



# Friday Fortnightly

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## Welcome to our Friday Fortnightly!

**Anti-Bullying** - Last week, we joined with schools across the country to celebrate Anti-Bullying week. We launched the week with our 'odd socks' day, which was a source of amusement as always. Children engaged in a variety of activities across the week focusing on how to treat and care for one another, and then wore blue to conclude the week. Our children are taught to 'Shout About Bullying' and to use the acronym STOP - Several Times On Purpose - to help our understanding of what is (and is not) bullying.

**We raised £194.50 for Anti-Bullying week and £263.35 for Children in Need..... Thank You.**

## Dates for the Diary

30.11.2020	2.25 pm	Pentillie class assembly	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
11.12.2020		EYFS Pyjama Day & Christmas Celebration	Early Years come to school in their pyjamas
17.12.2020	9.00 am	KS1 Virtual Christmas for Parents	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
17.12.2020	10.30 am	LKS2 Virtual Christmas for Parents	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
17.12.2020	1.30 pm	UKS2 Virtual Christmas for Parents	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo
18.12.2020		Christmas Jumper Day	
18.12.2020	3.15 pm	School closes for Christmas	
04.01.2021		School re-opens for Spring 1	
25.01.2021	2.25 pm	Restormel Class assembly	Google link will be shared through Class Dojo

**NSPCC Assembly** - With the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to welcome the NSPCC with mascot Buddy into school, as we usually do. Instead, the NSPCC have made their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' materials available to schools. This week, all children across the school watched and discussed the resources within their class. The age appropriate materials are designed to help children understand abuse and how to recognise it; that abuse is never a child's fault and that they all have a right to be safe; and where to get help. You can find out more about this programme on the NSPCC website.

**Well Done** - Three of our children are to be congratulated for the brilliant work they are doing in the community: **Preston in Year 6** who belongs to Elburton Villa U11's Football Club has been committed to running over 1 mile per day to raise money for the Mental Health Charity MIND; **Ruben in Year 1** has also been fundraising and with the help of some friends he has raised £415 for Devon and Cornwall Food Action by completing a daily physical challenge: finally, **Rui in Year 5** completed a 24km swim with his dad for pancreatic cancer - he even swam into the darkness! Well done children; you make us proud!



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**Pupil Conferencing** - We continue to conference our children every half term. We are pleased that, despite all the Covid-19 worries and anxieties around us at this time, our children all report feeling safe in school. Their comments include: *'My friends and grown ups are around me so I know I am safe. There aren't any strangers. I wash my hands to keep me safe, like I do at home. We have people who do our first aid and keep us safe too. When we had the fire bell, I was scared but now I know what to do and I will be safe if there is a fire. We have lots of friends; there are no strangers around; the teachers care about us because they help us if we feel sad; people are nice to us on the playground, the classroom makes us feel safe'*.

**Year 1 Campfire** - Year 1 children enjoyed their campfire stories yesterday. Although the event wasn't able to take place in the darkness as in pre-Covid times, the children still had fun sipping their hot chocolate, munching their marshmallows and warming their toes by the fire!

**Senior Citizen Entertainment** - We are hoping to share our virtual Christmas celebration with our senior citizens. If you know of local senior citizens who would normally attend our Senior Citizen entertainment, please ask them to call or email the school and we will provide them with further details and an invitation.

**Staff Absence** - We are experiencing unprecedented levels of staff absence. In the last two weeks, we have had up to 16 staff absent on any one day. This clearly impacts on the workload of others, and on the organisation of the school. Our priority is to keep the school open and running safely and efficiently. Please bear with us if things are not exactly as you expect them to be on some days. Thank you to those parents who demonstrate such insight and understanding into the additional complexities of running a school at times like this!

**Saltash Library** - Saltash library has free Christmas activity packs available for children. These include Christmas colouring pages, dot to dots, a wordsearch, pens and sweets. If you would like one for your child, just pop along to Saltash Library.



**School Photos** - All children and siblings had their school photos taken today. Proofs of these will be sent home for you to order, and receive, your photos before Christmas. As always, there is no obligation to buy if you do not wish to do so. Please note - weather permitting, the 9th December will be Year 4 photo day with their siblings.

**Curriculum News** - Year 2 enjoyed their midpoint motivator this week based around the Great Fire of London. We were pleased to welcome two fire-fighters into school who talked about fire safety. Following this, the firefighters set fire to a Tudor street (with brilliant Tudor houses made by the children). The children watched in awe as the fire spread through their houses. It was our very own Great Fire of Burraton!



**Face Masks** - Thank you for continuing to follow our Covid risk assessment so well, including wearing face masks whilst on school grounds. Please be mindful of the type of face mask you are wearing as some of the clown face masks are quite scary for our young children. Thank you.

**Sports News** - It has been a delight to see our children embrace skipping over the past two weeks. Launched with a skipping workshop that each class bubble was able to take part in, the children have rapidly made progress with their skipping skills in a short period of time, learning tricks, rhymes and a range of skills. The children have enhanced their fitness and have enjoyed being physically active at break and lunch times, as well as using their new found skills in PE.



**Have a lovely weekend**

**Mrs Tamblyn—Head Teacher**