



Date: 12 March 2020

Dear Parents

We've all been busy this week enjoying our Science afternoons. On Monday we had a superb workshop by Cornish Lithium who are carrying out exploratory drilling in the parish. There are photos on our Twitter page [@cusgarneschool](#).

Our visitors this week have included Rev Liz from the Chapel who took our Tuesday assembly, and on Wednesday we had a Truro Hub monitoring visit from other Heads of School along with our Hub Councillors. They had an in-depth look at our school and how we teach reading. Our visitors were impressed with our children who showed a love of reading and a real engagement with their lessons.

The book fair has arrived and I know you are all excited to come along and have a look and spend your vouchers. Teachers understand that some children will want to go to the book fair with their parents so if your child will be going to the book fair instead of an after school club, please let us know in advance. Please note that there are a couple of changes to clubs - there is no Dance Club on Monday 16th or 23rd March, however there will be a Dance Club on Friday 20th March from 3pm-4pm instead.

Advance notice—there will be NO after school clubs on the last week of term (w/c 23rd March) and school will close at 1pm on Friday 27th March.

Tomorrow is Sports Relief and next Friday 20th we have our Open Afternoon, followed by our Spring Music Assembly on 23rd March (more details next week). Finally good luck to our story tellers performing at the Cornwall Music Festival on Monday at 1.30pm, we look forward to welcoming you if you can attend.

Have a super weekend.

Tim Barnard, Head of School

Pupils of the Week

★ (06.03.2020)

Class 1

Class 2

Year 4

Years 5 and 6

Evelyn

Maximilian

Ethan

Macy

Logan C

Skyla

Isla

Bethan

Chanel

Daniel

★ (12.03.2020)

Class 1

Class 2

Year 4

Years 5 and 6

Kai

Erin

Ava

Oliver

Daisy C

Esther

Lennon

Hepworth Trevithick Vickery

259

316

279



FRIENDS OF CUSGARNE NEWS

It's the start of the book fair this week, with the first session this Friday at 3pm! We hope to see you there.

As a reminder, we are only able to accept cash and vouchers as payment for books. Vouchers can be purchased from www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers where you will receive 20% extra free.

As some of you know, each year we run a book fair competition to enable the children to be in with a chance of winning £5 to spend at the book fair. This year, we felt it was too much to add more pressure to them all, by asking for an additional piece of work. Instead, we have asked the teachers to award 1 child from each year group, with the £5 voucher to spend, instead. We can't wait to see who the lucky children are!

EASTER COMPETITION – 23rd MARCH (note new date for entries!)

We also have the Easter egg decorating competition coming up, with entries at 50p each. Please check out the letters sent in book bags this week, and ensure those entries are in on time. We look forward to seeing the children's creations at the open afternoon.

Don't forget to keep supporting the Crisp Packet recycling scheme, and The Giving Machine.....if you're not sure about either of these, details are available on request.

Get Your Kit On!

This Friday, 13 March, is **Sports Relief Day**. We would like to invite all the children at Cusgarne to join other school children in the UK by wearing sports kit for the day in return for a suggested donation of £1. The children will be participating in different sporting activities during the day, which will ensure they meet the Government target of participating in at least at least 30 minutes of exercise per day.

Please note, the year 6s will need to wear school uniform to the Science morning at Richard Lander but can change into sports clothing when they return to school at lunchtime. The year 1s can wear their own sports clothing in the morning but will need to change into their PE kit at lunchtime before leaving to attend the KS1 Multiskills festival in the afternoon.

Pirate FM Tonne of Tins Appeal

I am sure you have all seen or heard of the Pirate FM appeal to support the local food banks. We would like to support this but understand if families are unable to help. If you would like to help, you can leave your donations in Reception. Then will then be taken down to the collection point at Pirate FM.

Please visit <https://www.piratefm.co.uk/tonne-of-tins.php> for more details.




CORNWALL
WE NEED YOU



10th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Aspire Coronavirus Update

You are likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus COVID-19 and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

At Aspire Academy Trust, we take the Health and Safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the actions that the Trust is taking.

We understand that this is a time of great uncertainty and that you may be feeling anxious about sending your children to school; however, at this time there is no reason for children to be kept off school unless specifically advised by a medical professional. As per the Aspire Attendance Policy any child who is away from school without having been advised by a medical professional or Aspire Academy Trust will be recorded as unauthorised absence. If you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please call the school who will be able to advise.

All our schools are now undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned & disinfected daily. All schools have also been issued with anti-bacterial wipes for ongoing cleaning throughout the school day.

Children's personal hygiene routines are enforced by school staff as an integral part of their day and each of our 28 primary academies have been provided with hygiene lesson plans and posters.

There is now an Aspire coronavirus website which will be kept updated with all the latest government guidance - www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

The current government guidance is that to help prevent the spreading any respiratory virus you and your children should:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

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Currently the government is only advising self-isolation even if you don't have symptoms if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days:

- Iran
- Hubei province in China
- special care zones in South Korea

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places, even if you do not have symptoms:

- Italy (since 09 March)

Alternatively, you should self-isolate if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild:

- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- Italy outside of the lockdown areas
- South Korea outside of the special care zones
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

If children are unable to attend school for a prolonged period of time, we may ask them to complete work online. We will provide guidance regarding how to access Wonde: our online learning platform.

We will of course keep you informed about any developments as the situation progresses.

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please contact the school.

Kind Regards,

Vanessa Bragg

CEO

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DIARY OF ACTIVITIES w/c 16 March 2020 Breakfast Club runs daily on school days			
	ACTIVITY	TEACHER	ADDITIONAL INFO
MONDAY	Keyboards	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	NO DANCE CLUB TODAY	CDS	
TUESDAY	Wake and Shake	Mrs Ireson/Y6's	8.30am—8.45am
	Library Class 1 Class 2	Miss Hewson	Cl 1 (1pm—2pm) Cl 2 (2pm—3pm)
	Y4, 5 and 6 Sports Club	Mrs Murray	3pm—4pm
	R, Y1 and Y2 Create Club	Mrs Turner	3pm—4pm
WEDNESDAY	Library Club Class 3	Library ambassadors	12.30pm—1pm
	Woodwind	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	R, Y1, 2 and 3 Sports Club	PAFC	3pm-4pm
THURSDAY	Wake and Shake	Mrs Ireson/Y6's	8.30am—8.45am
	Violins Recorders	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	Performing Arts KS2	Miss Palmer and Mrs Ireson	3pm-4pm
FRIDAY	Guitars	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	Drums	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
Change of day this week only!	DANCE CLUB	CDS	3pm—4pm

Please note that requests for term time absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Applications need to be made at least 14 days in advance. If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer may decide to take legal action against you. A Penalty Notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carers; per child. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

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