

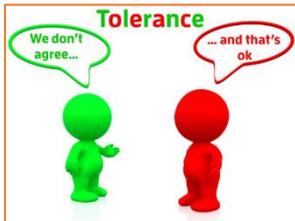


1st April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have been noticing the richness of conversations that are taking place in the school, both between children and also in interactions between adults and children. This was one thing that was picked up in our recent visit by neighbouring headteachers. A real strength of our school and something that I feel really proud of.

In key stage 2 assembly this week we explored two key values, tolerance and diversity, discussing how both of them are important and contribute to the vibrancy of the world we live in. How boring would it be if we were all the same! We started with a game (virtually) comparing our differing preferences for things: from red or blue, football or ruby, through to ketchup or mayonnaise. We



then talked about how we can show tolerance and that it is quite possible to really like one thing without hating everything else. We talked about diversity in the context of families, celebrating how they can come in many different forms. Finally finishing by watching a short animation linked to diversity, 'Swing of Change' – you can watch it [HERE](#).

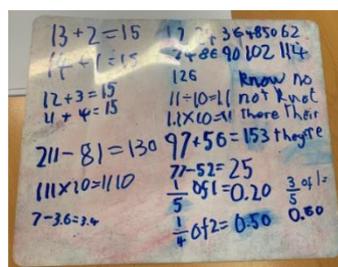
At the beginning of the week we welcomed a number of candidates to the school to be interviewed to join our team as a key stage one teacher from September. We had a lot of high quality applicants but after a very thorough process I am pleased to announce that Katie O'Malley will be joining our team from September.

Next week parents' meetings are taking place (in the hall) and I hope that everyone has taken the opportunity to sign up for these very important meetings. If you haven't yet then please do speak to the class teacher to find a good time. Due to parents' meetings there will be no clubs next week.

Finally, a huge well done to everyone who took part in the cross-country races at Trannack on Saturday. This was a brilliant and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning. Not only did all of our children show enthusiasm and determination in abundance but they also all contributed to the school getting a very impressive third overall!

I hope you all have a great weekend

Mr Hick



Check out this amazing maths by Alfie in Y2!  
BRILLIANT!



## Messages from our PTA



### **Bingo!**

Parents/carers along with their children are invited to join the PTA next Thursday, 7th April for a fun evening of bingo! KS1 5-6pm (picture bingo) KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm.

There will be small prizes for the winners.

All we ask is for a donation towards our bottle tombola for the summer fayre (food, drink, bath - as long as it's a bottle!) We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Friday 8th April, after school sees our first Krispy Kreme doughnut sale. These will be collected fresh from Plymouth on Friday morning and will be available at all 3 collection points after school.



Thank you to everyone who has pre ordered a box, we have ordered extra so will be selling original glazed doughnuts for £1 each. Grab one (or more!) before they sell out, a lovely treat for the end of term.



We are also holding an Easter Egg Hunt during the Easter holidays. On Wednesday 13th April, at the Village Hall and Millennium Green. 2- 5pm.

Grab some friends and come and have some fun. We will be selling refreshments and cakes. There will also be a hamper raffle and guess the name of the bunny.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available now via PTA events, £2 a child plus a small booking fee.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chacewaterschoolpta>

We hope to see lots of you there.

### Expo - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Mining Villages EXPO '22 is taking place on Friday in the Village Hall. There is likely to be quite a lot of traffic on this day and the Parish Council have asked if people could avoid parking on Church Hill.

### Half Term Food Vouchers

Our local authority has once again provided funding to facilitate Free School Meal provision (for those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals) over the Easter holiday. We will use the WONDE platform as before and they will be issued electronically via email. The vouchers will be valued at £30 per eligible child to cover the holiday period.

### Y6 SATS Meeting

On Thursday 7th April we are inviting the parents/carers of Y6 to a brief meeting about the end of KS2 statutory assessments (SATS) which will be taking place in May. This will be a brief meeting and will take place straight after school in Might Oaks' classroom. We will use this meeting to outline the tests that the children will be taking and how they are scored.

### Richard Lander Parents Meeting

Lucy Watts will be visiting the school on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May to speak to the year 6 children who will be transferring to Richard Lander in September. At the of the day there will be a meeting for parents and carers as part of the induction process.

### Times Tables

A quick and automatic recall of times tables is key building block for children in mathematics. Regular practice of these with your children really does make a difference and overtime will help to improve their confidence in all areas of mathematics. The Oxford Owl website [HERE](#) has some really good information, tips and games that are really helpful in helping you to support your children.

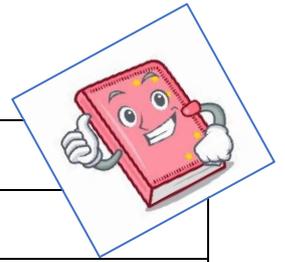


Children in key stage 2 also have access to **Times Tables Rockstars** which is great way to practice in a fund way.

### COVID

From today, 1<sup>st</sup> April, the guidance surrounding COVID-19 is changing. For the majority of the population the free universal offer of testing will end. Although the updated guidance has not yet been issued it will outline an intent to treat infections in the way that any other respiratory infections are dealt with. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

As soon as the updated guidance is issued we will share it to ensure there is clarity (or as much as possible) for all. We will aim to move back to normal assemblies and lunches next week.



## Dates For Your Diary

W/b 4.4.22	Parents Meetings
7.4.22	PTA Bingo evening.
8.4.22	End of Spring Term
25.4.22	Start of Summer Term
23.5.22	Y6 RLS meeting followed by meeting for parents (3.15pm).
30.5.22 – 3.6.22	Half Term
6.6.22	School closed - lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday
15.6.22 – 17.6.22	Year 6 Camp
22.7.22	End of Summer Term



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Evie & Florence
SEEDLINGS	Elliemay & Lewis
BUDS	Zachary & Arbery
YOUNG OAKS	Alfie, Isabelle & Freya
BUR OAKS	Bailey, Alfie & Beatrice
RED OAKS	Rory & Sennen
MIGHTY OAKS	Hal & Sophia



  
The Driftwood Spars



11TH & 12TH APRIL

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# Bunny Rescue

AT THE DRIFTWOOD SPARS

CLAIM YOUR RESCUE BOOK AT RECEPTION OR  
THE MAIN BAR AND HELP US FIND ALL THE  
MISSING BUNNIES TO WIN A PRIZE

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY - COLOURING PAGE INCLUDED

*One hop, two hop. Oh dear! Oh no!*

*All our bunnies left the burrow.*

*Can you help us, three hop, four?*

*All you need do is explore!*

