



Weekly

Newsletter

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Monday 15th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Now it has been confirmed that Year 2/3/4/5 children will not be coming back into school before September as previously suggested by the government, it is even more important for these children that we ensure that we are doing all that we practicably can do in order to continue their engagement and contact with school. Zoom meetings have been scheduled for all children within these year groups, starting this week. Our staff will also be recording assemblies and story-time which we will share on our school website. We continue to work hard to adapt our planning to best suit the needs of our classes - this has involved using new on line resources which use a video stimulus with a teacher input.

We are working through a variety of plans for September as we want to be able to get as many children back to school as possible. I will of course keep you up to date with these plans once we have received more guidance from the DFE.

Reading Books

We know that the vast majority of your children have now finished their reading books - we want to support them in their continued reading, therefore - if you could drop the books which they have completed back into school - there are boxes in the playground to facilitate this. Once these books have been left untouched for a 3 days, we will then sort them into packs and let you know when your child's pack is ready - we will try our best to match your child's reading book to their level, please bear with us whilst we manage this process. We will then email you when your books are ready to collect - again from the playground. Please can you leave a note of the books to say who they are from - this way we will know who to reallocate books to. Thank you for your help with this.

We are also running a WHOLE SCHOOL art competition with the winner from each year group receiving a special art prize:

Art Competition

The first challenge is based around this unusual situation we find ourselves in. I would like you to create a work of art around the theme of 'Your Life in Lockdown'.

Your work might be based around something you have made or completed since being at home. It might show aspects of your daily routine. It might be based on something you have seen or done on your daily exercise. Or maybe it is linked to something you have enjoyed doing as a family...

You can present your work using any media you like:

- Watercolour, acrylic, poster paints, chalks, pastels, inks...
- Natural resources from your garden, kitchen or from your daily walk (leaf rubbings, flower petals...).
- Digital visuals - photographs or digital images.
- Collage of coloured paper, magazines, photos...
- Use a range of different brushes - cotton buds, toilet rolls, finger prints

Your work must be able to be displayed in school so please make sure it is no bigger than a piece of A4 paper. I would like to make an art gallery exhibition out of the most imaginative, creative works that you come up with. I cannot wait to see your work.

Please post your work back to us - or drop it into the foyer with your name written clearly on it. We will then share our gallery on the website for everyone to see.

Closing date Monday 29th June.

Mental Health Awareness

At this time when things are all still a bit strange, it's really important to look after our mental health and well-being. Here are some websites that support can support you and your children with this:

<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/coronavirus/busy-ideas/>

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2047/coronavirus-toolkit-6-resilience.pdf>

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A great video to explain 'the new normal' <http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/animations.html#coveideo>

Virtual School Games

From Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June, there will be a week of sports based physical activity challenges that all children in Mylor Bridge School can get involved in. These challenges can either be completed at home and can be adapted by using equipment you may have available to you where you live. By taking part, you will score points for your year group and the school.

I have attached a fact sheet with lots of information about the week and a number of challenge cards which relate to the activities that are making up the games. Each challenge card gives you instructions on how to play, the equipment you can use, how to score (including bonus points) and a video clip showing a demonstration. (See https://mylor-bridge.eschools.co.uk/website/the_cornwall_virtual_school_games_2020/488643 for details)

As well as these challenges, there will also be a separate task called: "Making up the Miles," which involves logging as many miles as you can either walking, running, cycling or scooting.

I'm really looking forward to the games week and will post more information as I receive it. It's a great opportunity to partake in some physical activity and to get competitive with yourself or your friends. In the meantime, have a look at the challenge cards and get practising.

Best of luck.

Mr Mutsaers

A message from 'Our Safeguarding Children Partnership'

In early June, Our Safeguarding Children Partnership (OSCP) will be launching 'Speak Out' – a new safeguarding campaign designed to raise awareness of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) in the family environment across Cornwall. The key aim of this campaign is to increase our resident's understanding of CSA within families and to encourage people to seek help and report concerns to the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU).

Our core campaign messages are:

- Child sexual abuse in the family environment is a hidden crime. Most children and young people who are sexually abused are abused by someone they know.
- With more children at home during the coronavirus pandemic, there is an even greater risk of the signs of sexual abuse going unnoticed.
- Knowing the signs and reporting cases of child sexual abuse is everyone's responsibility.
- You don't have to be certain it's happening. If you're concerned a child is being abused or their safety is at risk, speak to someone.
- The OSCP and MARU are there to help protect all vulnerable children and young people at risk of abuse.

It's hard to hear, but most children who are sexually abuse are abused by someone they know. If you're concerned that a child is being sexually abused or their safety is at risk, contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit today on 0300 123 1116 or email multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk [cornwall.gov.uk/stopcsa](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/stopcsa) #SpeakOutStopAbuse

A Message from Cornwall Council

There have been incidents locally of children being groomed through snapchat and an online platform called Omegle. There have been 3 cases reported and they appear to have connections to others in their school and other schools. Police and social services are involved.

There has been a local incident with a hack on the game Roblox. It appears that players are invited to open a gift which is a camera. This then takes a photo and is then shared with other users. This has also involved a child potentially being groomed. Police are involved.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Cornwall 8166 children took part. These have been unprecedented times and we had to adapt to how this is could still be delivered. The Reading Agency has created a Digital Summer Reading Challenge platform. The new platform provides a fun, immersive and safe environment for children to achieve their reading goals, play games and join reading groups. This year's theme is Silly Squad, a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. For 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun creative online activities; This year it has been extended and will be launched on Friday 5th June and run until mid-September. How the Challenge works

- Children sign up online to the Digital Summer Reading Challenge <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.
- The website will be free to access, featuring games, quizzes, digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. Although library buildings are closed, libraries will also continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms i.e. Borrowbox, Facebook and Twitter.
- Children taking part this year will be asked to set their own reading goal and we are keen to see if this encourages take up and completion. However, we will still be suggesting six books as the best goal to try for. Children who complete their Summer Reading Challenge will be able to download a certificate.

Take care, stay safe.

Vicky Sanderson



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