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Tues 12th/Wed 13th Oct—Y6 Penrice open days (appointment needed)

Wed 13th Oct—Y1 Hearing screenings

Mon 1st Nov—Inset day

Tues 2nd Nov—School photos

Wed 3rd Nov—Nasal flu vaccinations

Mon 25th Oct—Fri 29th Oct —Half term

2021/22 Inset Days:

Mon 1st Nov 2021 / Mon 25th Jul 2022 / Tues 26th Jul 2022

OTHER NOTICES

**Do you have a child starting school in
September 2022?**

**Bishop Bronescombe C of E School
Open Afternoons**

**Come and join us for a tour of the
school on the dates below from
1:30pm-2:30pm**

Wednesday 3rd November
Wednesday 10th November
Wednesday 17th November
Wednesday 24th November

**Book a space by calling the school
office on 01726 64322.**



H A R V E S T

**St Austell
foodbank**

St Austell Foodbank continue to support local people living in crisis. This Harvest, we would love to make a difference together as a community to help transform lives in St Austell. Any donations of food items listed would be greatly appreciated.

- Breakfast cereals
- Tinned soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- BAGS FOR LIFE
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Snacks
- Tea or coffee
- Milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS IN ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER



School Photos
Tuesday 2nd November

We're really happy to be able to have school photos this year.

Individual portraits will be taken on the first day back after half term. Unfortunately we aren't able to invite siblings in from outside of BB, but any in school/nursery will be able to have their photo taken together on the day.

If you have a child in nursery who does not attend on Tuesdays, look out for further info on DoJo.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Like most supermarkets, the school kitchen is currently experiencing issues with food deliveries. This could have a knock on effect with available menu options. There may be a slight alteration to meals served but disruption will be kept to a minimum.

Thank you for your understanding with this.



School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2022 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

FANTASTIC WORK



The world's our oyster, lets navigate it!



Amazing writing from a future author. She definitely engages the reader!



Celebrating World Poetry Day with Roald Dahl's 'The Porcupine'



This week's achievers

Following Public Health advice for all Cornish schools, we are not able to hold in person Collective Worship for Key Stage 2 as we have to limit mixing. So no photo's for a while but at least our achievers will get a mention on this page! Well done to all!

Little Doves

Laurence

For being inquisitive throughout his learning.

Little Fish

Benji

For insightful contributions to our discussions.

Little Lambs

Macey

For always giving very thoughtful contributions to our RE lessons.

Peacocks

Courtney

For offering super opinions on what God is trying to teach us through his words.

Pelicans

Ilah-Mae

For creative use of language when writing an instruction text for Stone-age reindeer stew!

Phoenix

Elizabeth

For demonstrating perfectly the Christian values shown in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Angels

Elizah

For being able to think deeply about how features of a cathedral symbolise Christian beliefs about God. Your ideas were beautiful to hear.

Faith

Emma

For your deep thinking in RE and your thoughts about God.

Hope

Mason

For contributing thoughtful and reflective ideas during all of our RE ideas.

ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about

POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown, in Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

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