

15th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience with booking your parent appointments this week – I do apologise for the technical problems but we are now working. Please do remember to book your appointment for your phone consultation.

As you will hopefully be aware our Assemblies have still been continuing via zoom. For these two weeks we have been focusing on Black History Month. We have shared with the children the story of Rosa Parks who famously refused to give up her seat on a bus during the 1950's in America. This story is helping our children understand that everyone should be treated equally. I have been delighted that Reception joined us this week.

A reminder next Friday is our Autumn celebration. Children can come dressed in anything on a Autumn, Harvest, Halloween, Bonfire night theme. In return it would be lovely if children could bring in a donation for the Truro Foodbank, tinned or packet foods only please. Assembly on Friday will be led by a member of the foodbank talking about the difference donations that foodbanks can make at this difficult time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Gould

**Bikeability** – extracurricular activities and enrichment are a real challenge at the moment but I am thrilled at Chacewater that our curriculum still offers music, dance and mindfulness. In addition, children in Year 5 have been having lessons on how to be safe riding their bike throughout the week. I have been really thrilled with how they have behaved and the progress they have made for our instructors Mark and Liz. A big thankyou also to Bosvigo school for the free loan of their bikes.

**Please see the reminder below about inset days, and the additional day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**INSET Days** – All schools have INSET (in service training days) during the year. We have taken two already at the start of term and the third one is planned for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The final two are at the end of the Summer term so school will finish on Wednesday 21 July 2021.

*In order for our school to ensure we are doing the best we can to support our pupils' home learning, in the event that they are having to remain at home due to Covid 19, **our school will also be closed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** in order for important staff training to be undertaken. As I am sure you are*

*aware, all of our staff are working tirelessly to support our pupils in what are quite challenging times, and it is vital that we provide this dedicated time to this significant part of our provision. This additional day has been provided for us by our Academy Trust and is in line with our local schools of Blackwater and Threemilestone. I apologise for the short notice but as you can appreciate things are changing around us on a daily basis and this day will be vital.*

**Blackbird Pie magazine goes virtual** -You can view it on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. The virtual magazine is filled with great things to do, videos, links and interactive stuff. There are lovely places to visit, wonderful walks and museums and galleries to visit (with safety measures in place.) This is our first attempt at an online magazine so please let us know if there are any glitches. The format has chapter headings and then you can flow down into each section for more information. Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue. Happy reading, keep safe and well and have a great autumn.

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/>

**Golden Award Winners for this week**



**Jenny, George, Emelia, Lauren, Poppy, Rex, Molly, Isabel, Immy, JacobR, MollyS, EllaG, Willow & Oliver.**

 **BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO - RED OAKS & MIGHTY OAKS** 