



# Friday Fortnightly

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Welcome to our Friday Fortnightly. We are already at the end of our first half term, and what a lot of learning we have crammed in!

**Learner Reviews** - We hope that you found the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher remotely this week successful, and you have had a useful update regarding your child's progress. Do remember that we have an 'open door' policy, and whilst we may not be able to have face to face meetings currently, we can certainly talk over your worries, concerns or questions either by phone or Google Meet. You just need to let us know you want to talk to us!

## Dates for the Diary

**School Closure** - Thank you for your understanding when we had to close the school last Friday. The gas engineers were in school all day, securing the system to make it safe for all. We were very pleased it was only a one day closure!

**Sports News** - Many children across KS2 took part in the first virtual Cornwall Sport hall athletics last week. The children competed in teams of four in 4 different events (relays, sprints, chest pass and standing long jump) against other teams from schools across Cornwall. Many children have also competed for their Burraton School team in the first round of our virtual intra-competitions. There will be a running total of points recorded across the year, with end of year scores being announced during our sports day in the summer.

02.11.2020		INSET DAY – school closed to children	
03.11.2020	5.00 pm	Growth Mindset / BLP Session for Parents	<a href="https://meet.google.com/vht-ceqm-hgn">Meet.google.com/vht-ceqm-hgn</a>
09.11.2020	2.25pm	Fistral class assembly	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
10.11.2020	5.00 pm	EYFS Maths Strategies for Parents	<a href="https://meet.google.com/uso-mfja-rrw">meet.google.com/uso-mfja-rrw</a>
11.11.2020	5.00 pm	KS2 Reading Strategies for Parents	<a href="https://meet.google.com/jas-xgkb-nox">meet.google.com/jas-xgkb-nox</a>
26.11.2020	4.30 pm	Year 1 Campfire Stories	
27.11.2020		School Photos	There will be <b>NO</b> family photos this year other than siblings in school
30.11.2020	2.25 pm	Pentillie class assembly	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
03.12.2020	4.30 pm	EYFS Bedtime Stories	
18.12.2020		Christmas Jumper Day	
18.12.2020	3.15 pm	School closes for Christmas School	
04.01.2021		School re-opens for Spring 1	



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**Curriculum News - Year 6** have been learning about the circulatory system. Having found out about the different components of blood (whilst concocting a blood smoothie), the children then learnt about how the heart pumps blood around the body. The children labelled diagrams and watched information videos; and then, to make their learning more memorable, there was even a dissection of a lamb heart! The children identified the left ventricle and atrium and then found the superior and inferior vena cava as well as the aorta. There were lots of 'Ooohs' and 'Ahhhs'! Even the children who thought they didn't want to watch couldn't stop themselves from peeping around the door! A great way to help children remember scientific facts for a long time.

**Year 4** continued their learning about food chains and food webs. The children explored the diets of different animals and became detectives whilst investigating animal 'poo' (made up from flour and brown paint) to find out whether the animal could be a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore! Within the 'poo' children found bones, fur, berries and seeds to give them clues. The children then discussed where herbivores, omnivores and carnivores could come in a food chain or web and what would happen if part of the food chain was impacted through human actions; for example, if cod were over-fished by humans, what would happen to the seals in our ocean? Great reasoning and absorption from Year 4...and such memorable learning, too!

**Year 3** have been mummifying oranges! Applying the process of how the Ancient Egyptians mummified people, the children scooped out the insides, filled them with salt to dry out the orange, and finally, wrapped their oranges in many layers of linen. The children are already excited to unwrap their oranges in a few months time to see how successful their mummification has been! Super learning in action...

**INSET Day** - Remember....Monday 2nd November is an INSET day and school is closed to children. We will be looking forward to welcoming everybody back on Tuesday 3rd November.

**Edgcombe Class Assembly** - Edgcombe children were fantastic in collaborating to deliver their Viking themed class assembly recently. Creative writing, poems and art work were shared with parents and the rest of the school along with facts and learning from a range of subjects that children we have explored this half term. A super team effort.

**PSA** - Please remember that our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Kent, is available for advice, guidance, sign posting and a friendly ear! She can advise on all sorts of issues including sleep issues; dietary issues (both picky eaters and over eating in children); behaviour and wellbeing issues. If you would like a chat, just call us and choose option 2 when prompted.

**School Dinners** - After half term, we will be providing a hot dinner option at lunchtime. We have made some changes on ParentPay which will allow you to book meals in advance. Meals must be booked before the Monday of each week to enable the kitchen to order sufficient food for the coming week. A letter was sent out via ParentPay recently regarding this.

**Bramble Pupdate** - Bramble has been back to Tiverton for further specialist training. As part of the new, elite school dog group, 'Canines Supporting Children', we can all be assured that her high level training and assessments will continue, ensuring she will be assessed and qualified as a dog of suitable temperament to have in a school supporting children. Thank you to those parents who have been able to support our fundraising through FoBS by purchasing a Bramble calendar: they have sold like hot cakes and should be with us in the next few weeks.



Have a lovely half term - Mrs L Tamblyn

