



# Cusgarne School Bulletin

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Dear Families,

We seem to have reached the half term break in the blink of an eye. It's been a fun filled half term with lots of exciting lessons and activities taking place in each of the classrooms, maintaining the vibrance, energy and engagement with learning, that we are proud of at Cusgarne.

This is always a good time to reflect on some of the achievements of our classes and pupils. Last week, 27 of our wonderful year 4, 5 & 6 children ran in the Richard Lander School Cluster Cross Country event, competing alongside over 300 children from surrounding primary schools. They ran with outstanding endeavour, resilience, and gave each other such fantastic support and encouragement. Congratulations to all who took part.



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Kingfisher class have been loving their weekly swimming lessons at Carn Brea Leisure Centre this term, and the children are developing their stroke and stamina brilliantly. Some of the Kingfisher children competed in a swimming gala held at Truro School's swimming pool, an event coordinated by Richard Lander School. They overcame their nerves and delivered 100% effort. We couldn't have been prouder, and I know the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Robin Class have been making the most of our outdoor Forest School this term and haven't let the wintery weather stop them from getting out and embracing their outdoor learning. They've demonstrated resilience, teamwork, joined up thinking and creativity. Some of the activities they have enjoyed are printing with leaves, shelter building and celebrating the Chinese New Year with their own creations, including our newest creation to the Forest School area – a giant rabbit made of pallets! Thank you to Mrs Denton for all her hard work.

Starling Class have enjoyed some fun themed 'hook' days linked to their learning topics, including Dragons Den and Hotel guest days. It was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm, along with their outfits, and to hear them talk about all the fun things they'd done, which incorporated cross curricular topics.

Year 6 children have been attending some revision classes to help them prepare for SATS, and these sessions will continue after the half term break. Thank you to Miss Medcalf for organising these sessions for our children.

Some dates for your diaries - the Cornwall Music Festival is coming up soon on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon, and our classes have been busy learning the spoken-word pieces they'll be performing. This is always a brilliant occasion, enjoyed by all, and parents are welcome to attend this. The event is held at The Wesley Hall in Truro, further details will follow nearer the time. We will have an end of term music assembly at which all children will be performing, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Other things to look forward to (details to be issued in time) – a Cornwall Wildlife Trust visit for Starling and Robin Classes, and Year 6's have a careers event coming up. A little further away, we have managed to secure tickets to take all children to Paignton Zoo at the end of June to mark the centenary of the zoo. Friends will be fundraising beforehand to help with the cost of transport for this trip, for which I am so grateful.



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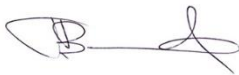
A few formalities before we break for the half term - please can you all ensure that children are in school on time, ready to line up and welcomed into school for 8.30am. The playground gates are open from 8.20am. Can I also remind you that children are not to be left unaccompanied in the playground, please ensure that their class teacher, or another staff member has come out to greet them before you leave.

Secondly, a reminder that all children should be in school in the correct uniform, and for anyone who may need it, the link to what is required in school can be found by clicking on the link [here](#). The Friends of Cusgarne have second hand school uniform items available, please speak with them or the school office if you wish to purchase any items. You should also have all received an email yesterday, inviting you to take part in a school uniform survey, and this survey is open for parents to complete until 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The link to the survey was also posted across our social media pages.

Don't forget the Friends have a Valentine's cake stall this afternoon, all money raised goes to support our school, so please remember to bring your purses and wallets at 3pm today! Also please remember that tomorrow (Friday 10<sup>th</sup>) is an inset day.

I hope you all have a terrific half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. A reminder to sign up for parents' evenings (letter sent out on Tuesday) - although clubs and wrap around care will continue as normal that week, there will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February due to teachers' holding the parent evening appointments.

Best Wishes,



Mr Barnard  
Head of School

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**Dates for your diary:**

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – INSET DAY
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – RECEPTION HEARING SCREENING



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- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS. Please note that there will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – WORLD BOOK DAY
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – CORNWALL WILDLIFE TRUST WORKSHOP STARLING & ROBIN CLASSES
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – CORNWALL MUSIC FESTIVAL
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – RED NOSE DAY
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – STARLING CLASS FARM & COUNTRY DAY (ROYAL CORNWALL SHOWGROUND)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – KINGFISHER'S LAST SWIMMING SESSION
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM & MUSIC ASSEMBLY
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April – YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

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"Plymouth Argyle are running their Football Roadshows at venues across West Cornwall this Half Term. The days are full of enjoyment and football fun for children of all abilities from 4 to 15 years old. Plus, we are also running a Girls Only day at Falmouth Sports Hub on the 14th!

The roadshows start at 9:30am and runs until 3:30pm, all for just £20!  
For more information, see the poster or contact [gary.stevens@pafc.co.uk](mailto:gary.stevens@pafc.co.uk)"

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**HALF TERM**  
**CRICKET  
CAMPS**

**CRICKET CENTRE | TRURO**

**SOFTBALL**  
13TH-14TH FEB | 10-3PM  
£15 PER DAY | YEARS 1-5  
To book your place - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/7lq20d>

**HARDBALL**  
15TH-16TH FEB | 10-3PM  
£20 PER DAY | YEARS 4-8  
To book your place - <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/jlq204>

**BRING PACKED LUNCH & SNACKS**

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