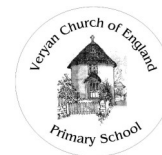


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Friday 7th May

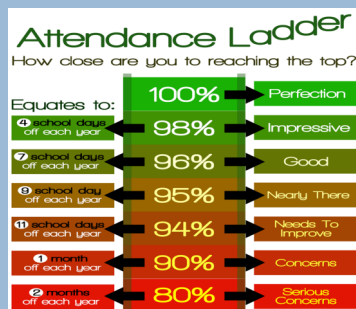
Message from Ms Jarrett

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend (and the four day week!) We've certainly had a mixture of weather to contend with this week, but we've taken it in our stride and turned it into further learning opportunities. Sailing and PE were lucky to have sunshine, but our 'sneaky Wild Things' had a rather more soggy morning at the field hunting treasure! Given this unpredictable weather, could we please take this opportunity to remind everyone to make sure the children have all the layers/waterproofs/sun cream that they might need throughout the day and especially as we like to make the most of our outdoor spaces whatever the weather!

Lets hope that we start to see more of the sun and need more sun protection than rain protection in the weeks to come!!

With best wishes

Caroline Jarrett



The DfE's guidance states that school attendance will be "mandatory for all pupils from March 8".

The usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school.

The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and "reporting children missing education to the local authority".



Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for the

last week of term was:

Carne: 96.83% Pendower: 97.78% Kiberick: 94.74%

Congratulations **Pendower** you were our attendance heroes this week.

Funky Friday Club

This week we will be making scratch cards designs in addition to all the usual refreshments.

Next week....Bingo!

To help us ensure that everyone is included when they want to attend, and ensure fairness to all, please can we ask that Friday subs are paid by 8.30am Friday at the very latest.

Thank you, from the Year 6s

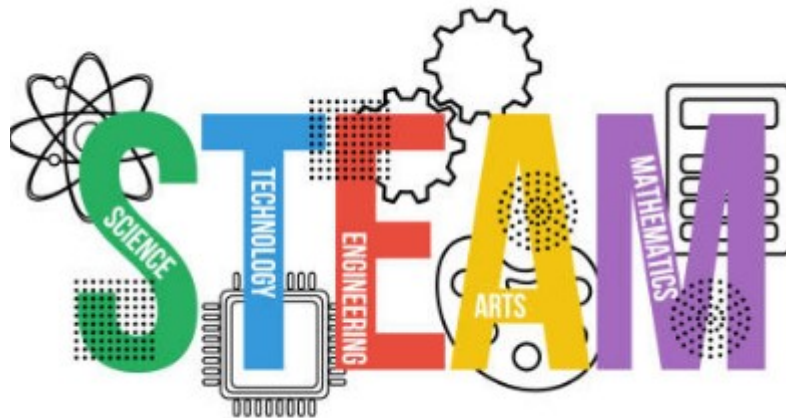
Kiberick class had a fun maths lesson; they went to the Wild Tribe field to learn about fractions.



There was some careful measuring.....



...and some careful cutting!



STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths. STEAM club will be completing various activities around these areas. Our first investigation was into soil composition of the garden planters. We tested different types of water to see it's PH levels.

We found that the tap water has chlorine in it, but chlorine evaporates quickly, so it is okay to water the plants with it as long as we leave it for a day. The best option for watering plants is rain water.

If you are in Kiberick Class, don't forget you can sign up to our club at <https://veryan.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and join us on a Thursday afternoon until 4:15pm. Come and see what we're discovering next week!



Carne Class visited the Wild Tribe field to play a game of 'Steal the treasure' As part of their topic "Where the Wild Things Are" the children have been considering how the Wild Things can be very loud, but also very quiet and sneaky...



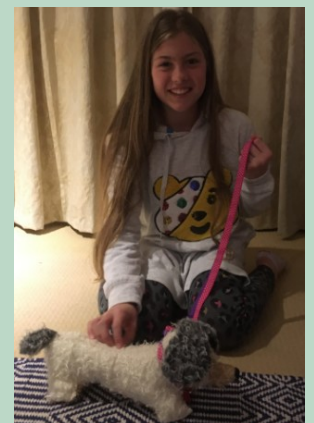
.....till Max said "BE STILL!" and tamed them with the magic trick ...

Where the Wild Things Are. Maurice Sendak



With....Ysella!

Ysella made this lovely dog; we were intrigued to find out if he had a name- Ysella said "I'm not sure, but Dad calls him Trevor!" We think 'Trevor' is brilliant!



This is our little 'crafty' section of the newsletter for the whole school. We want to celebrate and share the arts and crafts that the children have been doing both in school and at home. Please share with your class teacher or email veryan.secretary@celticcross.education if you have got anything you'd like to share.

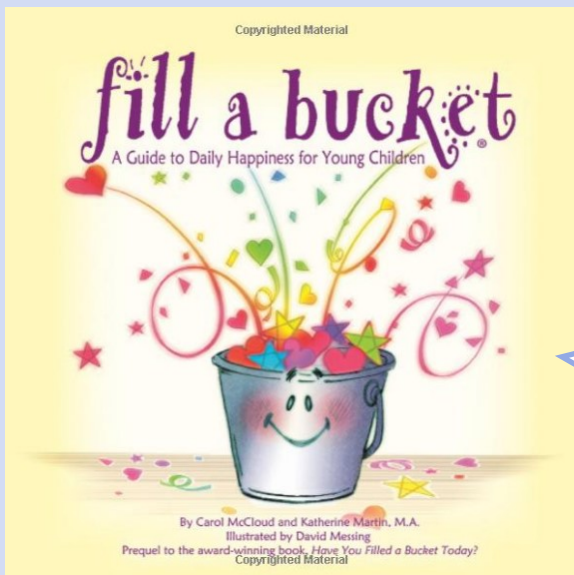
A- act of kindness
 B - be compassionate bucket filler
 C - compliments
 D- dance together
 E - excellent helping
 F - friendly smile
 G - give them a hand
 H - helpful heroes help when they can
 I - is there anything I can do to fill your bucket?
 J - joyful play together
 K - kick about
 L - let them know you care
 M - make something for someone
 N - never bucket dip
 O - offer them the chance to play with you
 P - play with them
 Q- quiet time if needed
 R - remember to show respect
 S - see how they are
 T - talk to them and tell them what you like about them
 U - use something to make them smile
 V - volunteer to do something for them
 W- welcome people
 X - Extra special friends
 Y - you show them love
 Z- zoom in and give them a hug

"All day long, everyone in the whole wide world walks around carrying an invisible bucket."

"It's purpose is to hold good thoughts and good feelings about yourself"

"A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says and does nice things to make others feel special"

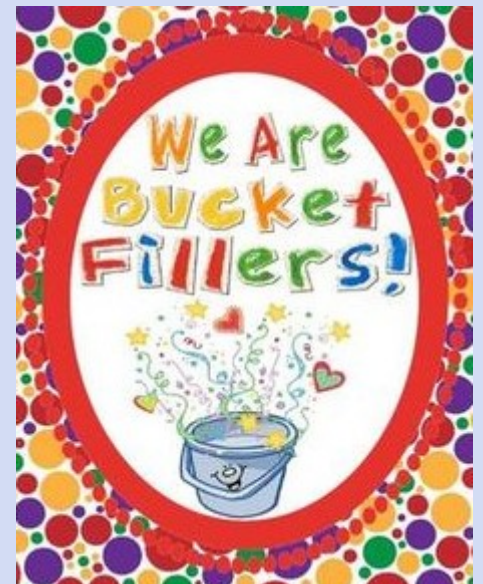
Bucket dipping is taking out good feelings from another person's bucket:
 "When you hurt others, you dip into their bucket. You will dip into your own bucket too."



Pendower have been working their way through an A-Z bucket filling list—promoting kindness, being helpful and thoughtful towards others and making the classroom a happy and positive place to be.

Based upon the book;

"Have You Filled A Bucket Today? A guide to daily happiness for kids" by Carol McCloud
 Pendower have produced their own class related A-Z of things they can do in school, but perhaps you would like to create a list of things to do at home that could help fill each other's buckets?



This week we have also enjoyed a treat from Miss Blayney to congratulate us on our bucket filling success and there may be more to come....!
 Why not ask your child what they have done in school to help fill another person's bucket?

Calendar dates: Summer term

May

- 4th—25th—Sailing. Percuil Kiberick group
- 12th—24th (Wednesdays) Kiberick class Cornish Pirates rugby sessions
- 17th -Science week
- 17th—Pendower class trip to Royal Cornwall Museum
- 24th—RE week
- 20th - School Census day. Special Caterlink menu
- 28th—Year 1 Hearing test
- 28th—Last day of term

June

- 7th—New term begins
- 8th(-13th July) - Kiberick Class Bell Dance Academy with Miss Katie
- 11th—Inset day. School closed
- 22nd—Sports Day practise
- 29th—Sports Day. Provisional date. More details to follow.

July

- 1st—Roseland Academy Welcome Day
- 13th—Veryan production in the Wild Tribe Field. Provisional date. More details to follow
- 14th—Kiberick surfing day
- 21st—Leaver's celebration
- 22nd—Vestival. More details to follow
- 23rd—Last day of term



All clubs will finish at 4:15pm (with the exception of Friyay Club, which takes place during the school day.)

Visit: <https://veryan.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Carne— Mindfulness Club Open to all of Carne Miss Goodall	Kiberick— Team games 15 pupils max Mr Webb	No clubs staff meetings	Kiberick— STEAM club Open to all of Kiberick Mrs Cartwright	Friyay Club in school time Open to whole school within bubbles. £1 subs Year 6 organised
Pendower— Mindfulness Club Open to all of Pendower Miss Blayney				

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Census Day—Special menu



On **Thursday 20th May** there is a special menu in honour of school census day:

Pasty, chips and beans

Or

Cheese and onion pasty, chips and beans

(Gluten free menu option: Gluten free sausage)

Or the usual packed lunch and jacket potato options will be available as usual.

If you already ordered a meal prior to **Friday 30th April** this will have been deleted by Parentpay when the amendment was made on the menu options and so will need to be re-booked with the new choices.

What is Census Day?

Census Day is when Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area. This is, in part, to guide them in planning and funding. The LA collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, those entitled to Pupil Premium funding, those entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), attendance information and so forth.

Why is it important? Do I need to do anything?

To maximise our school's potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to FSM to order their free meal on Thursday 20th May. It is the number of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs the funding, rather than all meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not included, nor are children who normally take Universal Infant Free School Meals, that are absent on 20th May.

We would encourage as many children as possible to commit to eating their FSM on 20th May; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. Hopefully, it will also encourage any children who don't normally take the meals to join us for lunch and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year!

But my child is eligible for Universal Free School Meals, so it doesn't matter if I don't apply for Free School Meals.....

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children get free school meals, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative.

Some of these children might be able to get benefits-related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for pupil premium. This is funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. **It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think you fit this criteria.**

Click on the link below to visit the Cornwall Council Free School Meal eligibility criteria and application form.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, grievers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.

Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

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