



5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are now in the last half of the Summer term. This week we welcomed children back into Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as our key worker children. It has been lovely to have the school with children this week and the atmosphere has been incredible.

For those of you self-isolating or working from home or in Years 2,3,4 and 5 we hope you are all still managing with the home learning and as ever your teachers are here to support you.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are welcome to come back to school. We are just asking for a weeks' notice to start on a Monday so we can ensure all preparation is in place. Please see the table below:

Start date	Let School know by:
Monday 15 th June	Monday 8 th June
Monday 22 nd June	Monday 15 th June

All our risk assessments and plans have worked really well and we have had no illness to report this week. Children have been learning about being in their bubbles through measuring 2m, drawing under tables, pretending to be big bubbles and much more. We have "skyped in each other's classes and had "Skype Assemblies". Children have had PE and dance lessons. If you would like to see what school is like now the Seedlings have done a brilliant video and put photos on their work while closed page showing how our learning has been as well as how we are keeping everyone safe.

If you have any questions about the return please contact me on head@chacewaterschool.co.uk. We still do not know about other year groups returning but I have included an updated link from the government for parents.

The weather has certainly taken a turn for the cooler but I hope you still have a lovely, safe weekend,
Mr Gould

Lunches - Any children coming in who want a school dinner please order through parent pay as normal but bear in mind the menu on there is not right - please use the menu we sent out on Wednesday and just tick meat or vegetarian.

Free School Meals - Vouchers will still continue at present and we will keep parents upto date on developments.

Artificial grass - if anyone has any spare artificial grass we would love it. Thank you.

School Camp - I am delighted to say the refunds have been processed and should now be on your parent pay account - any problems please let Mrs. Hodgson know.

UPDATED GUIDANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=7be2ad88-13fc-4aad-b39d-36545b596d17&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Summer Reading Challenge

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that pupils develop the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information.

Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Cornwall 8166 children took part. These have been unprecedented times and we had to adapt to how this is could still be delivered. The Reading Agency has created a Digital Summer Reading Challenge platform. The new platform provides a fun, immersive and safe environment for children to achieve their reading goals, play games and join reading groups.

This year's theme is Silly Squad, a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. For 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun creative online activities; This year it has been extended and will be launched on Friday 5th June and run until mid-September.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up online to the Digital Summer Reading Challenge <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.
- The website will be free to access, featuring games, quizzes, digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. Although library buildings are

closed, libraries will also continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms i.e. Borrowbox, Facebook and Twitter.

- Children taking part this year will be asked to set their own reading goal and we are keen to see if this encourages take up and completion. However, we will still be suggesting six books as the best goal to try for. Children who complete their **Summer Reading Challenge** will be able to download a certificate.

We have been asked to help by **sharing** the RNLI & MCA's [Beach Safety Campaign](#) with parents, guardians and our wider network. Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.