Spring Term 2021

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Welcome Back

Welcome to a new half term following the half term break. We are now eagerly counting down the days until we are able to welcome all of the children back into school. As you are aware, we will be expecting all children back in school on Monday 8th March and it is likely that the systems and procedures in place will be similar to those following the last lockdown, but we will provide further details next week to ensure that everyone is kept fully informed. Staff in school are working really hard to ensure that all the classrooms and resources are refreshed, organsied and ready to ensure that school is a welcoming learning environment for the children.

The most popular way of connecting with parents is through Facebook and Twitter. If you have not already, please like our <u>Facebook page</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

Maths Leader Boards – Last 7 Days

Rock Hero Status (you must play each week to remain on the leader board)	Most Active Classes	Mort Correct Answers
Kenny C Layton P Alfie B Kai C Johan P	1st – Holly 2nd – Rowan 3rd – Maple	408

Parent virtual coffee morning drop in sessions

We would like to invite you to a series of virtual coffee morning drop in sessions. The purpose of these is to come together as a community, support one another and learn about avenues of support available to pupils, parents and the wider community of Biscovey Academy. The sessions are open to all parents and will be delivered alongside a 'guest' speaker who will spend some time introducing themselves, the service they work within, give practical advice on how to support children at home, give guidance on how to access further support and signpost to additional services where appropriate.

The first session will be delivered alongside the speech and language therapist, Laura Newing, who works across many of the St Austell schools offering support and advice to schools and families on speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) of pupils.

Call: 01726 812949

Session 1: 10.30am – 11.30am_17th March 2021 Speech and language therapist Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click here to join the meeting

Home Learning

It may be a relief to many that we are nearing the end of home learning and the juggling act of home, work and learning. However, it is important that as children return to school that they continue to be supported regularly at home, particularly with fluency in maths and reading. This will help them to continue to make good progress in an unsettled year and develop their self-confidence. Here is a useful guide for reading at home using the TRUST approach. Reading can be a lovely shared experience with your child, spending time talking about what is being read as well as the reading itself.



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World Book Day

Next Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. We would like to celebrate this day with you all and provide a day of activities for you to participate in whether you are learning from home or in school. We have thought carefully about how we can adapt our teaching to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading to all of our children, wherever they are learning. During the course of next week and specifically on Thursday 4th March we would like all of our children to get involved as much as possible in reading. Head over to your child's Google Classroom for more details. There are prizes to be won, so please encourage your child to get involved.



Grief Encounter

Loss is something experienced by all families at some point and is never easy. In our current situation of national lockdown, the feelings of separation from family and friends can make dealing with difficult situations even harder.

Grief Encounter is an organisation which aims to give every child and young person access to the best possible support following the loss of someone close. They work closely with individuals, families, schools and professionals to offer a way through the anxiety, fear and isolation so often caused by grief. The services include:

- One-to-one counselling
- Group workshops
- Music, art and drama therapy
- Residentials Family Fun Days
- A National, free and confidential helpline called grieftalk offering web chat service to

They are a click or call away on the <u>grieftalk helpline</u>, where you will receive a warm and listening ear. You can also take a look at their <u>Grief Guides</u> to read more on how grief can be experienced at primary age and some guidance.

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Parent Consultations

We will be running our 'parent evenings' via telephone call this half term. They will be taking place during the week beginning 22^{nd} March. Appointments will be made via Arbor and you will be notified when these become available over the next few weeks. Please try to make an appointment when offered as this is a good opportunity for you to speak with your child's teacher about how your child is progressing and where they may need additional support. Children have spent a lot of time at home and it will be really helpful for teachers to hear from parents how children have been during this time.

Dates for your diary	
04.03.21	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character
05.03.21	St Piran's Day
17.03.21	Speech and Language parent drop in (virtual)
22.03.21-26.03.21	Virtual Parents evenings this week (appointments available nearer the time)
02.04.21	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
05.04 – 16.04.21	Easter Break
03.05.21	May Day Bank Holiday
07.05.09	NSPCC Number Day
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	Half Term
23.07.21	Last Day of Term

Take care of yourselves and stay safe everyone.

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