

### LISKEARD HILLFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL | 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



### **Upcoming Events**

18 Mar : Red Nose Day
11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr : Easter Holidays
15<sup>th</sup> Apr : Good Friday
18<sup>th</sup> Apr : Easter Monday
2<sup>nd</sup> May : Early May Bank Holiday
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May : Year 3 Residential Week
24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May : Year 6 Residential

Hillfort Calendar



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## **Dear Families**

I do hope that you are all well.

This week, I think it's fair to say that many eyes have been turned Eastwards towards the Ukraine. As parents and as teachers, we're all horrified at the needless loss of life. Nobody can fail to be moved by these matters. Having been around the classes this week, I'm also very aware that many children know about the conflict from home and have had questions that they were unsure about. Some children have relatives in the armed forces and have worries. That said, we have to be careful here, because we do run a primary school. Childhood is precious, and the innocence of childhood can be lost all too easily, so I wanted to take a moment to outline our approach.

Firstly, that our teachers and adults have endeavoured to talk to children with sensitivity and care. Clearly, this should always be the case. Where children have had specific questions, we have taken time out of normal teaching to answer them as best as we can. That said, we haven't necessarily done specific lessons on the conflict. Where we do approach the topic is in the context of teaching "British Values". The four British Values that all schools in the country have to teach are to (a) emphasise the rule of law, (b) to highlight importance of democracy, (c) to teach mutual respect for others, especially in the context of faith, and (d) the right to individual liberty. As fluke would have it, in any case we were distributing credit card sized plastic cards this week to KS2 children that highlight these values. Consequently, we have been able to draw some direct comparisons with other countries and how many more rights we have as citizens by dint of the fact that we live in Britain.

Also, in this newsletter, there is a link to the national appeal to the Disaster Emergency Committee – the best vehicle for getting funds to the Ukrainian humanitarian appeal. The UK government matches any funds given equally, so it's a great way to get resources to those who are suffering in a trustworthy way. The hyperlink is at: <u>Home | Disasters Emergency Committee (dec.org.uk)</u>

Finally, I wanted to refer briefly to World Book Day. I always look at World Book Day with something of a wry smile – I can't help but feel that every day should be book day for children! That said, we had some super activities in school. These included how:

- our Year 3 and 4 student council members went to Liskeard Bookshop to select books for our library;
  - children gathered in the hall to listen to a live reading by Michael Morpurgo;
- Liskeard Bookshop managed to source 200 of the free books, so these were distributed with great excitement;
- also with great excitement, we've launched our book mark competition so that we can reward our regular readers;
  - and of course, £1 vouchers were distributed as normal.

I made the deliberate decision not to do the dressing up this year. It strikes me that with money increasingly tight (e.g. since Christmas jumper day, the price cap on energy prices has been changed) many parents are choosing between heating and eating. Therefore, in the light of those financial pressures, I'd prefer that on World Book Day we focus on words, on stories and on reading.

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend and will see you soon.

Kind regards,

Tim Cook

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### **World Book Day Photos**







### Help!

Is anybody available to help us move Ant & Dec's rather large rabbit cage to their retirement home in Callington? Any help would be greatly appreciated!



#### **ParentPay**

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts to ensure any debt is cleared. We are hoping for school dinners to be ordered online after Easter, so please make sure your ParentPay is clear for this time. REMINDER: If your child is going on a residential, please make sure your instalments are up to date.



### **Attached Documents**

Please see attached to this email, a pdf of the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank's February newsletter.

Please also see attached to this email, more information regarding a FREE Zoom presentation regarding Parenting in the Digital World.





# Stars of the Week

### YEAR R

**Oskar S**  $\bigstar$  for working hard with his phonics and writing

### <u>YEAR 2</u>

Oscar J ☆ for thinking of brilliant ideas for his story
 Oliver F ☆ for friendship and excellent writing

### <u>YEAR 3</u>

Summer S ☆ for showing great focus and concentration. We are proud of you Archie T ☆ for great focus in lessons and good quality work





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