

#### A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our virtue has focused on 'HELPFULNESS'



**A FASCINATING DAY OF CULTURE AND TRADITION** – This week the children enjoyed a visit from Daya who shared her experience and knowledge of Hinduism and Sikhism. The children enjoyed learning about the traditional festivals, listening to stories, dressing up in traditional costume and cooking and eating traditional food. Daya also shared her experiences in a school assembly where she had the whole school involved in bhangra dancing. Even Mr Anderson and Mr Teasdale got up and joined in the fun! A big thank you to Daya for making the day so special and memorable for the children and also a big thank you to Mrs Waters for organising Daya's visit. We hope to have her back again in the future.

**THE BISHOP OF TRURO IS COMING!** - On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the school will receive a visit from The Bishop of Truro accompanied by Rev Dom Jones. The Bishop will be visiting the classes where the children can ask him questions about his role, his faith and the range of special objects that he will bring along with him. The Bishop will also be involved in an assembly with the whole school with a focus on the fifth British Value 'Tolerance of those people of different faiths and beliefs'. We look forward to another visitor that will enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of faiths as part of their RE curriculum.

**GOODBYE TO MRS PARKER** – Yesterday, we said farewell to Mrs Veryan Parker who has been working with small groups of pupils in KS2 since last term. Although Mrs Parker was only able to be with us for a temporary period of time she has quickly become part of the team and very much liked by the children. We wish her all the very best for her future.

**LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 5** – Our Year 5 pupils have been invited again to the annual Life Skills Event at Truro Fire Station where they will learn about recycling, hygiene, road safety, dangers of power stations and much more. This event will be taking place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. More details will be sent out next week. We look forward to hearing all about their visit at the end of next week.

**INTER SCHOOLS TRIATHLON** – This week 5 of our Year 6 pupils took part in the school games triathlon. They all competed to a very high standard. Well done to Toby, Millie, Finlay, Finn and Zelig for achieving your best and competing with such great team spirit and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Mrs Cunliffe and Mrs Wootton for taking the children to and from the event and supporting them throughout the day. We wish the hockey squad the very best of luck in the Hockey Tournament which will be held at Penair next week.

**THANK YOU FOPS!** – FOPS continue to work hard to raise money for the benefit of the school and recently some of the funds raised have gone towards the purchase of a new shed, a beautiful new learning rug for the Puffins and the

exciting new PE T-Shirts for every pupil in school in the team colours. This will certainly help to keep an eye on the colour team you will choose to support at our forthcoming sports day! If you have not already done so, please ensure you send the T-Shirt size for your child to the school office as soon as possible to enable the order to be sent through. We are very grateful to FOPS for their continued support and thank them for using the funds to help continue to improve the school. The next meeting will be held at school on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** to discuss the Summer Fayre. We hope to see as many parents there as possible to share ideas for this big event.

**PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED!** – Your local Pre School needs your help! If your child goes to preschool or has used the local preschool, you will know how important this service is to the families in the area and for more families to come. At present there is a small committee which is soon to lose its secretary and treasurer. These two voluntary positions need to be filled urgently to ensure the committee can be run effectively. If you are a parent, a governor or a member of the community and you can spare some time to attending meetings to help support this important organisation, please contact Emma on [hackshack@talktalk.net](mailto:hackshack@talktalk.net) Thank you for your considered support.

**CARPARK DANGERS – PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can we again ask parents to ensure their children stay on the path and do not run or walk across the school carpark. At the beginning and end of the school day, there are several vehicles, such as taxis and staff cars, moving in and out of the carpark and several young children have been spotted running across the carpark at this busy and potentially, dangerous time. The taxi drivers have also expressed their concerns as they have noticed unsupervised children running across the carpark to the main gate. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their children are kept safe at this time of the day. Please help us to keep your children safe.**

**KS1 'Running club' reminder** - Mr Anderson has now started a running club (around the back playground) for children in KS1 on a Monday morning from 8.45 a.m. The club will initially running up until 23<sup>rd</sup> May. If your child is interested in taking part please remember to send them in with training shoes. Please report to Mr Anderson on the playground to register your child (each week). Children that do not wish to take part are welcome to go into the classroom as usual. Please speak with Mr Anderson if you require more information, otherwise we will see you on Monday morning.

**Cross Country club is now running again on Thursday mornings** – There is a £1 charge per week for taking part in this club (to allow us to pay Mr Collins, the Cross Country coach). Please speak with Mr Teasdale for more information. Could we remind children to wait in the reception area if they arrive early for Cross Country and not to enter the classroom until supervised.

**Badminton – September.** Mr Anderson is considering offering a badminton club (via Go-Active) in September for children in years 4, 5, 6. For this club to go ahead we will need to purchase all of the equipment – so we do need to find out if there is sufficient interest first. If your child would be interested in joining, please would you let Mrs Read know? Many thanks.

**Thread Worm** – Please be aware that a case of thread worm has been reported to the school by a parent this week.

#### **Celebration Assembly:**

The following children all received a certificate, medal or badge in assembly last Friday:

**Bronze:** for reaching 50 points: None this week.

**Silver:** for reaching 100 points: Kaia Warr, Calum Yendle.

**Gold:** for reaching 150 points: Jasmine Tyler-Scott, Maia Rowe.

**Medal:** for reaching 200 points: Jake Mackrill, Sol Guimaraes, Michael Ware, Oliver Searle, Lily Roe, Arthur Long, Noah Farrell, Ellie Jamieson, Jack Barker.

**Badge:** for reaching 250 points: Oliver Ward, Eddie Legge, Noah Rawlings, Joe Barber, Zane Aslam, Taro Symons

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**Gold:** for reaching 150 points: Jack Wilkes, Max Marsden, Courtney Saayman, Katy King, Isla Knibb, Oliver Entwistle.

**Medal:** for reaching 200 points: Matilda Grose, Rowan Leigh, Jamie McCallum, Jessica Rowe, Teagan Yendle, Drew Wootton, Liberty Dingle, Ellowen Marven, Charlie Long, Dylan Barker, Ross McKnight.

**Badge:** for reaching 250 points: Hannah Bennett, Darcy White, Cara McCandless, Kiera Peters, Mia Preedy, Lola Guinchard, Eleanor Bray.

Very well done to you all!

**RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS** – This week Courtney Saayman has been nominated by another pupil for noticing that another child was unhappy and she helped them to feel better. Well done and thank you Courtney. Oliver Ward has been nominated by another pupil for helping another child who had hurt themselves by getting their coat for them. Well done Oliver. Also this week, Jessica Rowe has been nominated by a member of staff for her thoughtful decision to cut her hair short in order to donate to the ‘Little Princess Charity’ for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. A wonderful act of kindness! Well done and thank you Jess!

***Message to parents from the Ben Ainslie Sports Centre***

On Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday) the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre will be hosting a free Open Day.

We will be working with **Go Active** to deliver the event from 10:00-15:00 where visitors will be able to take advantage of the facilities though out the day.

The sports hall will feature a fun packed timetable of activities including zorbing, Trampolining, Badminton, Table Tennis and football, while the Astro pitches will have 5-a-side sessions and the tennis courts will give the opportunity for visitors to have a knock about. In the swimming pool kids will have the opportunity to have a go on our ‘Shiver me timbers’ inflatable obstacle course all for free. This is a fantastic opportunity for people to get together with friends and come and try out something new. We will have activities for all the family so we’re urging the local community to come and check out facilities and enjoy the taster sessions.

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## FOPS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has so far returned their PE t-shirt order. If you have missed the Friday deadline, please hand your slip into the school office by next Monday so the order can be sent off.

The Pre-School have again approached us to have a joint “**Blue Bag**” collection. For information on what can be donated please look at [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com). Look out for your blue bag in your child’s book bag shortly. Collection date deadline is the **13<sup>th</sup> May**.

The **next FOPS meeting** is on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm** at school. We will mainly be discussing the **Summer Fayre**, which is going to be held on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June**. If you would like to put forward any ideas you may have or if you are able to help out on the day, please come along and join us – there will be coffee and biscuits!

If you have any questions or have an item you would like to be discussed at our next meeting, please speak to myself, Rona King or Susie Matthews. Thank you.

Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary