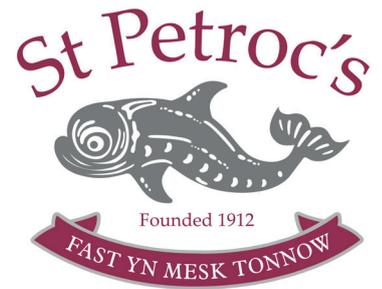


St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for a wonderful first half of the Autumn Term. I hope that you will enjoy catching up with the children, allowing for some rest for them. We have seen and heard the wintry coughs and splutters beginning to join us all and I hope they disappear quickly.

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year and it has been wonderful to see so many new faces across the Early Years and the Prep School. The speed with which our Reception Class has settled is true testimony to Miss Calienda and Mrs Cuff, alongside Mr White and Mrs Biddlecombe. We are very impressed with the children's inquisitive nature and their boundless energy, for children so young. I hope they have enjoyed their start to primary school at St Petroc's.

In contrast, our Year 6 children have been growing into their prefect roles superbly and reliably. I am impressed with their attitudes and the responsibility they have shown towards the younger children who have also changed teacher, classroom or year group. Well done indeed.

I was fortunate to spend some time in with our Sea Lions earlier in the week and it was wonderful to see such happiness in their new setting. They all looked after me very well and, although I resisted, I was very appreciative of the offer of some half-eaten flapjack after my lunch! Thank you nonetheless!

There have been some real positives on the sports front so far this term, with some of our children showing fantastic potential with their hockey, rugby and football, among both the girls and the boys. I look forward to the ISA Swimming events later in the year and wish our friends at the Rugby World Cup good luck this weekend too.

Have a great break everyone.

Ben Hilton

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Diary Dates

Monday 28th October

Term resumes

Tuesday 29th October

Wednesday 30th October

Open Days

Saturday 2nd November

5pm Friends of St Petroc's
Firework Display

Friday 22nd November

7.30pm Friends of
St Petroc's Charity Quiz
Night

Saturday 7th December

Friends of St Petroc's
Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Carol Concert

Last Day of Term
(No Stay & Play)



Road safety

Please remember that - for the safety of all our children - no parking, dropping-off or stopping is permitted on the zig-zag lines outside St Petroc's School and Early Years.

The marked zone must be kept clear at all times.

Please ensure that anyone who collects and/or drops-off your child(ren) is aware of this. The police do conduct monitoring and enforcement spot checks.

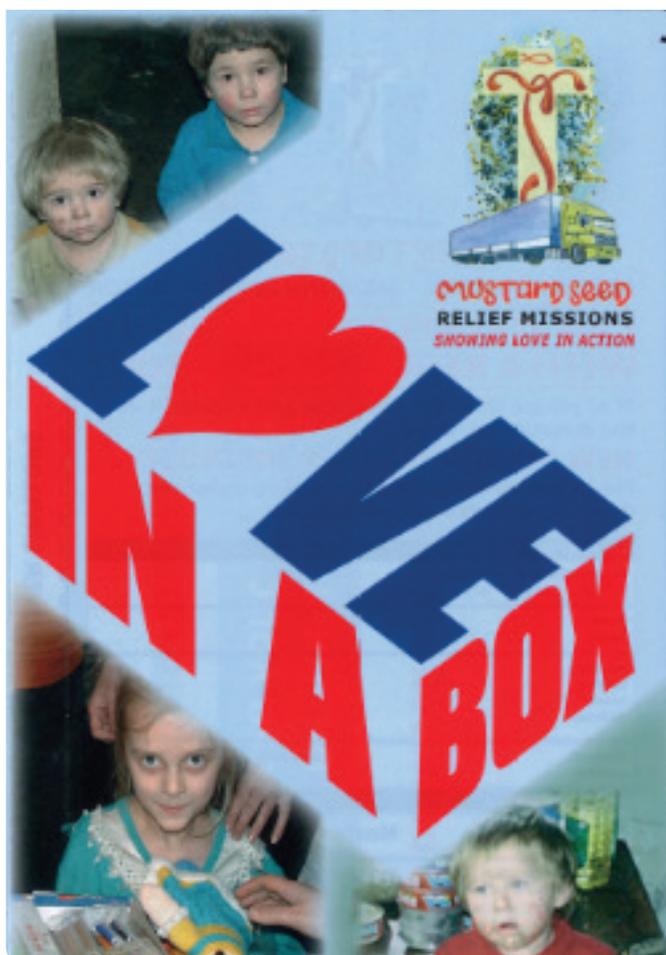
Love in a Box

Helping under-privileged children this Christmas

Please join us in supporting the Mustard Seed Relief Mission's 'Love in a Box' collection this year, to send much-needed items to under-privileged children in Eastern Europe this Christmas.

Below are some suggestions of what you could put in your box(es), according to the age of the recipient.

Please note: all boxes need to be brought in by Friday 15th November ready for collection.



THINGS YOU COULD PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

BOYS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD		
TOY CARS BALL JIGSAW (not small pieces) PICTURE BOOK CHOCOLATE or SOFT SWEETS	THICK WAX CRAYONS or PENCILS DRAWING PAPER SOFT TOY SOAP FLANNEL	TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE HAIRBRUSH or COMB HAT and GLOVES NO WAR RELATED TOYS
GIRLS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD		
TOY DOLLY Everything else as above		
GIRLS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD		
TOY DOLLY SKIPPING ROPE JEWELLERY BALL PLAYING CARDS SWEETS	BOOK FELT TIP PENS PENCILS PENCIL CASE PAPER SOFT TOY	HAT and SCARF GLOVES FLANNEL TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE SOAP
BOYS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD		
TOY CAR YOYO Everything else as above		
BOYS 12 – 15 YEARS OLD		
MARBLES TRAVEL GAMES: (Draughts, Ludo, etc.) JUGGLING BALLS BASEBALL CAP PLAYING CARDS	GEOMETRY SET NOTE BOOK GLOVES SCARF PENS PENCILS	SOFT TOY SWEETS SOAP FLANNEL TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE
GIRLS 12 – 15 YEARS OLD		
HAIR ACCESSORIES JEWELLERY NEW MAKE UP	PERFUME STICK TALC DEODORANT	DOLLY SKIPPING ROPE <i>Everything else as above</i>
CHRISTMAS CARDS AND LETTERS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE PRIVATE ADDRESSES		
THE COLLECTION OF SHOE BOXES COMMENCES FROM MID OCTOBER		



Early Years

Sounds, spikes and shapes

The Little Turtles have been super busy exploring sounds and textures this week. The noisy rattles and rainmakers are a firm favourite and they have loved investigating the sensory tray full of green and orange objects. Such happy and busy babies!



Meanwhile, the Sea Lions had a surprise visit from Mr Hilton. He joined in with their play and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Peppa Pig toys. The Sea Lions have also continued with our Autumn theme, by making hedgehogs out of clay. This gave us a chance to use both gross and fine motor skills when forming the body, before using scissors to make the spikes.



This week the Dolphins have been playing with 2D shapes and worked together to create a shape display using a variety of shapes. At circle time, they spoke about their favourite shapes and some of the Dolphins had a go at describing them.

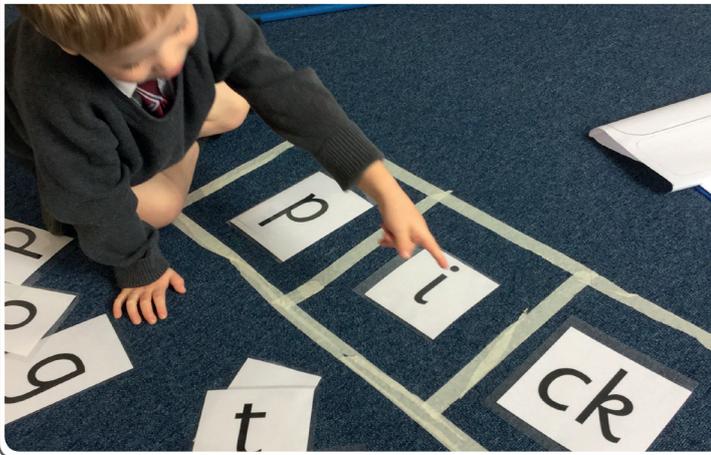




Reception

Fruit and phonemes

The Reception children are really getting to know the letter sounds (or phonemes) in their phonics sessions. They are beginning to blend the sounds and make words. Our large carpet 'phoneme frame' gives them the opportunity to practise the skill during self-chosen activities. This week they have also been discussing their favourite fruits and were thinking mathematically when making their fruit kebabs, ensuring that their fruit was placed in a repeating pattern on the stick.



Stay & Play



How long will they stay?

If you go down to the field today... look out for the tree faces! The children created some amazing clay faces amongst the trees in Stay and Play. The big question is... will they still be there after Half Term?





Key Stage 1

Assessing the situation

With Half Term already upon us, Years 1 and 2 have been busily fitting in their assessments this week. They worked extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts! They were very excited to take part in the Autumn Beach Clean this afternoon and are now looking forward to a well deserved Half Term break.



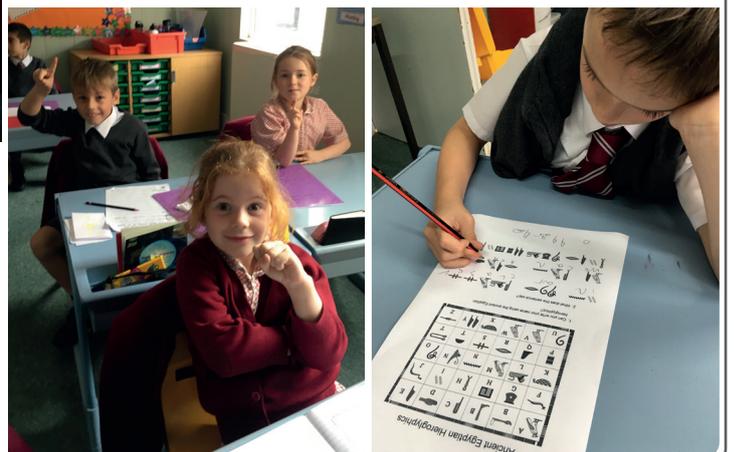
Key Stage 2



Signs, symbols and suffixes

In RE, Years 3 and 4 have been looking at signs and symbols around the school, around the world and most recently, through history. The children have also learned about sign language and the reason we have this way of communicating, before learning how to display their initials using the sign alphabet. The children have also been translating Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics and using it to crack codes and write their names.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have adorned their classroom with a few new educational decorations, including prefix and suffix clouds to help reinforce spelling rules and expand their vocabulary. Ms Croxall is extremely proud of how the Year 6 pupils have stepped up to their new roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm and determination. Have a fantastic half term break and rest up ready for your festive-filled return!





Science special: Year 6 pig's heart dissection

Matters of the heart

Year 6 observed Mr Fox dissect 3 pig hearts this week. The 'hands on' experience enabled the pupils to locate all of the exterior chambers and blood vessels, including the coronary artery and the build up of fat. The hearts were then methodically dissected to show the inside. With their hands, the pupils were able to track the route of blood, which enters the heart via the vena cava before travelling through the right atrium and ventricle.



The blood is then pumped out of the heart via the pulmonary artery, which is the only artery that pumps de-oxygenated blood, into the lungs. From the lungs, the blood (now rich with oxygen) flows back into the heart through the pulmonary vein and into the left atrium and ventricle. From there it is then pumped out of the aorta to the brain and body.



The pupils also located some of the valves and the heart strings within the heart. They observed the difference in muscle size between the left and right ventricles and the thickness in the aorta wall, which was much thicker than any other blood vessel.

The topic continues after half term, where we will look at keeping a healthy heart (and body and mind) by taking note of diet, hydration, physical activity and sleep patterns.





Autumn Beach Clean

Thank you all for your help!

More than 50 children and over 20 adults made for light work on the beach today!

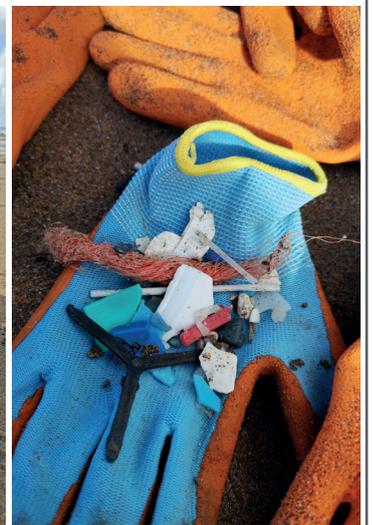
70 volunteers x 30 minutes of litter picking each = 2,100 minutes or 35 hours!

Crooklets Beach was relatively free from large debris, which is great news in itself, but it is our local beach and that gives us a responsibility to look after and monitor it nonetheless.

Sadly, our focus did shift onto micro-plastics and, although we didn't 'fill' bags, we still removed handfuls of the stuff, with more to be uncovered on the next tide.

- Can you continue the cleaning and pick up a few pieces over Half Term?
- How about trying to cut out some single use plastics?
- Reduce, reuse, recycle.

A special thank you to Rosie's Kitchen for supplying a warm and rewarding cup of hot chocolate at the end!





FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019

ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL FIELD,
OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

ADULT £3
CHILD £2

ALL WELCOME
BBQ & BAR

KID'S GAMES & SPARKLERS





FRIENDS OF ST. PETROC'S



SUPPORTING
CLIC SARGENT

YOUNG LIVES
vs CANCER
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FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2019

ST PETROC'S SCHOOL, 40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE

DOORS AT 7.30PM FOR 8PM START

TICKETS £5 PER PERSON ★ INCLUDES CHEESEBOARD AND SNACKS ★ PAYABLE ON THE NIGHT

MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM ★ CHARITY RAFFLE

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A TABLE

★ 01288 352876 ★