



17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of the children's first full week in school I have been struck by everyone's enthusiasm and desire to learn. It has been brilliant! Our Early Years children have been settling in well, as they begin to increase their time in school, and we can't wait to have them stay with us for lunch next week, before starting full days very soon. I have enjoyed getting into classes each day and having conversations with the children about their learning – they have been keen to share and tell me all about it.

Our assemblies this week have explored values, looking at what we feel are the most important to us and the school. We have focused on 'perseverance' this week in both our whole school assemblies and key stage assemblies, looking at what this means and how we can really shift mindsets from I can't to I can. The children enjoyed watching the short animation SOAR, which shows a great example of perseverance. If you would like to watch it then click [here](#).



I hope that everyone has a great weekend!

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Mr Hick

Reading Update

What a fantastic start to our year! We've already had the children engrossed in reading, from early reading and phonics in reception and year 1, to the rest of the school listening to Roald Dahl stories.

Year 2 have been listening to the story 'The Magic Finger' which we have finished this week!

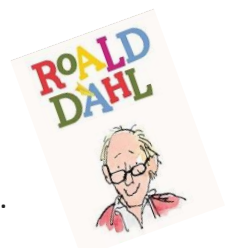
Year 3 have been reading 'Esio Trot'

Year 4 have been sharing the story, 'George's Marvellous Medicine'

Year 5 have got to know the interesting characters in the story of 'The Twits'

Year 6 Have begun reading 'The Witches'

We believe it's not only important to teach reading but to encourage a love of reading.



Mrs Law and Mrs Morgan

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium funding is additional funding which the school receives for each eligible pupil and allows us best support the children both academically and across the wider school curriculum e.g. trips and residential.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals and pupil premium funding if you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

It easy to apply online by clicking [here](#) or speak to the office and we can provide a paper form.

Please note that **all** reception and key stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal **but** the school will not receive any additional funding if an application is not made.

Bike Helmets



Do you have an old bike helmet at home that your child might have grown out of? If so we would welcome any donations that would be suitable for our reception or key stage 1 children. If you can help then please do drop them into Mrs Rice.

Secondary School Applications

It might seem a long way off but if you have a child in year 6 then you will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31st October**. You can apply online and find out more information by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. Please make sure you don't miss the deadline! If you need any help then please do pop in and see us.

Clubs

A reminder that these start next week and will run from 3.15pm until 4pm (apart from lunchtime choir). We have worked really hard to try and provide and offer for all year groups on our club days and accommodate everyone.

Car Park

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with regard to the use of the car park – it feels like it is generally working well. If you can use it then please do. The ultimate aim of using this is to remove as much traffic from Church Hill as possible and thus making it safer for our children, moving them away from what can be a very busy road at times.

Reminders:

- In the mornings and at the end of the day, all of the gates around the school will be open. We would ask that when parking in the car park that you enter and exit by the rear of the school, in order to avoid walking against the flow of traffic.
- When parking please aim to have the middle of your car in line with the double yellow markings on the stones. This will maximise space.
- Walk down the path to the left of the railings.
- Currently, we are asking that only KS2 children use the drop off option. If you have KS1 children then please park and walk the children to their classroom. In a few weeks we will evaluate this and look at the possibility of extending the drop off for KS1 children.
- **Please ensure that you are being respectful of our local residents and neighbours and avoid blocking driveways.**

Health Checks - Reception and Year 6

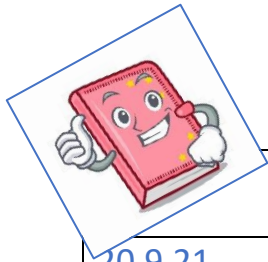


Reception and year 6 parents will have received an email this week about health screening that will take place in school soon. We will receive dates for these soon and will remind parents when we have these. More information can be found by following the links below, which also gives information about how to opt out.

- ❖ Reception Health Information Booklet – click [here](#)
- ❖ Year 6 Health Information Booklet – click [here](#)

General Reminders

- School gates will open at 8.40am in the morning and registration is at 8.55am. The school day ends at 3.15pm and we will open the gates shortly before this. There is no one way system in place for walking around the school.
- On days when the children in KS2 are timetabled for PE can they please wear their PE kit into school and **have long hair tied back**.
- Coats! Please ensure that children are bringing coats into school.
- KS2 snack - please can children bring in a healthy snack (no nuts).
- Check the class pages on the website for weekly homework.
- **Mask wearing – we are moving to personal choice when outside. However, we ask that anyone who is coming into the school does wear a mask.**



Dates For Your Diary

20.9.21	Clubs begin
18.10.21	Parent/carers consultation meetings this week. We will offer face-to-face and telephone appointments
21.10.21	Harvest – we will be asking for charitable donations
25.10.21 – 29.10.21	HALF TERM
1.11.21	First day back after half term
13.12.21	Christmas Week (reception and KS1 nativities and key stage 2 carol concerts)
17.12.21	Last day of Autumn Term
4.1.22	First day of Spring term



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	
SEEDLINGS	Jackson & Ailla
BUDS	George & Arbrey
YOUNG OAKS	Jacob & Oliver
BUR OAKS	Mariah & Beatrice
RED OAKS	Leighton & Bella
MIGHTY OAKS	Samuel & Freya

