



# Cusgarne School Bulletin

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Dear Parents,

The children have been settling back into school this week for the spring term and have been hard at work. All this term's topic webs & knowledge organisers were emailed out to parents at the start of the week and are also available to view on Google Classroom. This is a great way to familiarise yourself with what your child will be learning this term and is also handy for the children to have access to at home.

Starling class were introduced to their science topic Lights, Camera, Action this week. They had a feely bag containing different objects and had to take items out of the bag whilst their eyes remained shut. The children then discussed the absence of light and how this effects our vision.



The children in Robin class have started their Forest School sessions with Mrs. Denton. This week they practiced standing very quietly & looking out for the group of robins that we have down at the bottom of the playground. The children thought about what the robins would like to eat, and they designed their own bird feeder marshmallows & lollipops with vegan block, seeds, suet & popcorn. The children learnt about how we should be respectful of wildlife, and not to ruin the nature we have around us. They also learnt about the safety of having a fire, and how you can have a 'secret fire' whereby you can restore



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nature back afterwards. Please do ask your children about what they got up to, it sounds like such an insightful session, and I know they all really enjoyed it. Parents of Robin class, remember that the children have been split into two groups (A & B), dates of when your child needs their wellies/waterproofs are on Google Classroom.



Unfortunately our dance workshop was cancelled last week, but this will resume for Robin & Starling classes as of tomorrow (14<sup>th</sup> Jan).

Please can I gently remind you of respectful parking at pick up & drop off times, please do not block the school yellow zigzag lines as they are there for the safety of the children coming in & out of school. Can you also make sure that when you park, the South West Water entrance is clear. This entrance is regularly used and will avoid any fines being imposed. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

As the guidelines have changed, I just want to remind you that should your child test positive for COVID-19 from a lateral flow test (LFT), that they are to isolate immediately & a confirmatory PCR test is no longer required. If their LFT is negative on day 6 and day 7 (the tests MUST be taken 24hrs apart) then they are able to return to school. If they are still positive, then they must stay home for the full 10-day isolation period.

Lastly, the School Council have been busy planning the NSPCC Number Day this week, they've been discussing and organising puzzles & number games for the children to do on the day. This will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, it's a non-uniform day, with number related clothing if possible. This could be a sports shirt, cap or onesie for example. The children could get even more creative by bringing into school a representation of a number, such as a trophy (1<sup>st</sup> place), a

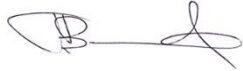


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pear (pair/number 2), or anything else that they can think of, the suggested donation for this day is £2.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. Barnard  
Head of School

Dates for your diary:

- 14<sup>th</sup> January – Dance workshop resumes for Robin & Starling class
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January – Bikeability for Year 6 children
- 20<sup>th</sup> January – Pizza Pasta Party! Lunch menu (see end of newsletter)
- 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day (number themed non-uniform day)

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### **Notices from Aspire Academy Trust**

#### **Aspire Admission Arrangements 2023-24 Consultation**

In accordance with the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2021, the Directors of Aspire Academy Trust (AAT) are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2023/24 school year with regard to the academies within the Trust. Information on the consultation can be viewed on our School website under links and downloads or Aspire Academy Trust website ([www.aspireacademytrust.org](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org)) under school admissions.

#### **Penalty Notice Warning**

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.



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