

Newsletter

22nd January 2020

FOOD PROJECT

The children have started to take part in food sessions with staff where they are exploring and tasting different fruits and vegetables. They are also learning knife skills and how to use equipment safely. Look out for a letter with more information soon!



FOOD BANK / SNACK DONATIONS

We are very lucky to have been donated some food from the food bank to support our food project with the children. Della was given a box of bananas which the children loved cutting and sharing for snack. If you have any fruit or vegetables that you would like to donate for snack please bring them in to the classroom and we will share them with the children.



JOB VACANCY

We have a vacancy in the nursery for a cleaner to work 4 hours a day in the evening. If you are interested please go to the Cornwall Council website or speak to Debbie in reception.

DIARY DATES

17th to 21st February
Half term

30th March to 13th April
Easter holidays

Friday 8th May
Bank holiday (nursery closed)

Monday 15th June
INSET day (nursery closed)

Tuesday 16th June
INSET day (nursery closed)

Thursday 23rd July
Last day of school year

SNOW / SCHOOL CLOSURES

If the weather gets very cold and there is a reason to close the school for snow, please check Pirate FM or Cornwall Council website. We will also try to send out a text to all parents.

www.piratefm.co.uk

www.cornwall.gov.uk

TOP TIP FOR TALKING!

Younger children might find it difficult to tell you about their day. To support them, try giving choices like "did you paint a picture or play on the bikes?" or ask "tell me one good thing that happened today." You could say one good thing about your day too, to get the conversation going.

MAKATON

The children have been making bird feeders so they have been learning:

Bird



ECO SCHOOL

We are all committed to protecting the planet and the environment for future generations. Along with many Cornish schools we have signed up for the Green Charter for schools. Below are some of the commitments we have undertaken. Look out for further information of how you can help us.



As educators, we are committed to teach our young people to be environmentally literate and to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to practice and promote sustainability in their community.

As organisations, we are committed to ensure any decisions we make about our working practice take into account the impact on the environment, with the aim of adopting sustainable practices wherever possible.

To this end, we will:

1. Collectively declare a climate emergency in November 2019
2. Provide opportunities for staff, Governors, children, and community to find out about the climate emergency and what action they can take. Ensure at least one member of staff has climate change training.
3. Gain Eco-School status within two years, then maintain it thereafter.
4. Significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming 'plastic free.'
5. Develop the school grounds (or other local space) to promote engagement with nature, biodiversity and growing food.
6. Promote the benefits of eating more seasonal, locally-sourced food.
7. Speak out. Staff work with pupils to engage with parents and community in order to promote action on climate change.
8. Engage with another school (nationally or internationally) about action in schools.
9. Support Cornwall Council's aim to become carbon neutral by:
 - reducing energy consumption by at least 10%
 - using some form of renewable energy source on site, where possible
 - buying energy from renewable suppliers, where possible
10. Explore ways to lessen the impact of petrol and diesel vehicles on the environment.