



Veryan Primary School News

Monday 11th April 2016



Talk Topic – **What am I going to work very hard at during the summer term of 2016?**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term 2016. We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and did not eat too much chocolate?



The Summer term of 2016.

We will be expecting the children to work hard this term and achieve their very best. Thank you for your

continued support with this. We hope the weather will also improve and we will be able to be outside much more in the coming months. We have included some key dates for this term for you to add to your calendars.

Can I also please remind you that full attendance at school is important for all children. In particular Year 2 and Year 6 should avoid absences in May 2016 because they are undertaking national tests. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. (96% plus is the average level of attendance for most children.)

You will be pleased to hear that Mr Phillips is making a speedy recovery and while he is still away from school some of our Heads and I will ensure that Veryan CofE Primary School is fully supported. Mrs Hayes has agreed to teach Pendower Class all day. We also welcome back Miss Clarkson to Veryan School this term. She will mainly be working with Year 1 and 2 children.

If you need to see me then please pop into the office to ask for an appointment.

Easter Celebrations at Veryan School

The Spring term concluded with some lovely Easter events. We held a service at Veryan Church and the children made decorated eggs, Easter baskets and Kiberick Class designed, made and ate Easter pizzas!

Below are just some of the images of these celebrations.



Our Values Challenge TRUST

This half term Veryan School will be working on our value of 'trust'. Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship or a positive relationship.

Today with this newsletter we are sending home our 'Trust Values Home Sheet'. We hope that you might work on some of these ideas together at home.

We also hope that you and your child might take part in the **HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE – Build a Boat** - details can be found on the sheet.

Please can your child bring their boat to school on **Monday April 25th 2016**. There will be prizes for

the most effective boats. Thank you for your support with this challenge. We hope you enjoy the experience!

The school budget for 2016/7

We are currently working on the school budget for the school year 2016/17. Despite the government assuring us that school budgets were ring fenced our budget for all of our schools has been reduced by £52 per child. This will have an impact on Veryan School as will our falling roll. I can assure you that we will do our utmost to provide the very best for the children and families that are part of our community. More on this later in the term.

National tests for 7 and 11 year olds – SATs.

The SATs for Year 2 children will be undertaken in May and will be part of everyday lessons. This year there are also some tests which are similar to the ones we do on a half termly basis. Year 6 SATs take place during the week beginning **9th May 2016**. This is an important assessment for the children in Year 6. In the summer term of 2016, children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be the first to take the new SATs papers. These tests in English and maths will reflect the new national curriculum, and are intended to be more rigorous. There will also be a completely new marking scheme to replace the existing national curriculum levels.

At the end of Year 6, children will sit tests in:

- **Reading**
- **Maths**
- **Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

These tests will be both set and marked externally, and the results will be used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

Our Top Tips for Year 6 children

Tip 1: Remember your child's education is a partnership. Meet with their teachers as they will know your child's strengths and weaknesses, and ask them how you can help.

Tip 2: Support your child with homework tasks and daily reading. Try drawing or acting out answers for difficult concepts.

Tip 3: Encourage your child to work to speed. Try timed recall of timetables in the car/journey to school. Set mini challenges, for example, "Can you find the word on the page that means

'dangerous' you have 1 minute - go!" "What is 10% of 150? You have 10 seconds - go!"

Tip 4: Make sure your child is aware that getting stuck is not a problem. Move on and give them another challenge and come back to the hard ones at the end and/or go through it together.

Tip 5: Encourage your child to believe in themselves, 'you can do it!'

Tip 6: Remind your child that the tests are important, but that they are not the only way they are to be measured. We don't want children panicking or worried, we want them to be prepared.

Tip 7: Approach a subject from lots of different angles. Software, games, activities, books, flash cards and practical applications can all help. Make the revision time at home as fun and interactive as possible.

Tip 8: It is easier said than done, BUT do not put your child under too much pressure. Have fun – they will find things easier to remember if they recall the good times they had learning.

Residential Trips this term



We are currently finalising the residential trips for this year and we will be inviting you and your children to a briefing meeting:

- **Year 6 to Barton Hall** – 25th April at 4.30 pm at Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary School.
- **Year 5 to Porthpean** - 26th April at 4.30 pm at Grampound Road CE Primary School.
- **Year 4 to Camp Kernow**- 27th April at 4.30 pm at Grampound Road CE Primary School.

At these meetings we will do some team building with the children while you find out about the visit, itinerary and kit lists etc.

It is possible that we may have a few places available for each visit even at this late stage. Please ask at the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

Birthday Celebrations

Next week we have Phoebe Emmett, Sylvie Trounce and Talan Spears all celebrating their birthday!

We hope you all have a super day!





TODAY IS BUG BUSTING DAY!

Could I ask you all to check everyone's hair today for head lice and treat if necessary. If we all do this at least once a month then we will be able to control this issue. Thank you for your cooperation over this matter.



Summer term 2016 Dates for your Calendars:

April 25th – Year 6 Camp Meeting
 April 26th – Year 5 Camp Meeting
 April 27th – Year 4 Camp Meeting
 April 29th – Open the Book at Church
 May 2nd – MAY DAY Bank Holiday – school closed.
 May 4th – **Parent Forum** at 2.15 pm
 May 9th – Year 6 SATs Week
 May 9th – MAT and School Annual Parent Questionnaire sent home.
 May 16th to 18th – Year 4 to Camp Kernow
 May 23rd – Assessment Week at Veryan School
 May 23rd – Parents Evening during this week to be finalised.
 May 27th – Open the Book at Church
 May 29th – Half term holiday.
 June 6th – School re-opens and Year 6 go to Barton Hall Camp.
 10th June – The Queen's 90th Birthday - Join us for a celebratory Church Service followed by a family picnic.
 13th June – Year 1 National Phonic Screening Test Week.
 15th June – **PARENT FORUM** at 2.15 pm
 June 20th to 22nd – Year 5 Camp to Porthpean.
 June 23rd – EU referendum.
 June 24th – Open the Book at Church
 June 28th – Year 6 Welcome Day at the Roseland School.
 Week of July 4th – School Sports Week
 July 11th – Assessment Week at Veryan
 July 13th – MAT Olympics at Par Stadium.
 July 15th – Year 6 Prom and Graduation at Grampound Road School.
 July 22nd – Leavers Church Service and farewell to Year 6.

The end of term concert will be finalised once Mr Phillips has returned to school.

School dinner orders

Thank you for the brilliant response for pre-order school dinner forms at the end of last term. There are just a few children who have yet to place their orders for the week. Please find the new menu and order form attached to this newsletter. It seems that the simplest and most efficient ordering system is to select your choices and the office will keep this on file on a repeating 3 weekly cycle.

Please remember that Parentpay offer a completely secure way to pay for your child's meals in advance and for you to view your child's account 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Electronic Newsletter

If you would like our weekly newsletter emailed to you, we would **love** to send it to you!

Please email your request to
vrsecretary@stpiranscross.co.uk

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark J. Lees

Mr Mark Lees
 Executive Principal



We have a Family Breakfast Service on Sunday April 24th at 10am to celebrate the Queen's birthday. She'll be 90 on April 21st.

If any of the children would like to take part with a reading, prayers, playing an instrument, please let me know. We'll have our Messy Church table as well.

Best wishes

Jill Edwards

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These weekly order sheets can be returned to the school office and kept on file to be used on a 3 weekly cycle. Or, if you prefer, please return your weekly menu choices to the office by Monday morning for the week ahead.
Please tick your meal choice for each day. Pudding or Fruit will be offered to you daily at lunchtime. If you would like school packed lunch please write 'c' for cheese or 't' for tuna in the box to indicate which filling you would prefer.

Week 1. Wk beg: 11th April, 2nd May, 23rd May, 13th June, 4th July.

Child's name..... Class.....

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Spicy beef pizza		Bangers and mash		Roast beef		Chicken tikka masala		Fish Fingers/salmon fishcakes (mark 'ff'/'fc')	
Mega Mozzarella & tomato pizza pan		Barry beans veggie chilli with soft tacos & tomato salsa		Quorn Roast		Quorn burger		Cheese ploughman's	
Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato	
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Week 2. Wk beg: 18th April, 9th May, 20th June, 11th July. Child's name..... Class.....

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Vegetable supreme pizza		Pasta Bolognese		Roast gammon		Beef meatballs		Crispy battered Pollock	
Veggie-bangers		Macaroni cheese		Cauliflower & creamed corn bake		Quorn & veggie chow mein		BBQ vegetable & bean wrap	
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Week 3. Wk Beg: 25th April, 16th May, 6th June, 27th June, 18th July Child's name..... Class.....

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Cottage pie		Southern baked chicken fillet		Roast turkey		Chilli beef soft taco		Burger in a bun	
Mega Mozzarella & basil calzone		Bud's Spud with sizzling fajita beans		Roasted veg & butter bean crumble		Macaroni cheese		Vegetarian hot-dog	
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