



24th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The weeks certainly seems to be whizzing by already and it has been nice to see the sunshine this week, while it has been bright outside, it has also been equally bright inside with some fantastic learning taking place:

- Acorns have been getting very excited about having lunch in school.
- Seedlings have been focusing on local history and even had a special visitor in school to tell them what it was like many years ago.
- Buds have been learning all about the life cycle of the frog.
- Young Oaks are now experts on the skeleton and names of bones.
- Bur Oaks enjoyed some practical science - scaling up the digestive system outside.
- Red Oaks have been comparing mammals and birds.
- Mighty Oaks batted red and blue balls around to help them better understand the circulatory system!

In our assemblies this week we have continued to think about values that are important to us and the school. This week we have looked at respect, we discussed how this can take many different forms:

you can have respect for someone because you

admire something about them, you can

have respect for someone's feelings, their wishes or rights and you can have respect for things other than humans, such as

our school and classrooms. I even managed to squeeze in a link to golf and the upcoming Ryder Cup, which I am very excited about! Once again the children really shone with their richness of thought and sharing of ideas and opinions.

- You can have respect for things other than humans.



- You can have respect for someone because you admire something about them.



I hope that you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Mr Hick

- You can have respect for someone's feelings, their wishes or their rights.



What does that look like in our school?

### Parental/Carer Consultations

These will take place during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October. These are a very important opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher to celebrate their successes, discuss things that they might be finding a little trickier and find ways in which you can best help and support. We will offer the opportunity for face to face meetings (masks will need to be worn) in the hall or a telephone appointment. At the end of next week will provide details of how to sign up.



### Harvest



Our harvest celebration is a few weeks away but it was a real pleasure to meet with Reverend Jem this week to confirm that we will be able to take the children to the church for this. Miss Dyer has already begun working on some songs and these are sounding great. This year we will be supporting Truro Foodbank and they would, in particular, appreciate donations of goods with a long shelf life.

### 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.

## 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 **31<sup>st</sup> October**. You can apply online and find out more information by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

## 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.
- Snack - please can children bring in a healthy snack (no nuts). For younger children **please can you ensure that tomatoes and grapes are cut up**.
- 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.
- **Can we respectfully ask that at the beginning and end of the day that you do not let your children play on equipment in the Early Years outside area. Often resources are set up ready for the day ahead or the next day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

## Breakfast Club

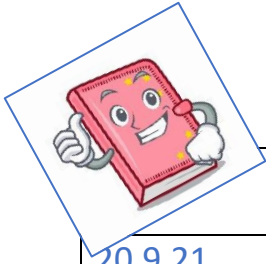
We are beginning some initial exploration to see how viable a breakfast club could be for the school to offer. The school has trialled such provision before and it didn't prove viable at the time. In order to gauge demand then please complete the survey by following the link [here](#).



## 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. 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](#)



### Dates For Your Diary

20.9.21	Clubs begin
18.10.21	Parent/carers consultation meetings this week. We will offer
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	Elsie & Oscar
BUDS	Emmie & April
YOUNG OAKS	Poppy & Oscar
BUR OAKS	Shyann & Skyla
RED OAKS	Tulisa & Isla C
MIGHTY OAKS	Seth & Hal

