

**CLUBS:**

**Clubs will restart on Monday 23 April**

**Welcome Back**

This year is flying past and it is amazing to think we are at the beginning of the final term. Let us hope we have a good summer and plenty of opportunity to enjoy outside learning, as well as inside learning.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all who were on the farm rota and visited during the holidays.

**THIS WEEK:**

16-20 Apr	Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day
Wed 18 Apr	Kwik Cricket - Callington 3.30pm PlayPod parents' info
Fri 20 Apr	Biathlon
Sun 22 Apr	Big Dig: 2-4pm at the farm

**Please complete and return trip slips ASAP.**

**School and Community Farm - Big Dig**

The farm is run for the benefit of all children so that they can learn and understand the responsibilities of keeping and looking after a range of animals. We also grow vegetables and flowers in raised beds and a poly tunnel.

We are having a **Big Dig Sunday** on Sunday 22 April from 2 – 4pm.

Would you like to come and help? We need to move soil and have a good clean up after the winter. There will be hot chocolate and cake for all. Marshmallows will be toasted as well.

Please wear wellington boots as it can be muddy!

**Stay and Play**

Come and see our scrap store in action on 18 April after school. The children have had a great time using their imaginations and being creative. It reminds me of the activities I enjoyed as a child with freedom to learn to make sensible decisions. Roll your sleeves up and get stuck in! We would love to receive any of the following that you have or come across:

- large boxes
- an old suitcase
- old pushchair
- large strong tubes
- Dressing up bits and accessories
- Old cushions or bits from sofa being scrapped

**Uniform**

Summer uniform can now be worn until October. We expect all to be in Summer Uniform by 1 May.

Girls: Green skirts and white polo shirts or green gingham dresses with white socks.

Boys: are encouraged to wear grey shorts or can wear grey trousers with white polo shirts and grey socks.

Polo shirts should preferably be embroidered with school logo.

Sweatshirts and cardigans with logos are also part of summer uniform.

Our **Uniform Shop** is open every Wednesday at 3.30pm.

**Residential Forms and Payments**

Please return all Consent and Medical forms to school by tomorrow, Tuesday 17 April. Final payments should have been made by the end of March – if you have any queries, please contact the office.

**Home learning**

Have you started on the activities suggested? Did you have time to go on a picnic or fly a kite? While climbing a tree and after collecting flowers to press, my nephew said “this is great home learning we don’t get to try things like that”! I hope that this summer our set activities will support the healthy life style and fitness topics we are covering.

**Geo Caching**

Having put this on the home learning sheet I decided to do a little investigation into what it involved and can now fully recommend it. We have certainly walked for miles and enjoyed the treasure hunt experience. The National Trust properties are well set up for children’s participation, but wherever you are there seems to be geo caches close by. We find ourselves exploring new areas as well as familiar ones. It keeps children occupied for ages and if you have a phone that you can download the app onto, it is a free active past time.

Do let us know if you find a good route that others would enjoy and we will make suggestions!

### Speech Day Trophies

Please could you return all trophies received at Speech Day last year ASAP.  
Thank you.

### Ready Steady Read

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of stories and reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between Monday 23 April and Friday 27 April. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser and all the money raised will go towards new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. All sponsorship forms and reading logs will be sent home on Friday 20 April and there will be a prize up for grabs for the children who read the most during the event (one for KS1 and one for KS2).

### Clubs and PE Change

Unfortunately Mr Pearce has given up his role with the cricket company so we will not have him this term. As I was informed of this on the last day of term, I have been exploring our options for this term.

We will be having a coach on Friday afternoons who I hope will also run a cricket club on that day. Plymouth Raiders will be joining us on Thursdays and will run a basketball club once again.

Later this week I am meeting with someone who has been recommended to put together some other options for clubs on the other days so watch this space.

PE lessons in KS2 will be led by the class teacher.

### Curriculum Delivery in KS2

As this term's topic is Staying Alive in KS2, the afternoons will be topic based and led by the class teachers. We have plenty of visits and are being optimistic that much outside learning will be able to take place in a cross-curricular way. There will be times that teachers do run workshops for other classes as well.

We will be looking forward to theme weeks in Health Safety and Fitness, The Arts and Outside Learning.

**Violin Lessons** begin again on Tuesday 24 April.

### Next Friends Meeting

Friday 20 April at 2pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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3.30pm PlayPod parents' info  
Fri 20 Apr Biathlon  
Yr 4 Sportshall Athletics  
2pm Friends Meeting  
Sun 22 Apr Big Dig: 2-4pm at the farm

#### NEXT WEEK:

23-27 Apr Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day  
Yr 5: Barton Hall Residential  
30Mar-4May Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day  
Wed 9 May Film Night  
Fri 11 May Yr 5: Apple Store  
14-18 May SATs Week  
Mon 14 May 12.30pm Class photos  
Yr 5: Mount Edgcumbe  
Fri 18 May Maths Masterclass  
21-25 May Yr 6: London Residential  
Mon 21 May Yr 3: Mount Edgcumbe  
Tue 22 May KS1 Sports Festival  
28May-1Jun *Half Term*  
Mon 4 Jun Back to School  
4-6 June Year 5/6 Bikeability  
11-13 Jun Year 5/6 Bikeability  
Wed 13 Jun Sports Day  
Fri 22 Jun Summer Fair  
Fri 13 Jul Speech Day  
Fri 20 Jul 1.15pm Leavers Assembly

#### **2018-19 Term Dates**

##### 4 September – 20 December

Half Term: 22 – 26 October  
Inset Days: 4 September and 19 October

##### 7 January – 5 April

Half Term: 18 – 22 February  
Inset Days: 7 January

##### 23 April – 25 July

Half Term: 27 – 31 May  
Inset Days: 3 June and 25 July

Solar Meter Reading this week: 63,462 kW

