



Headteacher update

The week ahead

Day	Event	Club option
Mon		Running club for KS2
Tues	Swimming / PE for Cowloe & Longships. The swimming group will be the same as last week.	Writing club for years 5 & 6
Wed	Tennis for Cowloe—PE kits please Longships @ Minack Brisons @ Penlee museum	High five netball KS2—bring PE kit to change into
Thurs	PE for Brisons & Cowloe—PE kits please	Multi sports for KS1 & 2
Fri	PE for Brisons Forest school for Longships	Dance club for Year 3/4

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This week started off with our Children in Need fundraiser where we raised over **£120** for the charity. Thank you all so much to your contributions!

On Monday, Longships had a visit from Connie and Kim from the Minack. Together they worked on Act 3 of Shakespear’s King Lear. The children were so creative with their ideas and fully embraced the acting—there are some great skills! They will be performing their act alongside 3 other local schools at the Minack Theatre on Wednesday 29th.



The performance will be at 1pm and will be finished by 2pm.

You are welcome to come along to watch the performance, for which you will need to book a ticket to the theatre. You can do that via the Minack website. If you have any issues with booking a ticket, please call the Box Office on 01736 810181.

On Tuesday we had another great netball tournament, this time for some of our high five players. They won one game and lost one game, but they had the most incredible spirit and teamwork throughout. They cannot wait for their next match so watch this space!



Important dates:

Week beginning 27.11—parents evenings

29.11—Brisons’ Penlee Museum visit

29.11—Longships performance @ Minack 1pm start

7.12—Aire @ Minack

14.12—KS2 Xmas performance

15.12—Xmas dinner

15.12—KS1 & EYFS Xmas performance

18.12—Xmas panto—Hall for Cornwall.

19.12—Christmas party & last day of school

4.1.24—first day of term 3



Parents evening

These have been set for the week beginning 27.11. Each session will run from 3.30—5.30 and will be as follows:

- Monday 27th—Brisons
- Tuesday 28th—Brisons, Longships & Cowloe
- Wednesday 29th—Brisons, Longships & Cowloe
- Thursday 30th—Longships

Sign up sheets are in the foyer so that you can book a time.

Friday dance club

This term, as part of our growth mindset work, we have been learning the song 'Try Everything' by Shakira. We have had an offer from 2 year 7 girls at Cape Cornwall School to come and teach some of our children a short dance to the song. It is aimed at year 3 & 4, but any children from year 5 & 6 are welcome to join. We will learn and practise the dance for a few weeks and then hopefully we can invite parents in to see the children perform it. The session will be supervised by myself, but the year 7 girls will be teaching the actual dance.

Christmas Panto

Thank you all so much for your responses regarding the Peter Pan Panto on Monday 18th December. We are confirming the tickets and coach today and will send more information out next week with specific times and requesting payments. This will be such an exciting opportunity for the children (and staff!). Because we had originally set that day to be the party, we will now have our Christmas party on Tuesday 19th, which is the last day of term.

Last day of term

A few people have asked about our finish time on the last day of term. We will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15, however we understand some people like to head off to beat the traffic, so you are welcome to collect your child after 1.30. Please let us know if this is the case so that we can plan for our class.

Christmas events!

We have lots of lovely events coming up for the festive season. Dates set so far are:

KS2 Christmas performance—Thursday 14th December

KS1 & EYFS Christmas performance—Friday 15th December

Christmas dinner—Friday 15th December

Christmas Panto—Hall for Cornwall—Monday 18th December

We will send more information out about these nearer the time

Online safety

Navigating the online world can be quite daunting, especially as things move at such a fast pace. On our website, we have some simple guides to help support with some of the most popular internet challenges from how to set parental controls to navigating sites like Youtube and Messenger. Follow this link to find out more:

https://www.sennen.cornwall.sch.uk/web/online_safety/400310

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually non-family) users. Account holders can leave comments on any videos they have watched, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The potential, both in terms of challenge, which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as well-known influencers in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTube users by using their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash prizes or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual material) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching. Uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator or 'influencer'. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. For example, if you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child inappropriately devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (aka Lurawoo) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2010, providing websites with content coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lurawoo Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION **13+**
(Content restrictions are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity comeos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (amounts of time in the app, versus 13 minutes on YouTube). This in-app purchase system can be used to buy virtual gifts for other users, which can be used to buy virtual gifts for other users, which can be used to buy virtual gifts for other users.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by viral challenges that are potentially harmful. Some challenges involve dangerous stunts, such as drinking a glass of bleach or inhaling a gas canister. These challenges can be harmful to children's health and safety.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok has addictive features that keep users engaged. The app's algorithm is designed to show users content that they are likely to enjoy, which can lead to excessive use and potential addiction.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With over 1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially for accounts created by young people (or youngsters using a fake date of birth) that are public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone on the app, but also that their videos are suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. This includes setting screen time limits, managing their child's ability to send messages (and to whom), and ensuring that these settings will not be overridden by the child.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person to accidentally spend money on the app. It's a good idea to check what they're doing – is spending a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins or other virtual features of the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not setting meals.

Meet Our Expert

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A parent's guide to

INTERNET CONTROLS

National Online Safety



Lunch Menu

Children will be asked what they would like each day by their teacher. Children in year R—2 get infant free school meals and it is £2.65 for the rest of the school, other than for those pupils who have been awarded income based free school meals.

WEEK 2

W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chilli 🍗❤️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🍗 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🌱❤️ Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🌱❤️ Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍗🌱	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌱 Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes 🍷🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱🍷					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream