





3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week we've had at Chacewater! First and foremost, we want to extend our sincere apologies for the unexpected school closure yesterday due to Storm Ciaran. We want you to know that this decision was not made lightly, and we truly understand the inconvenience it may have caused you and your children.

The storm left us without power, phone lines, internet connectivity, and even mobile phone signal, making it impossible to ensure the safety and smooth operation of the school. In addition, a number of our staff members were unable to make it to school due to the storm's impact. Your child's safety is always our utmost concern, and we appreciate your understanding during these challenging circumstances.

On Monday, our teaching staff participated in a trust-wide Inset Day that concentrated on enhancing our use of technology to boost teaching and learning. The day was filled with excitement and valuable insights that will benefit your child's education. We can't wait to implement these ideas.

This term, we're diving deep into history! We're all looking forward to immersing ourselves in this exciting subject across the school. The children will have the opportunity to learn about various historical periods, and we can't wait to see their enthusiasm grow. Mark your calendars for November 17th! It's going to be a day to remember as we'll be having a whole school history day. On this special day, all our children are encouraged to come to school dressed in the period/area of history they are learning about:

- Acorns Bonfire night/Guy Fawkes
- Seedlings Changes within living memory (think grandparents!)
- Buds First Flight (Wright Brothers)
- Young Oaks Stone Age/Iron Age
- Bur Oaks Romans
- ➤ Red Oaks Anglo Saxons
- Mighty Oaks Vikings

This is a fantastic way to make history come to life but please don't feel any pressure to go out and buy expensive costumes. If you are stuck for ideas or need some help then please speak to us.

As the weekend approaches, we want to remind everyone to stay safe during Bonfire Night celebrations. In KS2 assembly we spoke with the children about the importance of following the firework code to ensure a fun and safe evening. Please do ask them about what they can remember about keeping safe.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

Online Safety Newsletter

Our latest Online Safety newsletter can be found <u>HERE</u>. This month it focuses on live streaming and setting up parental controls. Definitely worth checking out.



KS1 Hall for Cornwall Show



We are really excited to be welcoming a show, **Arthurs Club**, from the Hall for Cornwall to Chacewater on Monday. This will be for our children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and it will be BRILLIANT! Find our more HERE.

A big thank you to Mrs Cotton for making this happen!

Swimming

We are really pleased that we will be able to take our Y4 children (Bur Oaks) swimming in over a two-week block – week beginning 27th November and 4th December. The children will swim every morning at Truro Leisure Centre and will be taught by trained swimming instructors. We will travel by coach each day and hope that parents/carers will be able contribute towards the cost of transport through ParentPay at an equivalent of £2.50 per day.

The children will need a swimming hat, goggles and a towel for these sessions.

This means that the only day that the children will need a PE kit on this day in year 4 is a Monday.

From the PTA

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Chacewater Village Hall - 2pm - 5pm

We will be running a brand new event at this year's Christmas Fayre



Children can get creative making lots of festive crafts & decorating cookies.

There are 4 x 40 minute slots to choose from with limited spaces in each session. Workshops need to be pre-booked here - <u>Chacewater School PTA (ptaevents.co.uk)</u>

Wreath Making Evening (Adults only event) FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

****Limited spaces remaining****

Tickets are £27 and include everything you need to make a beautiful wreath, plus a mince pie and a mulled wine (or non alcoholic alternative).

There will be a bar to purchase drinks plus lots of Christmas spirit.

To book visit here - <u>Chacewater School PTA (pta-events.co.uk)</u>



Nut Free



Please remember that we are a nut free school. There are several children in school that have severe nut allergies and therefore we kindly ask that you avoid giving children nuts in packed lunches.

Breaktime Snacks

Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing water. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

Asthma Pumps

If your child has an asthma pump then please do make sure that we have this in school.



<u>Footwear</u>

Please can you ensure that your children are wearing appropriate <u>black shoes</u> to school as part of our uniform. Can we also request that children come to school with PE shoes that are suitable for outdoor PE.

Dates For Your Diary		
6.11.23	Arthur's Club – KS1 show	
17.11.23	History Day	
12.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity – 9.30am and 1.30pm (TBC)	
13.12.23	Christmas Lunch	
13.12.23	Christmas Carol Concerts (key stage 2) – afternoon and evening	
14.12.23	Reception Christmas Nativity - 9.30am and 2pm (TBC)	
19.12.23	End of autumn term	
3.1.24	INSET Day	
4.1.24	Start of spring term	



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

<i>ACORNS</i>	Liam & Mia
SEEDLINGS	Isabelle & Charlie
BUDS	Charlie & Riley
YOUNG OAKS	Eliza & Ethan
BUR OAKS	Daisy-May & Holly
RED OAKS	Lorna & Blake
MIGHTY OAKS	Tom & Orla















