

Veryan CofE Primary

School News

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Message from Ms Jarrett

Friday 21st May

I hope you have enjoyed the first few days of reduced restrictions and are looking forward to a week-end with a little more freedom since the change in government guidelines on Monday.

We are delighted that things are moving towards a more sociable and 'normal' way of life, but we are also very aware that there is still risk of infection and new variants that cannot be ignored. With this in mind we will continue to exercise caution and have decided to review our risk assessments after half term; keeping our safety measures and practices much the same as they were prior to the changes on Monday 17th May.

With this in mind, we would like to encourage parents to continue to wear face masks at the school gate when approaching the school staff and at pick up/drop off times and staff will also continue to do so to help minimise the potential risk of infection. We are sure you will understand our desire to keep the school open and our children, families and staff safe and healthy.

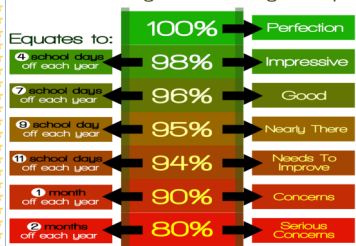
Thank you for your ongoing support

With best wishes

Caroline Jarrett

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



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: 94.35% Pendower: 98.15% Kiberick: 92.98%

Funky Friday Club

This week we will be movies and popcorn in addition to all the usual refreshments.

Next week - Disco!

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



With....Mrs Cartwright!

Mrs C upcycled an old stool using remnants.
The stool cost 30p in an auction and the indian
Velvet materials cost just £3! BARGAIN



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.



This week at STEAM club we worked on our sustainability and reused some redundant sheep's wool to line our vegetable beds....they are a work in progress, so keep checking in to see how we get on#1

STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths. STEAM club will be completing various activities around these areas.

Pupil Absence reporting

We are delighted that parents have embraced the apps to communicate with teachers and encourage you to continue to do so, however, where your child is going to be absent from school or late for their usual drop off time, please would you also inform the school office before 9am so the registers can be correctly coded and the appropriate members of staff informed.

There is an answering machine for out of hours phone calls or alternatively you can email a message which will be picked up first thing in the morning.

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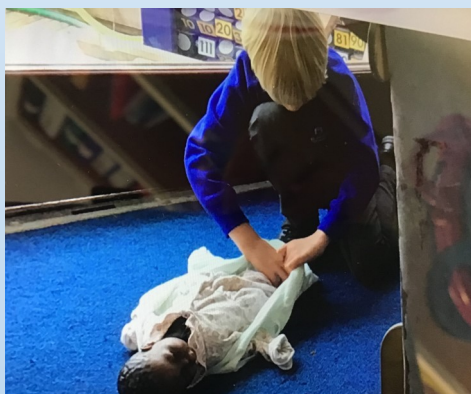
Sports Day—Please note there has been a date change in the calendar to our provisional date in June for the Sports Day. This has now been moved to a new provisional date of Wednesday 23rd June. We would like to make you aware that until guidelines are confirmed we do not know if this will be a spectator event. We ask you please to be patient and thank you for your understanding. We will confirm as soon as we are able about the plans for the day and whether this will be able to involve parent/carer spectators.

In Carne class this week we had a special "Covid-safe" visitor. In our topic work we have been looking at the 5 types of animals in our world.

This week we had a young mammal that came to visit us.....



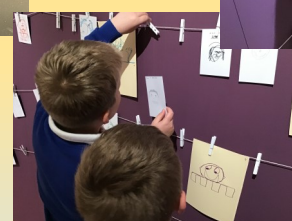
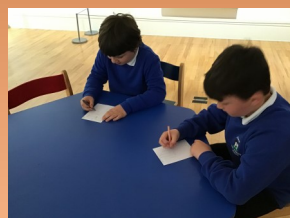
Lowen and Amy helped our discussions and work around the stages of growth and change.



We thought about how animals grow and develop and we looked after our own babies, thinking about their needs and care.



Pendower had a fantastic time at The Royal Cornwall Museum on Monday—it was a great way to round off all the work we have been doing through the term.



Miss Blayney was very impressed with the respectful behaviour and mature attitude during the visit. Well done to you all!

Calendar dates: Summer term



May

4th—25th—Sailing. Percuil Kiberick group

12th—24th (Wednesdays) Kiberick class Cornish Pirates rugby sessions

24th—RE week

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 practice

23rd—Sports Day. [UPDATED provisional date](#). More details to follow - see page 2

July

1st—Roseland Academy Welcome Day

1st—Veryan whole school 'move up day' more details to follow.

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 |
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| 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 | | | | |



WIN!

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Plus... calling all budding, book-loving designers!

This summer, we're asking children everywhere to [create their own dazzling National Book Token designs](#) for a chance to win a £10 gift card – featuring their own artwork – for themselves and everyone in their class. With six weekly winners during May and June, it's time to get creative!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book->

Fill the library with new books!



A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

Our big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to **win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library** – and if your entry is picked, **you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!**

Click below to nominate Veryan School

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Kiberick have produced this beautiful collage, whilst we have been learning about the rainforest, as part of our topic on South America.

Here are some fascinating facts we have discovered:

- ◇ Nobody can live without the rainforests
- ◇ The Amazon rainforest is the world's biggest tropical rainforest
- ◇ The rainforests are like the "lungs of the world"
- ◇ It is home to the fierce jaguar, along with 10 million other species
- ◇ It covers 2.6 million square miles

Don't forget to keep checking our class pages on the school website:



<https://www.veryanschool.co.uk/web/kiberick/229589>

For photos and information about ongoing topics, learning and activities!

The Big Ask

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. It is going to be used to show the government what children and young people think, and what they need to live happier lives.

The survey will only take 5-10 minutes. There are 4 sections, one for each of the age ranges, and there is also a link to the adults survey for parents and carers.

Follow the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



Active Cornwall is supporting Bike Week encouraging families and communities to get involved by getting out and about during half term on scooters, bikes and trikes.

If you take photos over half term and send them to

karen.edmond@cornwall.gov.uk

You will receive a Cornwall Active Travel pin badge and certificate and the top 3 images will receive a scooter supplied by Micro Scooters!!

(Don't forget to include your postal address to receive your badge and certificate)

12 Top Tips TO SUPPORT MENTAL WELLBEING THROUGH NATURE Online and Offline

'Nature' is a superb choice as the theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, as there's clear evidence that getting access to nature is excellent for our mental health. With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to ease, it's the perfect time of year to rediscover the natural world and give ourselves a calming, uplifting treat. You don't have to drag the family on a four-hour hike, either – just 10 minutes each day in the garden, in the local park or your nearest green space could really help. Here are 12 suggestions for ways you can benefit from nature ... both online and off.

ONLINE

1 Give something back to nature

A swift internet search should bring up details of any local conservation projects you could volunteer for, or litter-picking events that you could enrol the family in. It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment: most schemes are grateful for every bit of help!

2 Tranquil streams

Search your preferred music player for some soothing natural sounds. A few minutes' gentle audio of rainfall, ocean waves or birdsong are all great ways of unwinding at the end of the day to get you ready for an excellent night's sleep.

3 Give geocaching a go

If you've not heard of it, geocaching is a modern twist on the traditional treasure hunt. Participants look for items hidden in outdoor locations, using a GPS-enabled device like a mobile phone or tablet. We'd recommend that an adult accompanies young adventurers!

4 Share what you see

While you're out exploring nature, take a photo or video of anything you find that inspires you. Not only will it be a nice memory for you to look back on, but you could also share it safely on social media and maybe motivate others to engage with the natural world!

5 Watch the stars

Looking at the night sky can be incredibly calming. There are some comprehensive stargazing websites and apps to help you locate and recognise different stars. It can take 20 minutes or so before you can see stars fully in the dark, even on clear nights, so allow your eyes time to adjust.

6 Wildlife on the web

A Google search will bring up lots of sites that stream webcam footage of nature. From seals to barn owls, rabbits to badgers, you can get an intimate, heart-warming view of all kinds of animal communities from inside the comfort of your own home.

OFFLINE

1 Ditch the phone

Now the weather's improving, go for a walk in a green space nearby. If you're already familiar with your chosen route, you could always leave your phone at home to be completely free of the usual distractions and notifications.

2 Put down some roots

Planting flowers, shrubs, herbs or vegetables can be extremely rewarding. Not only does it help us to connect with nature – it also provides an ongoing project to draw pleasure from. If your home doesn't have a garden, no problem: a window box will do the job just as well!

3 A different kind of tweet

Most gardens in the UK attract a wonderful variety of birds, and just watching them for a few minutes can be immensely therapeutic. There are some excellent apps and sites to help you name any species you don't already know or even play a game: identifying bird song, like bird song bingo!

4 Feed your feathered friends

Hang a bird feeder where you can easily see it from a window. Then enjoy the feelgood factor of satisfied avian visitors perching where you can see them. For something more advanced, you could try building a nesting box to fix onto a fence or under a windowsill.

5 Park your worries

If you're lucky enough to live within easy travelling distance of a park, you'd benefit from using it. Whether it's to play ball games, get on your bike, walk the dog or just get some fresh air into your lungs, the potential bonuses for mental health are enormous.

6 Art and soul

Younger children will enjoy drawing or painting animals or nature scenes, or writing a poem or song lyrics about nature. For extra art or crafting fun, you could collect natural materials – leaves, feathers, tree bark or seeds, for example – to use in your creations.

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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