

Newsletter-23/11/23

As we are over half way through the first term, we thought it a good idea to communicate the changes we have brought in so far. This year we have introduced a number of new routines in order to make this school a better and safer place, and improve our environment for everyone.

We know that change can be difficult. One way we try to make this easier is by talking about the 'why?' The rationale below has already been shared with students for that very reason.

Our new one- way '**safer corridors**' system was introduced based on feedback from parents, carers and students about the congestion around the school. Some students, especially our younger year groups, reported that they felt uncomfortable and were getting squashed or pushed. For context, our school was built 60 years ago for 600 students; we now house over 1200 and so this is the best way to ensure that corridors are calm and safe.

So far, the system we have put in place has worked well. We still have our 5 minute grace period before students are logged late for lessons, and this is plenty of time to get wherever they need to be. Since the introduction of the one way system, we've made some tweaks based on feedback from students and staff, which has made it run even more smoothly- thank you for this. Students are respecting the system and helping us to make it work, knowing that we are doing this to help all those within our school community. Please continue to do so: corridors should be safe and comfortable for everyone.

We have made some tweaks to **line- up** in the morning to make sure this runs even more smoothly. Line – up is a great thing to see: 1000 students looking smart, listening, and fully equipped really sets the tone for the day. It's a time where we can give out messages, celebrate individual achievements and welcome students into school each morning, as all staff are out on the playgrounds with students at 8:25. Fundamentally, line- up hasn't changed for students (we have been doing this for over two years now,) other than we now insist on silence outside when we complete registers to ensure no mistakes are made on this important legal document.

We'd like to thank everyone who has fed back on these changes, especially those parents and carers who come to our Forum and contribute. Everything we do, we do with our children in mind: we want our school culture to be calm, orderly and safe; we want students to know what they need to do with no ambiguity; we know that clear expectations and routines makes a community work successfully together. We've also done our best to balance new 'rules' this year with positives, from more whole- school events, more rewards, and a fantastic House System that will strengthen our school community. Everyone matters, and everyone needs to play their part.

We want the best for the children of Saltash Community School, and we know you do, too. Thank you for your ongoing support so we can make this school '**the best it can be.**'

TEAM Saltash

"No excuses"

Tenacity

Allowing excuses perpetuates inequality. We will hold **everyone** to the same high standard, so that everyone achieves.



"Tough love"

Empathy

Those who need us most are often those who 'opt out.' We will show that we care by doing what is right, not easy, and by telling the truth, rather than what people want to hear.



"Be the best you can be"

Aspiration

Everyone deserves to succeed and to be celebrated for their achievements. We will not accept anything less than 100% effort, 100% of the time.



"Make it count"

Motivation

Education is the way to transform lives. We will not waste a minute and will stand firm in our high expectations for all.



Parent Communication



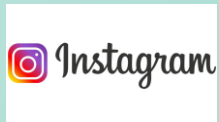
ClassCharts



PLEASE make sure that as parents / carers you are checking the ClassCharts app and that your children have also logged in. All of our main communication is pushed out on this app.



Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates



NEW! Instagram is now also being used for news and photos. Drop us a follow **@teamsaltash**

House League Table



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TEAM Christmas

Thank you TEAM Saltash for over 55 entries! The winner will have their Christmas card printed and distributed across the school for students and staff

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

1st Place Emilia (8CEA) 50 house points, £10 amazon voucher, chocolate teddy

2nd Place Lily-May (8GCY) 25 house points, chocolate teddy

3rd Place – No name! Let us know who you are! 15 house points, chocolate teddy



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CROSSBAR CHALLENGE

House Christmas Crossbar Challenge
W/B 4th December – Lunch time on the Astro

Monday – **Determys**
Tuesday – **Kothman**
Wednesday – **Amkan**
Thursday – **Movyan**

1 point for every entry and 5 points if you hit the crossbar
Which house will gain the most points and be the Christmas Crossbar Champions?



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We are collecting items to donate to the Saltash foodbank for their annual Christmas Hamper collection. In previous years we have been able to collect huge amounts for those in our community who need it most. Please bring donations to tutor group by Friday December 1st and we will organise delivery to the Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

SALTASH FOODBANK CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

EVERY YEAR WE PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER TO
LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE GREATEST NEED

THE ITEMS WE MOST NEED ARE:

- CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS (VARIOUS SIZES)
- CHOCOLATES
- TINS OF HAM
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- INSTANT CUSTARD SACHETS
- SAVOURY BISCUITS
- JARS OF PICKLE
- JARS OF JAM
- SWEET BISCUITS
- SNACKS (CRISPS OR NUTS)
- SELECTION BOXES
- CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
- MINCE PIES
- COFFEE
- MEN'S TOILETRIES/GIFTS

Please donate by 1st. December
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!



Upcoming dates



Friday 24th November: INSET Day (no school for students)

Tuesday 28th November: Governors meeting

Wednesday 29th November: GCSE Certificate presentation evening

Monday 11th December: Application Check deadline (yrs7-10,12)

Monday 18th December: A Level Certificate presentation evening

Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term, 3pm.

Daily checklist



Uniform – Get it ready the night before! Is everything correct? Is it a P.E. day?



Equipment – Put it in your bag! You need your pencil case, 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, 1 ruler, 1 pencil, 1 rubber.



Homework- Have you completed everything on time and to the best of your ability?



Attendance& Punctuality- Set your alarm! Make sure you are on time and in school!

“No excuses”



Feedback from Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the last Parents' Forum. As suggested, the school will now have a centralised email address, to which any bullying incidents can be emailed. The emails will be triaged by a single designated person to ensure we deal with all incidents swiftly.

This also means we can collate reports and ensure we make regular check ins with the victim and bully in the weeks that follow. These reports will be monitored centrally and tracked by SLT.

The email address is studentconcern@saltashcloud.net

Yr 11 Revision



Many of our departments have started to run revision and catch- up sessions for year 11. More will follow in the new year, and we will update this timetable as it changes and expands. Please encourage your children to attend. Every little helps, and we have staff who are giving up hours of time to help your children achieve their very best.

You won't regret it on results day 😊

	A		B	
	LUNCH	3-4pm	LUNCH	3-4pm
Monday	HSC Computer Science	Art HSC - Afterschool	HSC Computer Science	Art HSC - Afterschool
Tuesday	English Literature Science German		English Literature Science German	
Wednesday	French	History	French	History
Thursday		English – Push to Pass (invite only)		English – Push to Pass (invite only)
Friday				

News & Events

The Big Sleep

Well done to every student and member of staff who took part in The Big Sleep on Friday 17th November. Despite the cold, and the snoring (no names mentioned!) some of us managed to get at least a few hours of kip.

We had a brilliant time, as you can see from the pictures below! Team building games, dodgeball, Just Dance, a quiz, a fire pit with s'mores and Home Alone 2- it was a jam packed evening! We really hope that this event will grow in the years to come and plan to run this every year. Best of all- we raised over £1500 for the St. Petrocs homeless charity: an incredible feat.

Well done to everyone who took part, who ran activities, who provided so much fun and laughter on the night. You did us all proud- this is TEAM Saltash really showing us your best.



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Ollie C gets Farmer of the Month!

Congratulations to Ollie C in year 10 who received young Farmer of the month. We are all really proud of you, Ollie!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Ollie C

Ollie is a new junior member of the club and has come to every stock judging even stepping up and taking part in the Group Lamb Finals, fantastic effort!

Hakas

Year 8 have been studying texts from a range of cultures and communities. Students have just studied the Hakas of the New Zealand rugby teams and considered the importance of Māori traditions. We then asked them to write their own Hakas, inspired by something they had studied or something they are passionate about. Roman chose to revisit our lessons on the tradition of Cornish mining whilst Laila chose to focus on her own football team. We're sure you agree that these are great!

The Haka of the Cornish Miners.

Written by Roman, Year 8.

Here our footsteps crash,
To the beat of our pickaxes.
Striking ore, watch us and
You'll be struck in awe.

We hold the power of dynamite,
Ready to blow. Boom!

We'll send you crashing like a landslide,
Tumble in fear; it gives us cheer.

We're strong.

Resilient.

We never give up.

We never back down.

Fuelled by pasties,
Baked with love and care,
We harness the rock – tough as steel.

We shout:

Oggy, Oggy, Oggy

Oi, Oi, Oi!

Oggy, Oggy, Oggy

Oi, Oi, Oi!

The Haka of 'Flames' (my football team).

Written by Laila, Year 8.

We are the Flames,
Spreading like wildfire.
First a spark and then an explosion.
Our dominance rises.

We unite as a team,
And burst like fireworks.
Feel the energy,
Dangerous like lava
Oozing out of a volcano,
Quick and fast.

We run down the line,
Crossing it into the box.
The keeper doesn't stand a chance.

Flames!

Flames!

Flames!

Saltash Loves Reading



Library news

We have had a fantastic few weeks in our school library, celebrating a love of reading! We've enjoyed Mrs Oates' fun reading quiz, been spooked by Mr Ward's horror stories and loved Mrs Wise's new book club 'Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them'. We have loaned out so many brilliant books to our students who are all eager to sink their teeth into a good, old book!



BorrowBox

We are delighted to have collaborated with @Saltash Library and to give each of our students access to the BorrowBox and PressReader apps. These offer our students access to thousands of online books, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines to read. Every student should have received their personalised access code, but do get in touch with Mrs Watson if you need this again. Happy reading!



Borrow
Box.



Sporting News

Time 2 Lead

On Monday 11 Year 9 students took part in the Active Cornwall Time 2 Lead training with Mrs Bunney.

This is a county wide leadership programme facilitated by Active Cornwall, with the aim of creating leaders and role models for those who need it most in our local community.

The students took part in a range of workshops throughout the day, developing their leadership skills and behaviours, Youth Voice, and creating their own Cornwall School Games event.

The leaders are now busily volunteering their time in after school clubs to gain their bronze award and will be working towards their silver and gold throughout the year, with the aim of helping at a Time 2 Move Holiday programme in the summer.

The students were incredibly mature and motivated to learn these new leadership skills. They displayed all our school values throughout the day, and we are excited to see what impact they have in our school and local community throughout the year.



Sporting News

Netball and Rugby

On Tuesday 14th November we hosted a year 9 and 10 Netball and year 7 and 8 girls Football tournament.

It was a fantastic event, with so many girls enjoying playing sport together and displaying our Team values.

Thankyou to Callington, Liskeard, Torpoint and Wadebridge for attending.



The year 7 rugby team attended the Cornwall Schools under 12 rugby festival on Friday 10th at Liskeard. They performed extremely well, showing some fantastic TEAM values throughout the day and much respect for the 2 minutes remembrance silence.

They grew in confidence throughout the day and really gelled as a team, finishing with 4 wins from 5 games. Fantastic effort!

Wins over Liskeard, Camelford, Roselands and Poltair and a narrow loss to Bude.

Harley Ashton (7RGN)
Aaron Barrow (7SLL)
Riley Blackmon (7SLL)
Alfie Brennan (7JIP)
William Brown (7SLL)
Ben Chapman (7TAH)
Adam Congdon (7SLL)
Evan Davies (7SLL)
Logan Marshall (7SLL)
Archie Sherlock (7KEB)
Harris Southern (7SLL)
Louie Thomas (7EJM)
Oliver Wilson (7JIP)
Dylan Yeo



Sporting News

Football

Well done to all the students who took part in the East Cornwall Football Tournament. Teams from Callington, Torpoint, Liskeard and Saltash all got involved. They showed lots of tenacity and motivation. The standard of football was fantastic.





Sports Clubs:

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Hockey Club	7-11	Mon	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mr Morrish
Use of the gym	11-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Badminton Club	7-13	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Budd
Boys Rugby	7 8 9 10 11	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Hawkins Mr Perry Mr O'Sullivan Mr Nethercot Mr Evans
Football Club (Girls)	7-11	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mrs Kellaway Miss Kane
'Strong Girls' Club	7-13	Tue	3.00 - 4.15pm	Gym	Mr Feldwick Mrs Bunney
Sports Leadership	13	Tue	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Use of the gym	7-9	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Basketball Club	10-13	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Sports Hall	Mr Feldwick
Netball Club	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Football Club (Boys)	7-11	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	All Weather Pitch	Mr Budd Mr Perry
Duke of Edinburgh	9 10-11	Wed A Wed B	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 38	Mr Feldwick
Use of the gym	11-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Girls Active	7-13	Thu	3.00 – 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Miss Kane
Sports Leadership	12	Thu	3.00 - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Bunney
Surf Club	7-13	Thu	3.00 – 8.30pm	Meet in the Quad	Mr Feldwick Mr Henderson
Use of the gym	7-9	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins
Basketball Club	7-11	Fri	3.00 - 4.15pm	Sports Hall	Mr Perry Mr Lutey
Girls Rugby	7-11	Fri	3.00 - 4.15pm	Rugby Pitch	Mr Feldwick
Use of the gym	11-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Gym	Mr Hawkins

Revision Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
CamNat Club	10-11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 38	Mrs Kellaway
Health and Social Care	11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 33	Ms Edwards
CamNat Club	10-11	Wed	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Rm 38	Mrs Kellaway
English Language	11	Thu A	1.20 – 2.00 pm	Rm 24	Mr Whitlock

Technology Clubs



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
STEM Club	7-9	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 18	Mr Flaherty
Coding Club	7-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 60	Mrs Broad

Performing Arts Clubs:



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Theatre Royal Hub	7-9	Tue	3.15 - 4.45pm	Room 64	Miss Jones
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Wed	3.00 - 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Show Rehearsal	7-13	Thu	3.00 - 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
Music Practice In agreement with your teacher	7-13	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Music Rooms	Miss Jones Miss Frances Mr Davies
EXIM Dance	7-9	Fri	3.00 – 4.00pm	Room 64	Miss Jones

Art and DT Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
DT Club Designing and making through a series of mini projects	7-9	Thu	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 42	Ms Lee Mrs Swann
Art Club Exploring different mediums and techniques	7-9	Thu	3.15-4.15pm	Rm 54	Mrs Miller

Languages Clubs



Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
German GCSE	10-11	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 32	Miss Schon
French GCSE	10-11	Wed	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 37	Mr Rushton
Language lunches for everyone opportunities to collect house points and excel in languages	7-13	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 37	Miss Schon Mr Rushton Ms Yvinec

Wellbeing Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Venue	Member of Staff
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	7-8	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak
Mindful Monday An opportunity for students to relax and unwind ready for the week ahead	7-13	Mon	1.20 – 2.00pm	Rm 47	Miss Sayer
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	9	Tue	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak
Coaching to Learn	10-11	Thu	3.00 – 4.00pm	Rm 61	Mrs Johns
Science of Wellbeing Gain an accreditation and learn how to improve your wellbeing	10-11	Fri	1.20 – 2.00pm	Library	Mr Bouchnak

Christmas Shopping Evening

St. Stephen's Church

Friday 24th November



6.30pm to 9pm



Great ideas for Christmas Gifts

**Traders from across
Cornwall & Devon will be present.**

In aid of

St Stephen's Church

**Ocean City Sound will be
singing Christmas Carols & Songs.**



Refreshments Available



Free Entry

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CHRISTMAS 2023

Activities are taking place across Cornwall
during the Christmas holidays!

scan here to book!

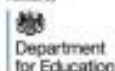


- Activities including multi sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and lots more
- For children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324287

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Community News



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communityfridge

TUESDAYS 2:30PM – 4PM

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS 10AM – 12PM

- 1** Welcome to our Community Fridge & Larder, Saltash. We run 3 times a week outside our Community Kitchen for everyone in the Saltash area.
- 2** All the food is either kindly given to us, grown for or by us, and some items we buy. We really appreciate a donation to help us cover costs. £££
- 3** Our Fridge & Larder is run by a fantastic group of local volunteers – why not join our team?
- 4** Without your kind donations, we cannot run this vital service. Thank you for supporting Community Enterprises PL12

*Help us
reduce
food
waste!*



*Please
donate
what you
can £££*

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Supportive Training For Adult Family & Friends

'GENERIC'S'

Gentle Empathic Neutral Effective Resilient
Insightful Compassionate Safe

Common Approaches, Tips & Tools, To Promote The Mental Health & Resilience Of The Children & Young People You Live With & Love

Max 2 People Per Family.

**We train in small groups
for all services, therefore**

FIRST COME 1ST SERVE!

Wednesday 6th December

9.45 - 3.00

**FREE OFFER ! - Usually £40.00
You will receive the full workshop**

Refreshments Included But Not Lunch

Venue - Saltash Social Club . The Mansion . Fore Street . Saltash PL12 6JL

In this friendly, relaxed, supportive and holistic workshop, you will have the opportunity to develop empathy, insights and understanding and gain approaches and tools, to help you help the children and young people in your world, who may be experiencing a range of mental health difficulties e.g. Anxiety, stress, Low Mood, Eating Difficulties, Self Harm, Obsessive Behaviours, Problems Expressing Anger, Low Self Esteem or Confidence, Risk taking behaviours etc. 'Look beneath the surface' of these issues and enter the world of young people and thereby realise both the common experiences and uniqueness of the spectrum of mental health issues in a grass roots, real life way.

Finding 'monsters and gremlins', discovering the inner 'paradise chicken' and 'Tapping for better mental health and resilience' are a just few of the activities that you will have the opportunity to participate in ! You will 'hear from young people' what helps and what hinders them and it will then become clear, what helps them build their resilience and ability to cope with the ups and downs of life, in a safe and effective way and in doing so, address their mental health difficulties.

Note: We make every effort to offer a sensitive, supportive and non-biased space. Your facilitator has also had their own direct life experience of serious mental health difficulties and is a highly experienced therapist of over 20 years experience in the field of holistic and generic mental health and resilience promotion, whose field of interest lies in the area of eating difficulties and self harm. **If you have any concerns before the day, please do not hesitate to contact Penny for a chat.**

Outcomes

- Discuss and explore the spectrum of what constitutes a mental health issue from a Humanistic and empathic perspective.
- Develop insights to establish the link between a child and young person's mental health problem and their emotional, mental, spiritual and environmental world
- Argue the risks of making assumptions regarding children, young people with 'mental health problems' and explore the phrase 'we are all products of our environment' in this context.
- Discover the wider meaning of resilience and its relationship to mental health promotion for children and young people.
- Acquire straightforward, safe and 'orbital' responding and support strategies to help any child or young person who may have difficulties with their mental health
- Gain practical, tangible tools and quick tips for you and your young people to have in a holistic support toolkit, including 'Tapping' (Emotional freedom Techniques)
- Acquire relevant local and national signposting and support service awareness.

Company Number 13427929

Attendance Matters

Every student.
On time. Every day.



Did you know?



5 minutes late

to every lesson = 2 hours
missed learning
a week, which is 15 ½
school days per year!



For help &
support

Please contact your child's
tutor, head of year or the
school attendance team:
smoss@saltashcloud.net

Days off cost good grades!



The DfE published research showing that pupils attending school with 95%+ attendance are more than twice as likely to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ than those with 90% attendance.

What can families do?

- ☑ Be firm. **Send your child to school every day**, all day, unless they are severely ill;
- ☑ Schedule **appointments** and extra-curricular activities **outside of school time**;
- ☑ **Avoid taking holidays** during term-time;
- ☑ **Encourage your child** to have good sleep, morning and punctuality routines;
- ☑ **Seek help** from us before your concerns become serious. We are always here to support.

Each day **missed...**

- Puts your child behind and makes it more difficult to catch up;
- Can lead to gaps in learning and lost connections with friends;
- Makes the transition into the workforce or further education less likely to be successful.