



SUMMER TERM - NEWSLETTER - Issue 35 – 17 July

Pedrean Class Blog

The children have really enjoyed spending lots of time outside, exploring nature. Here are some of their favourite activities.....

Finding baby frogs and toads on the field (Sophie)

Finding snails (Erin)

Painting the 7 sticks we found in the woods to make a rainbow (Xavier)

Playing with the wild unicorn (Freya)

Riding the tractor on the playground (Thomas)

Making a magic potion (Theodore)

Playing with bubbles (Danny)

Making the den (Leah)

Holding the stick insect (Sebastian)



This is our last newsletter of the term and indeed of the year...and what an interesting year it has been! Who would have thought at the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year that we would have had months away from school with cancelled events, trips and a global pandemic!? I think we can all agree it has been challenging and difficult for everyone, but it has also highlighted some positive aspects of ourselves; community spirit, support for one another, a new appreciation for our freedom and where we live, to name but a few.

I would like to take this opportunity to once more thank the staff at our school for continuing to work throughout lockdown to support, teach and ensure the wellbeing of the children and families and to all the children and families who worked hard to complete home-learning or to look after each other in difficult circumstances. I know I have said through the weeks how pleased and proud I am of the children and the resilience they have shown and this has been even more apparent as some have slowly returned to school and embraced all the new changes.

We wish a fond farewell to our year 6 who leave us to move on to their secondary schools. It was, perhaps, not the final year any of us would have hoped for or expected for you, but I hope you move on with some memories to treasure and we wish you the very best of luck in your new schools.

For those of us just joining or coming back to Grampound with Creed School, we still have plenty of work to do, in preparation for our return in September, when we can welcome everyone back. I feel certain that working together we can do it safely and sensitively making it a warm and positive experience for us all. We will be in touch before the new term starts so that everyone is clear on the expectations and routines before we come back into school on Monday 7th September. Until then, it just remains for me to wish you a peaceful, safe and enjoyable summer. Have fun everybody!

With best wishes

Caroline Jarrett

At Celtic Cross Education...
we nurture, we learn, we achieve together.

See some more pictures below,



Free School Meals

Further to the letter that was emailed to parents, if you need to apply for benefits in the coming weeks or months don't forget to contact the Free School Meal Department at Cornwall Council to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals.

The contact details are -
01872 323298 or
<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

School Meals

The price of school meals will increase in September to £2.49.

Domestic abuse—Get help during Covid 19 Outbreak

Find out how to get help if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse by following the link below on the government website,

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>

Library News & Reading Promotions - A note from the Early Years Library Officer

Dear all

I read a funny picture book on our **library Facebook** on Friday. [My Mum and Dad make me laugh](https://www.facebook.com/CornwallLibraries/videos/982879788835740/)
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I was promoting this year's **Summer Reading Challenge, The Silly Squad**, which aims to keep children aged **4-11 enjoying books through the summer holidays**. It is running digitally this year due to Covid19 and I am putting the link [here](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/) to the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> where children can sign up and log the books they have read. There are lots of fun activities to join in with as well. Please can you share with your families who have children who would wish to join. The younger children (4) can take part by enjoying shared reading with their grownups.

I am also sharing this link to the Government's [Hungry Little Minds](https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/) website <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> which has lots of great ideas for 0-5s and also has links to other great resources, including the BBC's **Tiny Happy People**.

NB- The government announced on Thursday 2nd July that the *Hungry Little Minds* campaign website will be zero-rated by the major UK mobile providers. This means that parents won't use up their mobile data allowance if they browse the site from their smartphone (with the exception of third party content such as videos hosted on YouTube). Some providers already have the zero rating in place (02, Sky, Virgin, EE and Tesco), while others are working to do so by July.

Finally, a link to great little story which I found on the **BookTrust Home Time** pages. It made me smile and also I thought it might be useful in talking to children about others who may not be able to communicate in the same way as them. [The Cow who fell to Earth](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD-fdUpdHew) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD-fdUpdHew>

Primary Times

Primary Times are unable to publish their usual magazine but below is a link to an E-Newsletter with details of events during the summer

<https://mailchi.mp/8a1309c4ab7b/sign-up-to-the-primary-times-cornwall-newsletter>

Supporting children when starting school

Dr Sarah Mundy, a Clinical Psychologist and children's author has a keen interest in supporting families at this tricky time and in particular children transitioning to school.

Transitions are always stressful, and even more so if you have been out of the swing of things for a while. Dr Sarah has pulled an information pack together to give parents some ideas about the best ways to support their child when starting school and it is attached to this email.

Parenting Through Stories

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A big **THANK YOU** to Eva-Rose's Grandad who has done an amazing job tidying our garden area and as you can see weeding the wall around the garden. We appreciate all the work you have done.



There will be guidance coming out soon to all parents with more detailed information about our planned return to Grampound with Creed School in September and any updates following this guide will be emailed to you before our new term begins on Monday 7th September.

In relation to attendance, we do know that:

- Currently, all children are expected to attend school as normal from September 2020 including those children who were previously shielding.
- Children who were shielding (or have a family member who was) will need to seek medical advice if they do not believe it is safe to return to school.
- Where medical advice is given that the child should be absent from school then school should provide education remotely.

With this in mind, we thought it would be prudent to give you advance notice of this information to give families plenty of time to liaise with their GP/medical teams and seek appropriate advice for your individual circumstances. If you have not already done so, please inform school as soon as possible if your child will not return full time to school in September due to medical condition so we can follow the correct procedures and ensure remote learning is in place where needed.

Keeping Children Safe...

With the Summer break fast approaching, may we remind you that, if you become aware of any serious concern regarding a child's wellbeing, their safety or safeguarding, the Multi Agency Referral Unit, also known as the MARU, can be contacted. Please find their details below and a link to their website where you will find more information.

Telephone: 0300 1231 116

E-mail: multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/



Reporting Concerns Online

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) is the UK's national police agency for dealing with the protection of children online. If you're worried about someone's behaviour towards a child online, or the child's behaviour them self, you can report this at: www.ceop.police.uk.



This will be the last Newsletter this term, we say goodbye to our Y6 pupils, Elowen, Molly, Frankie, Oscar, Jayden, Daniel M & Codey and wish them well.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th September 2020.



Finally look who has arrived !!!!!

Meet Honey & Lavender, they are 8 weeks old and are looking forward to seeing you all in September.