



# Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given the school during this very busy spring term. It was been humbling to receive so much positive feedback for all the rich learning experiences the children have experienced and how much progress we have made since September. Speaking to the children, the highlights have included Snuggledown, the Space Odyssey Dome, Sustrans – The Big Pedal, visits and trips, Samba, The Writer's Block and numerous visits to The Pen Queen to win a pen licence! All this doesn't happen without hard working, enthusiastic and determined staff constantly focusing on improving the outcomes for the children, so I'd like to thank them too.

Early next term Miss Berry will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of May. The school advertised the position throughout Cornwall and after a rigorous shortlisting and interview process I am delighted to announce that our own Miss Percy was selected for the position. Miss Percy brings a wealth of experience to the role from numerous EYFS settings over Cornwall and already knows our children very well. The school was also able to appoint Nikki Marsh, another experienced teacher, to cover Miss Percy's hours in Class 2 and Class 3. Miss Smith will take on the role of SENCO whilst Miss Berry is on leave.

Next term promises to be an exciting one with much to look forward to from our residential visits to London and Carn Yorth to our Penponds Family Festival being organised by the Parent Action Group. Updates, reminders and news continue to be posted regularly on Twitter and the school website; the details of which are listed on the letterhead.

I'd like to wish you all a happy Easter and look forward to opening the school for the summer term on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Adam Richards  
Headteacher



## New Sports Shed

On Wednesday Lee Pengelly spent all morning in the pouring rain constructing our new shed behind Tregonning class. £800 worth of materials were donated by Jewsons in Pool and Lee and his men gave their time for free. We are going to use the shed to store all of the school's sports equipment to enable the children to have easier access at break and lunchtimes. A huge THANK YOU to Jewsons in Pool and Lee for sorting the shed so quickly ready for the summer term.

## Zorbing club

On Thursdays we have been lucky enough to have Zorbing club in school. The PE teacher, Mr A, spends ages blowing up the huge Zorbs before we have to climb inside them. Then we play different games inside the Zorbs. For example, we play head to head combat where 3 players bash into each other and the last person standing is the winner. When a person gets knocked over they have to get out the Zorb and the next person gets in. One day we had to crawl through all the Zorbs in a line; this is really tricky as most of them are very tight.

## Dates for your diary:

18<sup>th</sup> Apr – start of summer term

## This week's awards:

### Top Table :

**Janise, Harvey, David, Jack G**

### Class Awards:

**Carn Brea:** Brodie, Harry M, Issie

**Godolphin:** Lily J, Harry P, Jayden

**Trencom:** Lily H, Noah, Ben

**Tregonning:** Tate, Sophie L

### Headteacher Awards:

Bonnie-May  
Alfie Goss-Wilby  
Eloise  
Freya B

### Attendance:

Carn Brea: 93.78%  
Godolphin: 92.59%  
Trencom: 96.89%  
Tregonning: 99.28%

### Attendance Trophy:

Tregonning

### Quote of the week:

The secret of getting ahead is getting started  
– Mark Twain

### Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

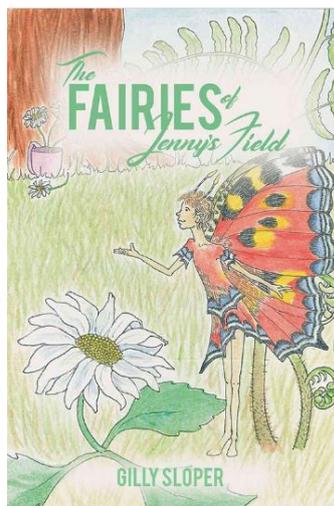
We are now collecting active sports vouchers from Sainsbury's to help us buy new sports and

After that we have to take the Zorbs back inside to deflate them. The club was really fun and exciting. **By Charlie S**



### Author visit – Gilly Sloper

This week we had a visit from a local author who has written a book called, “The Fairies of Jenny’s Field”. She works at Mullion primary school as a teaching assistant and wrote the book because one day children in her class asked if she believed in fairies and she said, ‘YES’! The conversation reminded her of something which happened when she was 8 years old and that’s how she got the inspiration for the story. She read us 2 chapters of the story and she taught us how to write about ourselves but from another person’s point of view. I would recommend the book to younger children because it would be interesting to them. I would give it 5 stars if I was in Godolphin class! **By Jacob Necke**



### Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Visit

We were lucky enough to receive a surprise visit from three professional musicians on Tuesday. They are part of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra who are on tour in the south-west and playing tonight at the Hall for Cornwall! First of all they showed us how to play music just with sticks and their music stands...it was great! After that they set up a huge marimba and played a brilliant set just for us! They got our Samba instruments out and gave us an instrument each. We showed them what we had learnt in our music lessons and then we all played together and swapped groups. It was a great experience to play with the musicians and you check out their performance at: <http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/music/276053> **by Sophie L**

### Samba Assembly



parents to watch. We played, ‘Samba Food’ in front of the parents – which was the best we had ever played it. **By Gina, Ruby and Alice.**

All term we have been learning to play Samba instruments with a teacher called Mr Barker. We had lots of fun: we learnt to play 5 different sambas! They were; Samba Batacarda, Samba Reagee, Samba Funk, Samba Big drum/Little drum and Samba Food. On Tuesday we had a performance in assembly straight after lunch for the whole school and some

cooking equipment for the children. Our collection box is situated just inside the sliding door of the foyer. Please send in the vouchers with the children. Many thanks for your support.

### School Text Messaging Service

We are now able to text message parents; we will start using this service in the coming weeks. Initially only urgent texts will be sent, e.g. if a football game is cancelled. For more details, please see: [http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/text\\_messaging\\_service](http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/text_messaging_service)

### Penponds Church

Penponds Church are planning a Saturday afternoon tea on April 22nd, as part of fundraising and to raise the profile of St George. There will be cakes, stalls and activities. Children are invited to submit drawings or posters of dragons!

### The ‘Extreme Reading Challenge’ is simple.

Make sure as parents you are reading with your child as much as possible during the week and sign their diaries. On a Friday any child who has read every day that week at home will have their name put into a draw for some, ‘Extreme Reading’ prizes. If possible, include a photo of them reading a book in an interesting location! Good-luck everyone!



### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Well done to all the children who took part in the Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday. There were some fantastic hats on show with all kinds of decorations, from lights to a real bird's nest! Eloise, Ava and Indie-Rae's bonnets really stood out and won the certificates.

### **FA Football coaching**

On Wednesday we had our last FA football coaching session with Linzi. The football team made the most of their expert tuition and concentrated on defending, passing and moving into space. Linzi has been great this term and the whole school wishes her well on the next stage of her career. Thank you to all the parents who have sorted out football boots and kit over the last term even when the pitch was a mudbath!





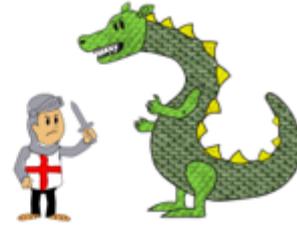
**Come along to The Elms  
on Saturday 15th April between 11am  
and 4pm where we will be hosting:**

- **Craft stalls**
- **Cakes and hot drinks**
- **A clothes swap-shop**
  - **Lucky-dip**
  - **and more ....**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**For more information contact Emily:  
email [edowns@cn4c.org.uk](mailto:edowns@cn4c.org.uk)  
text 07500 885325 or call 01209 310 610**

Penponds Parish Church presents:



# St George & the Dragon tea

A fun afternoon tea party, with cakes,  
stalls, tombola and competitions for  
the children



**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**3.00-5.30pm in church**



**All welcome!**

Tel. 01209 719197 for details

## SAINT GEORGE FANCY DRESS COMPETITION



*You are invited to a celebration of St George the patron saint of England at Holy Trinity Church Penponds*

*On Saturday 22nd April at 3pm-5:30pm*

*There will be refreshments stalls and dragon themed activities.*

*So come along and have fun with your family.*

*The first 20 entrants into the competition will receive a dragon(dinosaur-dragons are mythical creatures) egg to grow*

*The best costume will win a prize of two DVD's "dragon Riders of Berk" further adventures from the makers of How to train your Dragon.*

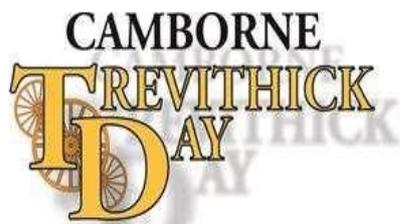
*Entry into the Competition costs £2.00 per person (no age limit) all proceeds to church funds*

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### COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

| NAME | ADDRESS | AMOUNT | PAID |
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*Please complete an entry form and either send to Sharon at 35 fore Street, Penponds or bring to church on the 22nd.*



# Yellow Yarn PowerFlower Challenge!



You are invited to knit or crochet a yellow yarn flower,  
put a pin on the back + add a 'goodwill message' tag.

Flowers will be displayed on 29<sup>th</sup> April during Camborne Trevithick Day, in  
the 'sTEAM PARTY cafe' then distributed amongst festival goers in the afternoon

You may use any pattern that you like

Finished flowers can be left at the XANADU collection point in Trelowarren St.



## CHILDREN'S COOKERY WORKSHOPS

For children aged 2 - 11 to...

- \* develop cooking skills - a life skill \*
- \* cook nutritious recipes from scratch \*
- \* learn, talk about & try new foods \*
- \* support & develop healthy eating \*
- \* build confidence/ self-esteem & it's great for less adventurous eaters too!\*

### WHAT PARENTS SAY:

*"Thanks for a great morning, the boys really enjoyed it. You're a great teacher..."*

*"Will definitely be making that one at home"*

*"The difference is amazing! He now tries all new things. I'm really happy!"*

*"Nutritional facts REALLY interesting..."*

*"Had a fab time & my usually timid & very picky girl got involved & tried new foods & made a really delicious lunch!"*



### **MUCH MORE THAN JUST COOKING!**

**TO BOOK or FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Call Lizzie on 07968 606 580

[lizzie@littlekitchenmagicians.com](mailto:lizzie@littlekitchenmagicians.com)

[www.littlekitchenmagicians.com](http://www.littlekitchenmagicians.com)





## CHILDREN'S FUN, EDUCATIONAL & HEALTHY COOKERY WORKSHOPS

Create delicious dishes from scratch to take home with a recipe card.  
We use local produce (where possible). Great recipes for the whole family!

Workshops for children aged 2+

Everything is provided.

**It's essential to pre-book!**

| <u>RECIPE</u>   | <u>DATE</u>                         | <u>LOCATION</u>          |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <p><b>* Fresh Fruit Mille Feuilles</b><br/><i>THEME: Easter</i><br/>Create your own flaky pastry mille feuilles with layers of fresh mixed fruit and creamy filling. This is a delicious alternative to those chocolate eggs.</p>   | Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup><br>April  | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Toad In The Hole with Onion Gravy</b><br/><i>THEME: St. George's Day</i><br/>Having fun celebrating St. George's Day. We will be sourcing local Cornish ingredients for this dish (i.e. sausages, vegetables, eggs, milk) – a delicious family favourite!</p>                                       | Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>April | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Tea Party</b><br/><i>THEME: Special Half-Term Holiday Workshop</i><br/>A scrumptious mixture of tea party treats – both savoury &amp; sweet!</p>  | Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup><br>May   | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Kedgeree</b><br/><i>THEME: Ocean Magic</i><br/>This is our take on kedgeree. It's a great introduction to the dish for children as it doesn't include the strong smoked fish flavour – instead it includes fresh succulent poached fish.</p>  | Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup><br>June  | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Summer Spaghetti</b><br/><i>THEME: Midsummer</i><br/>Summer makes us think of picnics and barbeques, and long sunny days! This recipe is perfect for either a barbeque or a picnic. Also, this is a perfect time to try a bit of pasta making too.</p>  | Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup><br>June  | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Cornish Splits</b><br/><i>THEME: Cornish Mining</i><br/>As we are cooking at Heartlands, a World Heritage Site, we could not miss a chance to remember our local history. A perfect way to recapture this is with the traditional recipe of the Cornish Split.</p>                                  | Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup><br>July  | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |
| <p><b>* Surprise Chocolate Cake</b><br/><i>THEME: Fun with Flavours</i><br/>Due to popular demand this is on the menu. It is a great opportunity to experiment with different flavours that compliment chocolate and find your favourite! Then, we will finish on an explosive high with an experiment.</p> | Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>July  | HEARTLANDS<br>(TR15 3QY) |

*If your child has a food allergy or is vegetarian, AND would like to cook with us, please contact us!*

*We always do our best to offer alternative ingredients, where possible*