



# St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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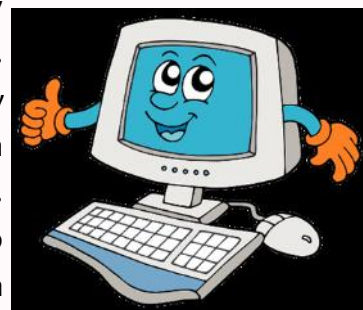
## COMPUTING AT ST HILARY SCHOOL

At the start of last year, the school decided to use a home/school learning platform called Seesaw. You may have heard of it! 🤔

As with the start of any school year, targets are set and one of my targets for last year was to implement the use of Seesaw across the school as a school-learning platform for homework. When we heard about possible lock down, Seesaw was quickly brought to the top of our agenda and in the following staff meeting we all learnt how to use it. In the last couple of weeks in school, staff introduced it to the children, and the rest is history. Although there are always glitches to technology, it enabled us to do our best in the circumstances.

I think I can say that my target was well and truly achieved, by all of the staff, parents and children. As the computing lead, I would like to say thank you to our teaching team, including teaching assistants, who are so proactive and enabled this online learning to help support our children over this once in a lifetime event, (fingers crossed), and to the parents who embraced the challenge using a range of computing skills too.

I believe Seesaw was successful due to our whole St Hilary team, not only working on line but benefiting from setting some more traditional tasks. Sitting in front of a screen isn't good for any of us, so setting up a variety of tasks that enabled children to work away from the screen and then uploading them onto Seesaw gave a variety of learning opportunities. Giving children feedback was a real motivator and this helped to keep children on task. Opportunities to share work also improved motivation and enabled them to comment positively on the work of others.



As a school we are continuing to use Seesaw, as we originally intended, for homework and for any other home school links with children and parents. We also intend to use it within the classroom, as and when new equipment is purchased.

When using Seesaw, it is reassuring to know that children are learning in a safe environment and that work and comments can only be posted, if approved by a teacher. It gives the children an added opportunity to learn how to post positive comments, giving them the skills ready for chatting on social media in the future. However, when using the internet, social media or online games, children need to understand how to keep safe. We encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. Just like the real world there are risks that children should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As part of our curriculum, e-safety is taught as part of every computing unit of work.

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Our school website gives some support to parents about e-safety and the children are taught the SMART safety advice as seen on page 10 and 11 in their planners.

The units of work for each year group, link to the main headings of programming, handling data, multimedia and technology in our lives. Where possible we link our termly topic to these areas, and e-safety is embedded in this learning.

As St Hilary builds on what we have learned from remote learning and continues to keep up-to-date with changes within the computing curriculum, we also benefit from working closely with the leaders of Computing at Mounts Bay Academy and other schools within our MAT to give our children the best quality-computing curriculum.

Thank you all for embracing on-line homework and moving forward with our children's learning.

Nicky Davies (Computing Lead)

### WALKING TO SCHOOL

I am so pleased to see so many of you walking to and from school – it is a great example of healthy lifestyles in action! The number of walkers in the last term just seems to have gone up and up. Well Done. However, with this rise in numbers comes the need to refocus our efforts on the vital issue of road-safety.

This is particularly important as in the last week, I have received emails informing me of less than sensible behaviour from St Hilary children walking up from Goldsithney. Over the course of the next week, we will be discussing this in assemblies and in class, but I felt that mentioning it to parents and carers was also vital. So, if your child is walking independently to and from school, please can you reinforce the importance of good road sense and the dangers associated with playing in and around the road.

I am sure that a two-pronged approach from school and home will ensure that we can continue having so many children making the choice to walk independently, while keeping everyone safe from harm!

Thank you for your support with this.

Rob Hamshar



### GOLDSITHNEY CHRISTMAS FLAG COMPETITION

I am pleased to announce that after very careful consideration from a group of teachers the winner of the Goldsithney Christmas Flag competition is (insert your own drum roll here ... and then a long, X-factor-style pause ...)

**Poppy Mann**

(now insert your own wild, rapturous applause!)

Her design was bright, clear and full of the festive fun, that we are all hoping for after the year that we have had. I look forward to seeing her flag, pride of place, flying in the village!

Can I also say a big well done and thank you, to everyone who entered; your efforts and talents are truly appreciated – it was such a tough decision to choose just one winner!



Well done Poppy and all of our entrants!



## A FEW FESTIVE BITS!



- \* Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December National Christmas jumper day – feel free to leave the school jumpers and cardigans at home and replace them with your favourite festive jumpers/tops!
- \* And let's make it two Friday in a row – Christmas Jumpers again on the last day of term.
- \* Don't forget to check out the St Hilary Advent calendar of Christmas stories, teachers from around the school are reading a selection of their favourite Christmas stories for the children to enjoy! You can access these via your child's Seesaw account and through the St Hilary PTA facebook page!

### Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a school community we have!

The library developments continue. Thanks to ...

Louize Morton, a parent at the school, who has successfully accessed a police grant (£750) to assist the continued development of our school library.

Tamsyn Stevens, a parent on an amazing book drive for the school, who has sourced an additional bookshelf for the library.

Jean and Andy Heywood, grandparents at the school, who have generously donated two substantial bookshelves to the school library!



It is great to have the capacity available to put the multitude of books donated to the school over the last year on display, ready for the children to benefit from and enjoy!

In addition to this, a big well done to our Charlotte Fraser, our Business Manager, who has successfully accessed a grant from WPA Benevolent Fund to help fund school development that will encourage children's physical activity. This £1500 will be used adding to the playground line-markings on the top playground! Fingers crossed the weather will allow this work to take place as soon as possible!

### CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 27TH NOVEMBER 2020

Perran	-	Oliver M, Ethan H, Hudson T, Noah S-S & George H
Prussia Cove	-	Skye H & Ida C
Porthcurno	-	Jowan H & Liberty H
Sennen	-	Gracie R & George S
Kynance Cove	-	Loveday M & Missy M
Gwithian	-	Joshua T & Mazey H
Gwenver	-	Ruby M & Rosie K

### Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot-spot goes to **LAMORNA** class with 100%. Well done all.



### CHILDREN GIVING OUT XMAS CARDS

This year, we are asking that children limit handing out Christmas Cards to children in their own class only to stop cross contamination.



Thank you.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As well as informing you which class has the highest attendance each week, we felt it would be nice to give you the whole school attendance, and this week it is:

**97.07%**



## FABULOUS FULL-MARKERS

### Sennen

Ben F  
Stella R  
Stanley M

### Porthcurno

Isla A-S  
Neve B  
Arthur E  
Jowan H  
Florence H  
Oliver N  
Willow R

### Gwithian

Tom M  
Isabel R  
Levi S  
Marley M  
Poppy M  
William J  
Dexter D  
Jonathan A

### Gwenver

Taher A  
Joss F  
Zela I  
Jacob S  
Tiana W  
Woody S

### Lamorna

Jolie G  
Jack L  
Daisy R  
Malia W  
Elisha E

### Kynance Cove

Moritz  
Isla x2  
Evie x2  
Archie x2  
Ben  
Cohen  
Missy  
Sharla

## English

## Spelling Shed

### Speller of the Week:

Corey S (Gwithian)

### Class of the Week:

Porthcurno



## MATHS

## Maths Shed

### Mathstronaut of the Week:

Flynn T (Porthcurno)

### Class of the Week:

Porthcurno



### TTrockstars Class Champions:

Yr 2 – Shiloh T  
Yr 3 – Amelia E  
Yr 4 – Harry B  
Yr 5 – Phoebe S  
Yr 6 – Savannah G-W

### Average coins per person in class:

1<sup>st</sup> – Gwenver (6,405)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Porthcurno (2,143)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Lamorna (2,060)

Well done to everyone for their efforts this week... not long to go until Christmas so keep going!



# NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU

WEEK 3 W/C: 16/11/27/12 11/01 01/02 01/03 22/03				
	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	SIDES...	PICK A PUD!
MONDAY	<b>Chinese Veggie Noodles</b> ✓ Egg noodles with stir-fried vegetables ..... <b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls</b> ✓ Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice	<b>Jacket Potato</b> ✓ with a choice of fillings ..... <b>Tomato Pasta</b> ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Sweetcorn and Broccoli</b>	<b>Raspberry Yoghurt Cake</b>
TUESDAY	<b>Sausage and Mash with Gravy</b> Traditional pork sausage and mash with rich gravy ..... <b>Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy</b> ✓ Fluffy mash with veggie sausages and rich gravy	<b>Jacket Potato</b> ✓ with a choice of fillings ..... <b>Tomato Pasta</b> ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Peas and Carrots</b>	<b>Peach Shortbread Pudding with Custard</b> 🍑
WEDNESDAY	<b>Prime Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy</b> Prime roast beef with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy ..... <b>Quorn Roast</b> ✓ Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy	<b>Jacket Potato</b> ✓ with a choice of fillings ..... <b>Tomato Pasta</b> ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Carrots and Green Beans</b>	<b>Flapjack with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices</b> 🍌
THURSDAY	<b>Pasta Bolognese</b> 🍷 A classic Italian beef bolognese in a yummy tomato and beef sauce ..... <b>Mild Chickpea &amp; Potato Curry with Rice</b> ✓ A tasty chickpea and potato masala	<b>Jacket Potato</b> ✓ with a choice of fillings ..... <b>Tomato Pasta</b> ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Sweetcorn and Broccoli</b>	<b>Chocolate Apricot Brownie</b>
FRIDAY	<b>Golden Fish Fingers and Chips</b> A delicious homemade beany burger and scrummy chips ..... <b>Beany Burger with Chips</b> ✓ A delicious homemade beany burger and scrummy chips	<b>Jacket Potato</b> ✓ with a choice of fillings ..... <b>Tomato Pasta</b> ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Baked Beans and Peas</b>	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>

Unfortunately, at the moment, the children are unable to have a hot pudding.

