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Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely that we end the half term with sunshine, but without the expected snow. It has felt like a busy week at school. Understandably, pupils are tiring and I have no doubt that the half-term will come as a welcome break despite the reality that we can't do very much with it. This half term has been very hard, but it is getting better, and there is an end in sight. It is important that we remind ourselves, and remind our children, that these are extraordinary circumstances and that it would be strange were they not to find this difficult. Online learning IS NOT great, regardless of how well it is done. Being isolated from our friends IS rubbish. Not being able to participate in sports and clubs IS frustrating. We need to remind ourselves and our children that this is not how any of us want this to be - and we will all be affected in different ways. We can and should look for the silver linings and we should embrace the positives, but let's not pretend that this is anything other than really hard. We need to be gentle with ourselves and with our children. Thank you for all you are doing; we appreciate your efforts and your positive energy.

Going forward

On the 22nd of February the Department of Education will let us know when and how schools will re-open and then we will have two weeks to organise ourselves. We will of course keep you informed on our plans for Cardinham School. Please can you help us by completing the home-learning survey? This will really help us when we are planning the way forward. Thank you!

Have a great half term everyone, take care and stay safe!

Best wishes,

Mrs Ingrid Bennett

Executive Headteacher

Pupil Weekly Awards

- **Maths Award:** Will (Hedgehog) Jago B (Squirrel) Millie (Fox)
- **Reading Award:** Paige (Hedgehog) Phoebe (Squirrel) Bonnie (Fox)
- **English Award:** Erin (Hedgehog) Ellouise (Squirrel) Sam T (Fox)
- **Star Pupil Award:** Iris (Hedgehog) Lily-Anne (Squirrel) Emily B (Fox)



Over half term, Year 2 to Year 6 have been entered into a Times Tables Rock Stars competition against fellow primary schools in the academy.

Bug Club Rewards

Children have been working hard all half term to earn raffle tickets by completing reading quizzes on Bug Club. Today, two names from each class were drawn at random & a book was the prize. Below are the winners.

- Hedgehog Class:
 - Jennifer D chose "Sixes and Sevens" Harry B chose "Henry and the Yeti".
- Squirrel Class:
 - Jago B chose "Triassic Terrors". William B will choose his book after half term.
- Fox Class:
 - Lenny R will choose his book after half term. Matilda B chose "Julius Zebra".

Well done to everybody who earned a raffle ticket; the reward scheme will be back again next half term.



For all those who have ever wishes they could juggle...

There is a 5-minute video teaching people how to juggle. It's really basic and ideal for children to follow. We were shown it today and thought it would be nice to encourage children to use at home and set themselves a half term active challenge. See the link for more information <https://youtu.be/3Ea9vjMsUS8>.

Birthday Club

Grown Ups of children in Reception and Year 1 can sign their kids up to join a monthly Birthday Party - at a distance. **Our first Birthday Bubble Club Party in January was a great success! We had several children and their siblings join in some party fun from the comfort of their own homes.** We can do this in February for any children in Hedgehogs celebrating their birthday this month. So if your child has a birthday coming soon, sign up below! I will send an email inviting them and the other Reception and Year 1 children already in Birthday Bubble Club to enjoy some birthday fun at home on the last Friday of the month.

<https://mailchi.mp/d2856e9d9357/woodside-birthday-bubble-sign-up>

Jen Cooper (Iris' Mum)

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A message from Dandelion Learning: In the current climate we understand how difficult it is for parents to navigate the demands of home schooling. We want to do everything we can to help schools to support parents and children at this challenging time. The importance of subject knowledge is key in ensuring that grammar learning at home is successful. With this in mind, we are running fully funded online sessions specifically for parents focusing on basic grammatical terminology. Click the link below to find out more information.

Free Online Training! Helping Parents with Home Learning: Getting to Grips with Grammar.

In this session for parents we will explore:

- Grammatical terminology. Consolidate your understanding of word classes including nouns, verbs, adjectives, determiners, conjunctions, pronouns and adverbs.
- Ways to support your child at home with their understanding of grammar.

This 45 minute session is free to all parents who have children at primary school.

Early Help Newsletter | Spring 2021

Parenting Update



We are continuing to support parents and carers and offer interactive parenting courses online. We are reviewing all groups continually within the guidance to ensure we are offering a full service to parents in the safest way. Service requests are made through the Early Help Hub at www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub

The courses available are:

- Being Passionate About Parenting - Early Years 1 - 3 years
- Being Passionate About Parenting 4 -11 years
- Being Passionate About Parenting with a basic introduction and an awareness to ADHD 5 - 11 years
- Being Passionate About Parenting with a basic introduction and awareness about the "Spectrum" 5 - 11 yrs
- Being Passionate About Parenting - The Teenage Brain 12 -17 years
- Take 3 - Supporting Teenagers 12 - 17 years
- Incredible Years - sessions include Understanding behaviour and discussing positive strategies, promoting self-esteem, developing routines, problem solving, looking at communication and strengthening parent/child interactions. At present Incredible Years is delivered for Parents/ Carers of children 3 to 5 years and 6 to 11 years.

They also have a parent advice line which offers some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behavior. It also provides advice on positive parenting and help to understand the importance of routines for your family. Follow the below link to find the relevant contact details for your local area.

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/service.page?id=IVXuaOkj1Mg>

Diary Dates	Cardinham School
Mon 15 th Feb - Fri 19 th Feb	Spring Half Term
Thurs 1 st Apr	Spring Term Ends
Mon 19 th Apr	Summer Term Begins
Mon 31 st May - Fri 4 th Jun	Summer Half Term
Friday 11 th Jun	INSET DAY
Friday 9 th July	INSET DAY
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Term Ends