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Hello everyone and welcome to this new school-year from your friendly English Leader! Things have changed a little with spelling this year and our amazing team have been working incredibly hard on introducing our new spelling curriculum; it aims to modify all of our mindsets to enable deep learning and mastery of spelling.

A lot of spellings in the English Language are certainly tricky! Our language contains well over a million words and has been affected by some 130,000 years of history, since early language began. As the National Curriculum reminds us, "Most people read words more accurately than they spell them". With this in mind, we are introducing what we believe is a more well-defined and systematic method for teaching spelling in our classrooms, which will hopefully provide our children with life-long strategies, building on their acquisition of phonics during their first years at St Hilary. Spelling needs to be taught logically to see the magic of words, the patterns and how words can help transform their quality of writing.

The underlying structure of the approach is based on three zones of spelling, explored through patterns, remembering and the recall of spellings.

Revised organisation of our spelling curriculum

During **week one**, each class will work on a spelling investigation and ways of writing the focus phonic sounds using a letter/letters known as graphemes. The nature of this is a 'slow' look at patterns and working to prove or disprove a hypothesis.

During **week two**, the same amount of time is split into daily slots to take a quicker look at spellings involving analysis of common errors, why these errors occur and what to do to ensure that the correct spelling embeds in their long-term memory – this approach will ensure all pupils from Year 2 (after half-term) to Year 6 will have a systematic approach to spellings (Reception and Year 1 children will continue to have daily phonics as before and older children will continue with small-group intervention work in phonics as required).

Because this new approach to the teaching of spelling takes place in our classrooms, there will **not be** weekly spelling homework and the children **will not** be tested weekly on a set of spellings. Each child however, will have a 'Focus 5' list of spellings, which are individual to them and obtained from their own independent classwork. They will work in teams on these words, and the words will be changed as the children acquire them, once they show that the words have been used accurately in their independent writing.

This doesn't mean that you suddenly need to stop working with your child(ren) at home! Please continue reading with them for 10 minutes or so per day, use Spelling Shed (they will hopefully be able to make their own lists of their 'Focus 5' words) and talk about the spellings of words that you come across.

If you have any questions relating to our new spelling approach (or anything else English-related), please let me know and I will do my best to answer any of your queries.

Miss Jelbert - English Lead

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CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 17th SEPTEMBER 2021

The Whole Class **Perran**

Prussia Cove The Whole Class

Porthcurno The Whole Class

The Whole Class **Kynance Cove**

Gwithian Ben M & Amy B

Sennen Stanley M & Stella R

Gwenver **Jamie B**

Harvey W & Pixie F Lamorna

A huge well done to all winners.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Porthcurno class with 99.35% Well done all.



Our whole school percentage attendance this week is: 96.18%

TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021 6th September - 17th December 2021

Staff Training Day (Children do not attend) Staff Training Day (Children do not attend) Monday 6th September 2021 Tuesday 7th September 2021 - Wednesday 8th September 2021 -

Children return to school

25th - 29th October 2021 HALF TERM 17th December 2021 **END OF TERM**

SPRING TERM 2022 4th January - 8th April 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5th January 2022 Children return to school

21st - 25th February 2022 HALF TERM Friday 8th April 2022 **END OF TERM**

SUMMER TERM 2022 25th April - 26 July 2022

Monday 25th April 2022 Children return to school Monday 2nd May 2022 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

30th May - 3rd June 2022 HALF TERM

Additional day to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Monday 6th June 2022

Tuesday 7th June 2022 Children return to school. END OF TERM FOR CHILDREN Friday 22nd July 2022

Monday 25th July 2022 Tuesday 26th July 2022 Staff Training Day Staff Training Day

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE TO TRAINING DAYS FOR THE SUMMER TERM ONLY. THIS ALLOWS US TO EXPLORE SHARED TRAINING DAYS WITH OTHER MEMBERS IN THE MAT.







FABULOUS FULL-MARKERS

Kynance Cove Porthcurno <u>Gwenver</u> Bruno Thomas M Grace Olivia B Flynn Marley Arthur Azalia Harry Bryher Joe Pippa Wilf Lily-Rose Jamie Clea Jowan Ella

SennenPaigeThomasReuben

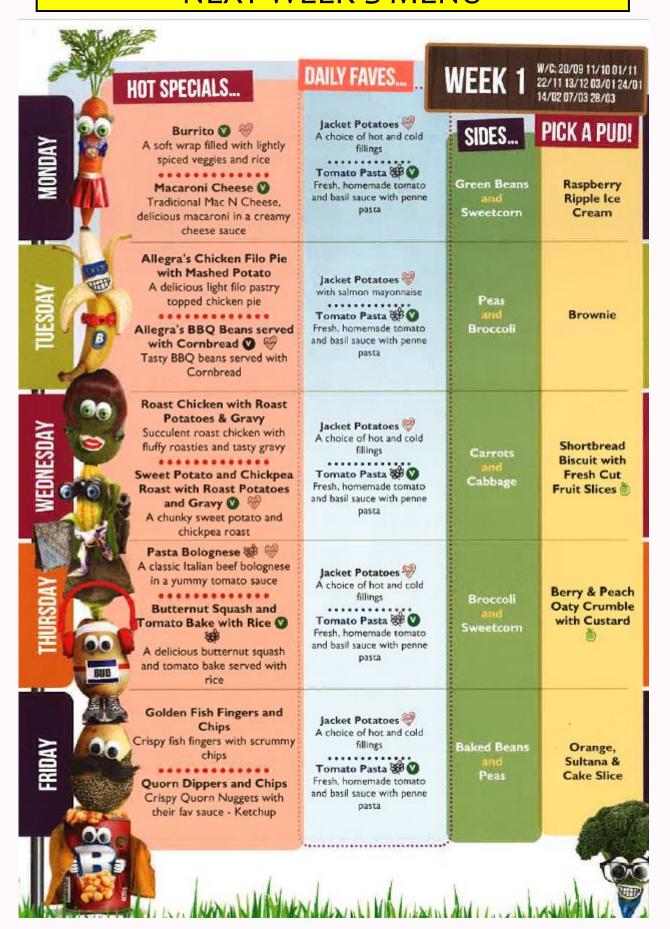
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NEXT WEEK'S MENU



BREAKFAST CLUB & FUN ZONE



We are really pleased that parents are using our breakfast and after school club facilities and hope this provides a useful service for you.

However, can I please remind all parents to ensure they book children onto the system in advance for using wrap around care using the School Gateway app. (Pay on the parent pay app as usual.) This will ensure we provide enough staff, food as well as follow appropriate safeguarding procedures. If you need to make cancellations, please ring the school office on 01736.763324.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Kind regards,
Mr Larter
Deputy Head

New Parents - make sure you check out our facebook page!

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