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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another academic year at St. Mary's. What a week it has already been!

We have heard so many wonderful stories from the children about their Summer breaks and have been blessed with some beautiful, if not a little warm, weather for our first week.

We have some exciting things planned over the coming weeks with our Hope Class heading to Chysauster and Friendship Class taking an inspirational trip to Truro Cathedral among many others.

Sunrise Class have begun to settle into their new class and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us at St. Mary's.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our diary dates for this year for our upcoming events.

Wishing you a lovely year!

You're never too young to make a difference,
1 Timothy 4:12

Forest School Adventurers

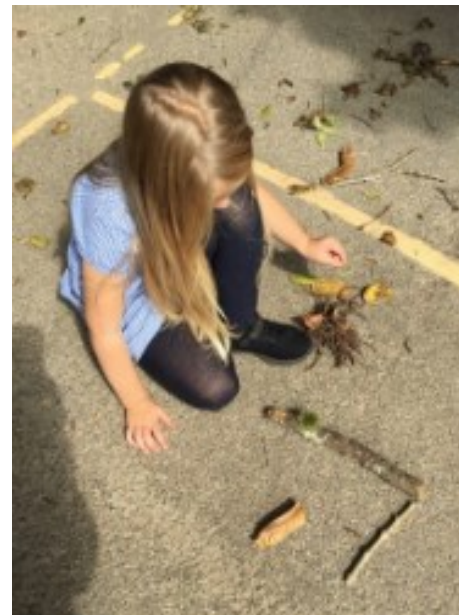
It was lovely to see all the Forest school adventurers having fun during the first few days of the new term. Our nurture group helps to boost the children's confidence and the activities are child led. The children enjoyed all their favourite activities together: playing team games (where we learn it is ok if we are tagged), fire lighting (where we show perseverance and listen to instructions), swinging on the rope swing (pure joy), building dens (working together as a team.) Well done everyone, what a wonderful first week back!



Thinking About Autumn

Today Joy Class played a game to decide which items were suited to each season. The children gave reasons for their choices of each season. They identified that we are currently at the end of Summer and entering Autumn due to the leaves turning yellow. The children discussed how the hours of daylight are longer in the Summer and shorter in the Winter. They knew it got darker earlier in the Winter, and talked about Christmas lights.

Joy Class also had time to explore the school grounds and look for signs of Autumn. The children enjoyed creating pictures with the crunchy leaves and sticks.



Settling Into Trust Class

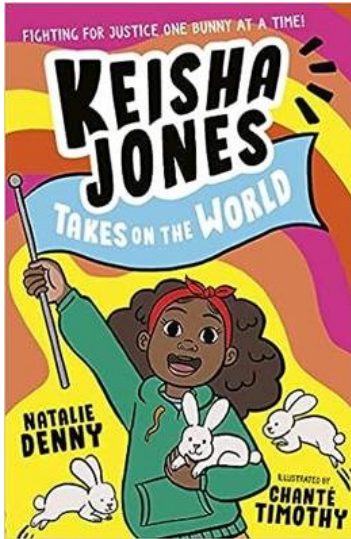
Trust Class have had a wonderful time settling into their new learning environment this week. They have been on a poetry hunt, performed poetry and have even begun learning about the history of communication! Well done, Trust Class for a fantastic first week!



Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 13th September 2023 | Year 3 Trip to Chysauster |
| Wednesday 13th September 2023 | Year 4 Cathedral Trip |
| Wednesday 13th September 2023 | Roald Dahl Day |
| Tuesday 19th September 2023 | Year 3 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum |
| Tuesday 19th September 2023 | Year 4 & Year 5 Truro Library Trip |
| Wednesday 20th September 2023 | Year 5 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum |
| Thursday 21st September 2023 | Year 6 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum |
| Tuesday 3rd October 2023 | Harvest Festival - Kenwyn Church |
| Monday 9th October 2023 | Parents Evenings |
| Monday 9th to 20th October 2023 | Year 5 Swimming |
| Monday 23rd October 2023 | Half Term |
| Monday 30th October 2023 | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 31st October 2023 | School Opens |
| Tuesday 31st October to 10th November | Year 4 Swimming |
| Tuesday 7th November 2023 | Hatchbox School Photographs - Individuals |
| Monday 13th to Friday 24th November | Year 3 Swimming |
| Tuesday 5th December 2023 | Nativity Play |
| Wednesday 6th December 2023 | Nativity Play |
| Monday 11th December 2023 | Christmas Service - Kenwyn Church |
| Tuesday 12th December 2023 | Whole School Trip to HFC's Christmas Show |
| Thursday 14th December 2023 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023 | Christmas Break! Happy Christmas! |
| Thursday 4th January 2024 | School Opens - Happy New Year! |
| Monday 12th February 2024 | Half Term |
| Monday 19th February 2024 | School Opens |
| Tuesday 26th March 2024 | Easter Service - Kenwyn Church |

Recommended Read



Keisha Jones Takes on the World

Author: Natalie Denny

Illustrator: Chante Timothy

Keisha Jones is brimming with energy and ideas. When her grandfather tells her about his sister, Great Aunt Bee, who was a lawyer and an activist, Keisha is inspired to follow in her footsteps. She ropes in her friends KD and Paisley to form the Bee Squad, who will fight any injustice they find. They even have a secret handshake. But what cause will they take up? Well, when Keisha discovers that the female rabbits in the pet shop are being sold for less than the male ones, she's outraged. Justice for the bunnies! Only, it turns out that her actions have consequences, and maybe mixing up the rabbits wasn't the best ideak Can the Bee Squad sort out the mess and fight for what's right?

This is the first book in a funny new series and young readers will be keen to read more about the irrepressible Keisha. The themes of activism, and making things right (after your own actions too!) are handled lightly, and there's humour throughout. The lively dialogue brings the characters to life brilliantly, as do Chante Timothy's fantastic illustrations, which feature on almost every page. The font uses infant 'a's to make it very accessible.

Interest Age: 6-8 Reading Age: 6+

Sporting Hoodies

We wanted to remind parents and carers that we have now introduced a sporting hoody to be worn during sport sessions. These will form part of the St. Mary's School PE Kit and are only to be worn at sporting events or during PE days. These hoodies can be purchased from Keywear in time for September.