

12 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers.

CONGRATULATIONS - what a brilliant job you have done. I am so proud and grateful to you and your children for keeping going during this really challenging half term. I also want to thank the staff who have done the most amazing job supporting the home learning and especially the teaching assistants in school who have been working flat out with the key workers. Hopefully you have seen the sensational video that Miss. Budge has made to

showcase all the work and effort.

At the time of writing we still do not know any plans for returning to school. If I find anything out at half term, I will contact you. But please use this half term break to recharge and re energise and have a break from school work.

We definitely know that home learning will continue for the two weeks after half term. We have made some slight changes in Year 2 and 3 where they will be having some smaller group work via the zooms so please make sure you check this on your class page after half term.

Have a very safe half term,

Mr Gould

<u>Masons</u> – huge thanks to the Chacewater Freemasons who have donated £400 towards school computer equipment which as you can appreciate is vital at this current time.

Key workers

A reminder to all key workers that school provision will reopen on Monday 22nd February. Please only use us when you need to - we are at capacity and may now have to introduce a priority system which has been agreed with Truro Penwith Academy Trust schools. Also, children must now come in to School dressed in <u>School uniform</u>.

Message from Cornwall Council

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

Chacewater Recreation Centre – A new community building for Chacewater



As most people are aware Chacewater Parish Council in partnership with South West Community Builds have been designing a new building for the Recreation Ground, to replace the old Football pavilion and toilet block.

Over the past 2 years the team have identified the needs of the parish and have been designing a building that is within the financial reach of the community. It was identified early in the process that the building needed to be much more than a couple of changing rooms for the football team to use once a week and it needs to be energy efficient building beyond current building standards.

There was clearly a need for more activity space, not only for the community but for the school. It also showed that all ages groups could benefit more from a larger building that could encompass more opportunities for clubs and organisations to form.

The building has been designed to reflect these needs and so the new Chacewater Recreation Centre was formed. It includes a double height sports training hall with an indoor artificial climbing wall; this sports area is large enough for badminton, circuit training, dance classes as well as being designed to be long enough for indoor archery competitions (National standard). Also, on the ground floor are public toilets, showers, a small kitchen, and two FA compliant changing rooms.

The first floor is for crafts, recreation, arts, music, and therapy. The large room is called the "Messy" room and it is a large room designed for messy activities! There are two smaller multipurpose rooms which can be used for activities like one-to-one therapy sessions, musical instrument lessons, small meetings, and NHS support sessions. The first floor can be accessed either by the platform lift between the two floors, an external staircase from the recreation ground or by a ramp from the school. The ramp from the school allows the pupils to access the building for music lessons (in the soundproof room), confidential meetings with external agencies and parents, large group sports sessions in the main hall (including climbing), extracurricular clubs as well as breakfast and afterschool clubs. All these opportunities will enhance the pupil's lives and allow them to discover new sports and recreational activities.

The planning permission has now been submitted and we would welcome people to view the scheme online and show their support for this opportunity for the community of Chacewater and the surrounding area.

Please click on the link to view and comment on the application.

PA20/11530 | Demolish existing changing rooms and toilet block and replace with a multi-purpose recreation centre | Recreation Ground Falmouth Road Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8LP

The funding for the project will be through a range of local and national grant funders, local donations, business sponsorship, and fundraising.

Golden Award Winners for this week



Theodore, Gabriel,
Ivy-Rose, Tyler, AlfieB, Freya, Oscar, Ella, Alfie, Rudi, JacobH, Bella, Leah, Molly, Freya,
Mollie, Annabel&Willow

<u>FSM Vouchers for Half-Term Holiday</u> - Please remember to download your vouchers which were sent to your email address this week. Thanks, Mrs Hodgson.