



Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Upcoming events

Star of the Week



Week 1

Reception: Monica
Class 1: Thomas
Class 2: Tija
Class 3: Matas
Class 4: Grace
Class 5: Miley
Class 6: Molly

Week 2

Reception: Amber
Class 1: Austin
Class 2: Jazmyn
Class 3: Liberty
Class 4: Dylan
Class 5: Gustas

Half term and inset day

February half term is Monday 17th-Friday-21st February with Monday the 24th February there is an INSET DAY school is closed on this day.



Dear Parent/Carer

What a lovely week it has been in school. We've had lots of activities and visits from parents which has given us the chance to show off our amazing work.

After half term, we are having a competition to see who can read in the funniest place – please send your photos in. Miss Correnti reads her favourite book in the hair dressers and Mrs Luff's dog likes to read on his favourite sofa! I wonder where you all read your favourite books? Please send in your pictures so we can put them on display! Children will also get to vote for their favourite photo of the teachers too.



The BBC 500 words competition is now underway. Don't worry if you haven't entered yet. All entries must be received by

Thursday 27th February at 8pm.

This year's 500 Words Final will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 2 from Buckingham Palace, on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, on **Friday 12th June**. Check out their website. We are such creative writers at St Mary's, it would be lovely for us to enter.

It has been a short, but busy term and it is lovely to see the spring daffodils popping up. Have a restful break and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back to the second half of spring term on Tuesday 25th February.

Best Wishes

Demelza Bolton Executive Headteacher

We are expanding our PTA!



**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

If you can spare an hour or two or have any ideas, we'd love you to be a part of our PTA at St Mary's! If you would like to join, please come along to our meeting or email Mrs Williams and Miss May at pta@st-marys-rc-pz.cornwall.sch.uk

Meeting at 330pm on Thursday 27th February!



In school this week we have been

High Fives Tournament

On Monday 10th February, our High 5 team went to their final tournament at Mounts Bay School. The team have worked so hard to get this far and they played so well as a team. We played against Mary's C of E and we unfortunately lost. Our final position is still being calculated. Well done High 5 team, you are all winners in my eyes!

Upcoming sporting events-

Hockey and Swimming

We are looking forward to more sporting events coming up. We have a Hockey Tournament after the half term as well as Penwith school swimming gala.

Other events happening

Friday 6th March

On Friday the 6th March Vicky Salvidge into school to run some outdoor learning workshops for year 1 and year 2 with parents being invited. Starting at 10am letters will be going to parents about this workshop.

Attendance

Reception Class	93.6%	
Class 1	96.7%	
Class 2	97.8%	
Class 3	99.5%	1st
Class 4	97.1%	
Class 5	98.8%	2nd
Class 6	98.0%	3rd
Total overall		

World book day

World book day this year is on Friday 6th March, dress up as your favourite book character.



Cornish Week

Cornish week starts

Monday 2nd March.

St Piran's Day dance is Thursday 5th March at 9am.

During this week the children will be taking part in a variety of different activities including dancing , Cornish workshop and a special Cornish lunch!

SongFest2020

St Johns Hall Penzance

Tuesday 17th March 2020 7p

Tickets

£6 For adults and £3 for under 18's
(plus booking fee) Tickets available at
The Minack Theatre Box Office:01736
810181 or <https://www.minack.com/songfest2020/>

Author Visit

Chris Higgins,a best selling author of childrens books ,will be with us during book week on Friday 6th March. Chris will be talking to the whole school about why books are amazing and will be running bookshops on how to write a great story. From 3pm Chris will be signing books and children will need to bring their money with them on the day if they wish to purchase a copy.

TERM DATES

FEBRUARY

- Friday 14th Launch of our 'reading in a funny place' competition!
- Monday 17th Half term
- Monday 24th INSET DAY
- Tuesday 25th Children back to school
- Thursday 27th EYFS and KS1 Parent/Children Maths workshops 9.15-10.00
- Friday 28th KS2 Parent/Children Maths workshops 9.15-10.00
- Friday 28th Spring reports sent home

MARCH

- Monday 2nd Cornish week
- Thursday 5th St Piran's Day Dance 9am
- Friday 6th Our world book day—dress up as your favourite book character
- Friday 6th Chris Higgins (childrens author) to come into school
- Wednesday 11th Parents Evening 3.30-6pm (SENCo appointments available on this day)
- Thursday 12th Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
- Friday 27th Last day of spring term. Have a happy Easter break!
- Monday 30th Easter break

Easter Holiday SATS boosters to be confirmed.

APRIL

- Monday 11th KS2 SATS week

MAY

- Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th

JUNE

- Monday 1st INSET DAY
- Thursday 4th Tempest class photos
- Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th KS1 Phonics screening
- Wednesday 10th Year 5/6 Camp

JULY

- Tuesday 7th Year 6 Humphry Davy School Visit
- Saturday 11th Summer Fayre
- Wednesday 22nd Leavers Mass
- Thursday 23rd INSET DAY
- Friday 24th Summer holidays



"EYITT has made a huge impact on my career.

One year ago I didn't have any qualifications for child care and since then I have learnt so much"

– *Sarah Clare, EYITT candidate*

Fully-funded by the DfE, £7,000 per trainee is paid to the employer for practitioners in early years settings.

If you have a university degree from any area of study, you can study part-time alongside their work.

Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT) is the only teacher training focused on the birth to five age range.

Best Practice Network is the largest provider of EYITT in England with a **100% pass rate over the past three years.**

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Early Years Initial Teacher Training Training route summary - Graduate Employment Based

This training route summary sets out what you can expect from the Graduate Employment Based route to Early Years Teacher Status - the specialist teaching status for those leading care and education of babies and young children up to the age of five.

The information provided below is not intended to be exhaustive but gives you an outline of what you can expect and what will be expected of you and your employer.

Duration	Key features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months normal duration - part time alongside your early years employment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fully funded by the DfE ✓ Up to £7,000 bursary ✓ A placement within KS1 ✓ Complete in 12 months ✓ Part-time training ✓ Experience needed in at least two settings ✓ 1 or 2 training days a month ✓ Assignments and an eportfolio ✓ Personal tutor support
Commitment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will work towards Early Years Teacher Status whilst being employed in an early years setting/school. Your working timetable should be no more than 90 per cent of the full time working hours of an Early Years Teacher. Your release time from duties will be used for study, placements in other settings and training days. Your employer must be in full support of your application and agree to release/support you to undertake the requirements necessary to achieve Early Years Teacher Status. 	

Content - needs led

- Knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- The Teachers' Standards (Early Years).
- The birth to five age range.
- Progression to Key Stage 1 (5-7 year olds).
- Ongoing review and formative assessment.

Experience needed by the end of the programme

- Experience in at least two settings/schools across the birth to five age range (excluding the KS1 placement).
- A placement within Key Stage 1.

Training days and meetings

- Training days normally once or twice a month.
- Smaller group meetings.
- Progress meetings within the setting/school with your tutor/mentor.

Support

- A personal tutor who will visit and observe you in each placement.
- A setting/school based mentor for day to day support and feedback.
- A virtual learning environment - e learning modules, a resource bank and forums.

Assessment

- An eportfolio that you build up gradually.
- Formative assessment from the setting/school and your personal tutor- the employer must agree to contribute to your assessment for Early Years Teacher Status.
- Evidence bundles - a powerful source of evidence to demonstrate the impact that you have on a child's learning over a period of time.
- Action plans - reviewed and updated termly.
- Assignments - can be built up during the programme, demonstrate the Teachers' Standards (Early Years).
- Observation records - from the settings/schools and your personal tutor.
- Moderation of assessment judgements.

Funding

- Fees paid by The DfE
- An employer incentive towards release costs/salary/training needs -£7,000.

Ready to apply?

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