



# Veryan CofE Primary

## School News



Friday 19th March

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### Message from Ms Jarrett

I have been thrilled to hear all about science week this week and am eagerly anticipating the report and results from the buggy testing day! Thanks again to Mr Hall and Mrs Cartwright for organising and well done for the incredible amount raised by our families to show gratitude for this. I have been extremely proud and humbled by the Veryan school community and your generosity in supporting local, national and indeed international charities through donations to World Book Day, the FoodBank and Comic Relief tomorrow. I'm aware that times are hard and uncertain for many families and it's heart-warming to see so many thinking of others and doing what they can.

Towards the end of term we are also hoping to raise funds for Autism Awareness Week—I recognise that this is a lot of donations all close together, please do not feel pressured into giving more than you are able; charities have struggled to hold their usual fundraising events throughout the pandemic and so any help we can give in supporting their work will be greatly appreciated and we feel it is important for us—especially in our week of 'Compassion' as our topic, to offer our help to those in need, but equally important is for us to recognise and learn about these charities; what they do and who they help. So just taking part and finding out a little about the charities and those they support is a great thing even without donations!

Spring seems to have been creeping its way towards us this week and I think the sunshine has lifted spirits and given further hope for the weeks ahead until Easter. I have enjoyed coming into Veryan and seeing all the daffodils bobbing in the sunshine (instead of rain!) and hope we can all enjoy some more nice weather into the weekend.

With best wishes

Caroline Jarrett

Mrs Green has availability for piano and woodwind lessons which have re-started on a Tuesday morning in the village hall following Covid-19 regulations and hygiene guidelines.

Please see Mrs Green (Charlie and Archie's mum) or contact via school for more information.

Mr Richards gave us a demonstration of brass instruments in the playground this week. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Mr Richards about how to sign up for lessons if your child is interested.



Polite request: Please help us to be considerate to our local residents and avoid congestion and parking issues around the school gates at morning drop off by leaving the area promptly once you have dropped your child/children off with their class teacher.

Thank you.



We have been asked to inform all parents and carers that the RSPG Roseland Together group have a pot of money that they would like to use to help families struggling with food bills. They would like to hear from any families that could benefit from financial help towards meal costs, but a **prompt response** is required as the money has to be allocated by the end of March.

If you, or a local family you know, could benefit from this support please contact [veryanhubrspg@gmail.com](mailto:veryanhubrspg@gmail.com) or [roselandtogether@gmail.com](mailto:roselandtogether@gmail.com)

## School topic this week—Compassion

Pendower Class went to the Wild Tribe field to re-enact the Good Samaritan story—there are definitely some budding actors in Pendower!

Can you cut the pictures out and put the story in order?



We have been given some Roseland Academy uniform from a previous Veryan pupil to give to anyone who may be able to make use of it.

There are 3 Roseland School jumpers 32", small PE shorts and tops (unisex) and several white boys shirts (11-12 and 12-13 years.)

We will keep them in the school office and give on a first come first serve basis. If these are not claimed by Friday 26th March they will be donated. Please email Mrs Allan if you would like any of these items. [veryan.secretary@celticcross.education](mailto:veryan.secretary@celticcross.education)





Back to school is an important moment for families. The multi-award-winning BBC Own It keyboard and app is a useful tool to have on your child's phone as they re-enter the world of classroom learning.

### What is the BBC Own It app?

The Own It app will provide a helping hand to your child, supporting their digital wellbeing, showing them how to make smarter and better-informed choices and helping them grow into confident, positive and happy digital citizens. Using a combination of self-reporting and 'machine learning', the app builds up a picture of your child's digital wellbeing and serves relevant information designed to help your child understand the impact that their online behaviours can have on themselves, and on others, helping them to develop healthy online habits and behaviours, and also encouraging your child to have conversations with you when they are feeling sad or worried.

### How does it work?

There are two parts to the app. The first is a custom keyboard. When the child uses the keyboard, the information they type is analysed in real-time and the Own It app uses it to build up a picture of your child's activity. Based on this picture, the app will recommend content to the child that might be helpful, or it might intervene as the child is typing something to check that they are happy to share the information with others. For example, if your child is typing some personal information such as a mobile number or email address, the app will intervene and tell the child to 'think safe' before sharing. Or if a child types something that might be an unkind message, the app will intervene and ask them if they really want to say that. If a child types something that indicates they might be sad or worried, the app will intervene and suggest some content that might help them to feel better.

The child is also encouraged to 'self-report' how they are feeling within the app itself by selecting an emoji that best reflects their mood. They can also choose to leave a note, just as they might in a diary. The app will also be able to track some device usage information, such as how many times a child picks up their phone to check for messages/notifications, or if the phone is used at night-time. This information can be used to help the child understand how to develop healthy digital habits. What happens to the information my child types using the keyboard? Everything your child types into the keyboard is processed within the app on your child's phone by the machine learning and then discarded – this happens instantaneously. None of this information is ever passed back to the BBC.

### Where can I get the app?

The BBC Own It app is available in the Google Play and Apple app stores and it's free to download. If you're under 13, make sure your parent or guardian has given you permission first.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>

In Carne class we have been re-enacting and creating scenes from The Three Little Pigs. Demonstrating compassion for our friends and helping them when they are in need, even if we're a little bit scared ourselves!



Each morning in Carne the nursery children have been learning to recognise and find their own names within a pile and post them in the post box—the children have loved the independence!



Easter special menu change - Thursday 1st April

Or  ParentPay<sup>®</sup>

 **caterlink**  
feeding the imagination

Fish and Chips

Five Bean Chilli and chips

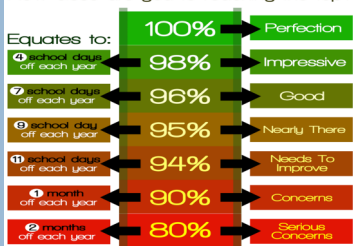
Please order on your Parentpay account as normal.





## 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 last week was:

Carne: 96.9% Pendower: 98.42% Kiberick: 88%

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

## Calendar dates for Spring/Summer term



### March

19th—Comic Relief day: wear red for the day £1 donation on Parentpay.

29th—4th April - World Autism Awareness Week

### April

1st—Special menu Caterlink (see page 4)

End of term—Friday 2nd April

New term begins—Monday 19th April

### INSET Days

2020-21

1st April - schools open as day exchanged for 28th November 2020

11th June 2021

2021-22

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 25th July 2022



Comic Relief—Friday 19th March



On Friday we will be taking part in all sorts of activities to celebrate and raise funds for Comic Relief.

You will have seen that there is a payment item on Parentpay for any donations in lieu of:



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food produce and financial assistance to our local FoodBank in thanks to Mr Hall for our science week buggy resources and workshop.

Together we raised an amazing £106.40 and collected a lovely collection of tins and packet goods to be given to the Foodbank for distribution.

Look out for our Science Week report—coming soon!





Science week—some of our proud buggy prize winners with their certificates.



Kiberick class learnt how to measure the perimeter of a shape in class. They then went to the Wild Tribe field and were tasked with creating rectangles with a given perimeter.



We were all very admiring of Dakota's transport home from school!  
What a lucky girl!

