



Spring Term Newsletter 6

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

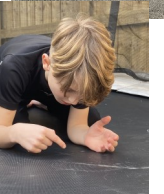
Welcome back to school after a relaxing, though rainy, February half term holiday. It is with hope for a brighter Spring and Summer that we are looking forward today. To the school re-opening fully to all pupils on Monday 8th March, to children excitedly meeting their friends, staff teaching everyone face-to-face and the school once again being full of learning and laughter!

Next week we will confirm the finer details of our re-opening: drop-off and collection times, menu etc. But for now, rest assured that we are working hard to get all safety measures in place and we expect all children to return to full-time attendance from 8th March onwards, hopefully for the rest of the academic year! Next week will be the final week of home learning and the teachers will continue to set work on their usual platforms and pupils can submit work and ask questions using those platforms too.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that today's sunshine lasts all weekend and we can all get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air and exercise after a busy week of learning.

Home Learning Gallery

This week we have congratulated one of our pupils on smashing his target of walking 40 miles over the Half Term holiday, in challenging conditions! We have also enjoyed seeing amazing dragon art, reading & exploring on the beach, studying bugs, cycling, gardening & dancing! Good work everyone!



Keep sending your home learning pics through to us at
hello@padstowschool.org

School Pod Learning Gallery

Here are photos of the KS1 pod enjoying their new 'scented garden' topic & making cacti art!

Curlew Pod sketching the crab apple tree in the sunshine



World Book Day, Thursday 4th March



As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago in the newsletter, a range of new books are being published to celebrate World Book Day next Thursday. The new £1 books are available now to purchase from bookshops and major supermarkets. We have now received paper £1 book tokens (and not the electronic versions we were expecting) and we shall distribute these to the children on Monday 8th March when they are all back in school. They are valid until 28th March.

In order to celebrate World Book Day, teachers will be uploading themed activities for their classes to complete at home on Thursday next week.

World Book Day Competition—win £300-worth of Crayola arts & crafts goodies!



Coram Beanstalk is a charity that promotes 'Reading for pleasure'. They are working in partnership with Very.co.uk to launch a new activity to engage and bring together children across the country on World Book Day.

Rather than dressing up as their favourite book character we're encouraging children to draw or make (using arts and crafts) their favourite book character. Parents & carers can enter their children's pictures into the competition via social media. There are some wonderful prizes for children up for grabs, thanks to Crayola. To enter the Coram Beanstalk and Very 'World Book Day' competition, just:

- Draw, paint or craft a favourite book character
- Post a picture of the masterpiece on social media on Thursday 4th March
- Use #VeryWBD and tag @beanstalkreads to enter for the World Book Day competition and share as part of their virtual gallery.

If you decide to participate, please send photos into us using hello@padstowschool.org for us to enjoy too!

St Piran's Day, Friday 5th March

We will be celebrating this important day in the Cornish calendar by taking part in Cornish-themed learning and activities on Friday. Again, teachers will provide the relevant links and tasks on their usual home learning platforms.



TOP TIPS—for staying safe online

As another week of remote home learning beckons next week, we wanted to remind you of the importance of keeping children safe online—here are a few links which we hope you may find useful.

This Aspire Academy Trust web page about Internet Safety has lots of useful advice, links and guides:

[Internet Safety - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

This web page from Vodafone looks at parental controls, blocking and filtering internet access:

[Get the latest advice on parental controls | Digital Parenting \(vodafone.co.uk\)](#)

This Vodafone page looks at internet access and digital sharing from a whole family perspective:

[Family views \(vodafone.co.uk\)](#)

And this is a link to their latest booklet on Digital Parenting:

[Digital Parenting by Vodafone \(2021 Edition\) by Digital... - Flipsnack](#)

Lockdown Certificates

Here at school we feel it is important to continue to recognise the outstanding effort and hard work of our pupils—even more so during a lockdown, when the majority of them are relying on their own motivation at home to keep going! Each week, the teachers are awarding certificates to children working hard at home AND children in their Pods at school. Here are this week's certificate winners, well done to them all!

Home Learning Certificates:

Puffin:	Charlie
Lapwing:	Harry
Kittiwake:	Sammy
Oystercatcher:	Cadan
Cormorant:	Ruby
Curlew:	Phoebe

School Pod Learning Certificates:

Key Stage 1 Pod:	Darcy
Oystercatcher Pod:	Eva
Cormorant Pod:	Caitlyn
Curlew Pod:	Isaac

Breakfast Club

As we make plans for the full reopening of school on 8th March, we are keen to assess the viability of running our Breakfast Club every day again.

The Breakfast Club is open for children to be dropped off from **8.00am** and provides a healthy, varied breakfast and a range of games & activities to keep children entertained until they can go to class at their normal time. The cost is £2.75 per session and we need to know in advance which days children are attending so that we can staff accordingly. Tax-free childcare vouchers can be used to pay, which reduces the cost to you - we can provide further information on this.

We are aware that parents' working patterns may have changed over the past few months and so we are asking any parent who would like to make use of this club to email emma.sanders@padstowschool.org to let us know which days they would book, so that we can plan which days the Breakfast Club will be open. It really is a fun way for the children to start their day!

SumDog Maths Contest RESULTS!



Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the Aspire Contest—we hope you enjoyed the maths quizzes. Hopefully you will feel encouraged to use SumDog even more in the future. Kittiwake class did brilliantly by coming 3rd out of all of the participating Aspire classes; Curlew class came 5th and Cormorant came 12th. Lapwing class also took part and did well. Let's keep making maths fun!

SongFest—next song

Further to our feature on SongFest last week, the latest song that children are encouraged to learn is Don't Stop. Here is a link to the video:

[Don't stop teaching film - YouTube](#)

If you would like the full list of songs, please refer to the newsletter of 11th February or email school and we can provide it. We will provide joining information for the Zoom performance in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to Kernow Klimber!

To launch their new topic 'Misty Mountain, Winding River', Oystercatcher class were lucky enough to watch a video session with rock climbing instructor Pete Greening this week! With experience of climbing mountains all over the world, Pete's talk was both educational and inspiring! The children in the Oystercatcher pod at school then took their mountain-themed maths outdoors! If you want to find out more, visit his website [Kernow Klimber - Home of Rock Climbing, Mountain Training Courses in Cornwall](#). We will upload the video of his chat with Miss Webster to the Oystercatcher class page of our website later today for any pupils or parents to watch.

