

June / July 2019 NEWSLETTER









It's hard to believe that our final term is here already!! We have a busy one with lots of summer activities planned as well as preparing our older children for their onward journey into school.

We want to thank you all for your contribution towards us obtaining our 'Healthy Under Fives' award. We were the FIRST setting in CORNWALL to achieve this and we are very proud!

Would like to give a belated welcome to both Alice and Cecily, who have both settled in really well.

WHAT WE ARE EXPLORING THIS TERM

Our topic for this term is 'SUMMER & UNDER THE SEA'.

We've certainly had a great start to the summer with a fair amount of sunshine, and we are excited to be exploring these topics. We will be looking at the beaches around us, and more specifically what lives in the sea and what we can eat from the sea. We will be learning about sea creatures and what they eat. We have already made our own rock pools! Several of the books that we will be reading together are 'Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, The Snail and the Whale also written by Julian Donaldson, and 'Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. Please feel free to bring in any items / books of special interest that may complement our summer/under the sea topic, to share in the classroom.

We will also be taking part in Accident Prevention Week taking place 3-9 June.

This is run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. This years' theme is 'Family life today: Where's the risk?' It highlights the new dangers facing families today from our modern lifestyles and offers simple solutions to keep children safe. We will possibly be joining the school reception class for these activities.



We have a scheduled Fire Station visit for children for Friday 14th June, to complement our topic from last term.

A letter will follow with more details.



Also with a separate letter to follow, we are planning a trip to Old Macdonald's Farm on Monday 22 July. The plan is to meet there in the morning and enjoy a day together. The letter will give more details of our trip, but for those of you who have not visited Old Macdonald's Farm before, here is the website where you can see what fun there is to be had, as well as the facilities on offer: www.oldmacdonalds.co.uk All children to be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.

We would like to wish our Pre-School leavers all the very best of luck at 'Big School' in September and say goodbye and thank you to some mums who have been involved with Pre-School for many years.

We will be holding a leaving celebration and presentation on our last day of term (Thursday 25th July). We will be combining this with a little picnic. Parents are welcome to join us from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch and drink for your child.

Pre-School will be finishing at 12pm prompt on this day.



We are still looking to take names for the beach cleaning rota for over the summer holidays. The <u>Pre-school gets paid £12 per clean</u>, so we really do value any volunteers taking part. It simply involves emptying up to 4 public bins and a litter pick on the beach. Surprisingly, it can actually be a fun family activity, and a great way of setting an example to our children on how to respect the environment. **Please let Michelle know if you can help.**

Thank you to those who have already committed.



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REMINDERS

- Please can you ensure that your child has both a <u>named sun hat and sun cream in their</u> <u>tray</u>, to keep them safe in the sun whilst learning and playing outside this term.
- Please can you all pay your invoices promptly. Please speak to Lesley Pothecary if you have any issues. It costs Pre-School when you are given a reminder, so please be aware.
- ➤ We have had reports from School that some of our parents are driving too fast up to School. It is a 20mph zone so please obey this. We know parking can be a struggle during peak times but please think of safety first, and park responsibly. Try not to park on corners or both sides of the road (especially difficult for the school buses). Please also use the oneway system, accessing school from the Gorran Haven side of the School, before continuing along this road taking the first right to exit. Thank you.

KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 24th May Half Term- (return Monday 3rd June).

Friday 14th June- Fire Station visit.

Friday 28th Inset Day

Monday 1st July Inset Day

Monday 22 July- Trip to Old Macdonald's Farm

Thursday 25th July –Leavers presentation & <u>Pre-School finishes at 12pm</u>

Wednesday 4th September – Autumn term commences

