



## Spring Term Newsletter No.7 (28.2.20)

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It was great to see staff and children happy to be back after a week's rest and recharging. Welcome to Mrs Kerswell who has now joined us as one of our Holly Class teachers. Mrs Kerswell teaches Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Kennedy teaches Thursday and Friday. Welcome also to the new children and their families who joined us this week also.

Congratulations to Sarah Broom who qualified as a Level 4 Higher Level Teaching Assistant this week. Mrs Broom is an excellent role model for us all as she has been studying for this in her own time. We are very lucky to have her specialist skills in school, which especially benefit the older children with her work as part of the Y6 team.

We are continuing to improve our school curriculum as the year progresses. On Tuesday myself and other colleagues from Torbay visited an inspirational school in London (Burnt Ash Primary) to look at their curriculum. We've all come back motivated and excited with ideas so see if they can fit in our schools. On our *Curriculum in Action* page we have started a new blog this week called the *Memory Blog*. Miss Wooldridge has kicked us off with a list of 11 tips to boost memory. Follow [the link](#) to read more as they are great tips for adults and children.

Check out our [Mental Health and Well-being](#) page to find out how some of our children have been using yoga to be kind to their mind and body.

### **Attention Seeking Behaviour**

Have a look in our [Supporting Families Page](#) under *Well-being in Action* to read an excellent article written by Mrs Essam, our specialist Nurture Teacher. Attention seeking is about attention needing and connection needing. Read more for a fascinating insight and excellent useful tips for staff and parents.

### **Creative Evening at South Devon UTC—4.3.20**

South Devon College is hosting a creative evening for parents and their children on 4th March. If you are interested, there is a poster with [more information](#) on our parent partnership page and you need to book tickets by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-devon-utc-creative-evening-tickets-94843751213>

### **Parking in St Margaret's Close**

Polite reminder: St Margaret's is a private road and parking is not allowed. I'm aware that residents in the close are sometimes blocked in which is a particular issue as some work shift patterns. I'm also receiving reports of conflict which is distressing for adults and children. On behalf of the school, we would be very grateful if adults can consider others please. Many thank for your support.

### **Volunteer Enforcement Officer Needed—**

Due to the continual traffic dangers at the start and end of the school day, our local MP Kevin Foster has spoken to the Parking Operations Manager with responsibility for enforcement. I am pleased to say we can appoint our own volunteer enforcement officer who can issue parking penalty charge notices. The Council will provide the necessary training, as this has to be in line with the Traffic Management Act 2004. If you are able to volunteer your time at the beginning and the end of the school day to support us in this capacity, please can you inform the office, so that we can arrange for the necessary training.

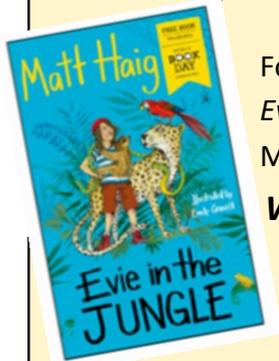
### **Update on Coronavirus—follow [this link](#) for the most recent guidance to schools**

The following website is also updated regularly and provides links to other areas such as travel advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### **How to help Prevent the Spread of Infection**

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands: before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, including snacks and before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell

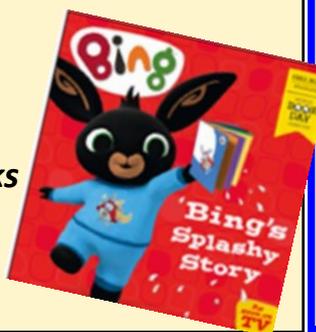
## Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



For our older readers:  
*Evie in the Jungle* by  
 Matt Haig

### World Book Day Voucher Books

For our younger readers:  
*Bing's Splashy Story*



## Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to  
**Oak Class** for  
 winning the School  
 Attendance Award with 98.7%  
 attendance. School target: 96%  
 The whole school achieved  
**96.2% last week**



## Stars of the Week

Ash	Saskia - for being so enthusiastic about her learning and being a real 'try-a-tops' with her name writing this week! Well done Saskia! Jack - for sharing his super knowledge about dinosaurs and volcanoes! We were all very impressed and learnt lots of new things from you Jack!
Elm	Mariella - For always showing such wonderful respect and kindness to your friends and teachers. We are very lucky to have you in our school. Ellie-Maii - For being such a Try-a-tops in your phonics lessons. You have become confident to show your learning and read aloud to your partner. We are very proud of you
Beech	Luke for settling in so well to Beech Class. In your first week alone you have shown all of our core values - well done!
Pine	Seren for her hard work, perseverance and super concentration in all activities. Well done Seren we are extremely impressed with your amazing attitude to learning.
Oak	Kyan- for his amazing aspiration with his home learning and for also making a conscious effort to ensure he is always listening in lessons. Well done Kyan!
Apple	Miley - for always giving 100% no matter what she is doing. She joins in during whole class discussions and tries hard to work through independent tasks - well done!
Birch	Charlie H - For always being a fantastic role model to your friends and demonstrating our core values kindness and respect. Thank you!
Rowan	Chloe for showing diligence and perseverance in her work
Cherry	Freya - for showing a super level of knowledge in foundation subjects, and a particular interest in our Tudor History topic this week.
Maple	Skye - I have noticed a huge difference in Skye's enthusiasm towards all areas of our learning this week. It has been great to see her participating in lessons more and I have been extremely impressed with her attitude to learning. Keep it up, Skye!
Willow	Felix has worked incredibly hard on the way that he has approached school in general and his classroom learning. Keep it up Felix.
Holly	Adrienne - for becoming increasingly aspirational. She has worked hard to improve her focus and pace of work as well as contributing more ideas during lessons. Well done, Adie.
Hazel	Holly - for taking every opportunity to improve in all areas of the curriculum. You've really increased your participation and listen brilliantly to advice, which is helping you make fantastic progress. Well done Holly!
Hawthorn	Laila- for consistently being a wonderful role model within our class. Her attitude to work is exemplary, and she always strives to improve. She has produced some incredible writing this week, and supported other children brilliantly.

## Diary Dates

Saturday 29.2.20	Bullies Out are in Paignton Library from 10am to 2pm if you are interested in any further support
Wk beg 2.3.20	Year 6 Residential / Activity Week
Wed 4.3.20—Mon 9.3.20	Book fair in the library after school
Thur 5.3.20	World Book Day— PJ Day! & bring a potato dressed-up as your favourite character. See the Reading Blog to <a href="#">find out more</a> .
Wk beg 9.3.20	Parents evenings this week for Y1 to Y6 (excluding Y5 Holly which will take place after Easter) Science and Engineering Week—lots of whizzing and popping coming up
Wed 11.3.10	Science homework fair supported by our friends from Dunboyne Court. <a href="#">Click this link for more info</a> .

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RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION