



1st October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

This week has certainly whizzed by! It has been fantastic to welcome our EYFS children into the school full time and I have been really pleased to see how well they have managed this transition, even if they are a little tired by the end of the week. We had our first visit from the Library van this week. Our amazing Reading Champions, Elizabeth and Freya got straight to work, selecting 150 new books for the Ks2 reading area. Great work girls – we are very proud of you.

While the children have been busy learning in the classroom, our adults have also been busy learning. This week, all of the teachers have been thinking about ‘how’ we teach and have explored some ideas about how we can help children, remember more and move knowledge from the short-term memory to the long-term memory. Mrs Fox and Miss Laskowski have been busy finding out more about dyslexia and how we can make the school more dyslexia friendly. Mrs Morgan has been learning more about how we can make sure that all of our children remain safe and I had a very intensive day of health and safety training!

This week we have also built on our recent work looking at values and revamped our previous golden rules to become behaviour values. There are four of these:



Over the coming weeks we will be unpicking and discussing how we can use these to guide our choices and our learning to make sure that we work as a team. Finally, I promised the children in assembly that I would share a short video that we watched linked to teamwork. If you would like to watch it then it is [here](#).

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Hick'.

Mr Hick

PROUD



Parental/Carer Consultations

These will take place during the week beginning 18th 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. **You will be able to book for these through eschool which will go live on Monday at 3pm.**

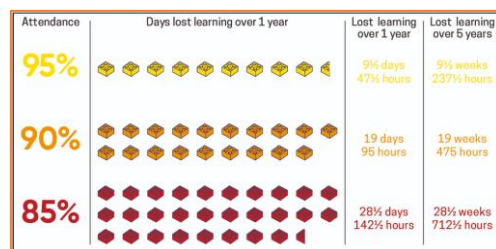


Community Garden Opening

The official opening of the Community Garden and car park will take place this Sunday, 3rd October, at 2pm. The garden will be opened by The Hon. Evelyn and Mrs Boscawen. There will be refreshments and if you are able to support this I am sure it would be welcome.

Attendance

Good and punctual attendance at school is key to doing well at school. Children's life chances are greatly improved, if they have a good education both socially and emotionally. We regularly track attendance and work closely with the Education Welfare Officer to act where necessary.



Emails

Our class emails are a great way to communicate with the class teacher for brief updates or queries. Please be aware that class teachers will **not be looking or responding to** any of these emails outside of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. If you do have more of a major concern then it will always be better to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher.

Coats

As we have unfortunately seen, the weather has definitely got colder and wetter! However, we will still look to get outside when we can, therefore please make sure that your child/children come to school with a coat.



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.

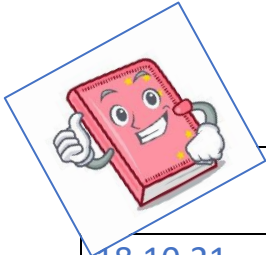
We need you!



Are you paramedic, doctor or similar? As part of their learning about the circulatory system the Mighty Oaks and Mrs James are looking for someone that would be able to come into school to deliver some simple first aid training to our amazing Year 6s.

We are also on the look out for anyone who might be able to help (for free!) with photography or design. We will be updating our website and logo but need some good quality images for this. My photography skills are lacking!

If you think you might be in a position to help with anything then please do get in touch with us.



Dates For Your Diary

18.10.21	Parent/carer consultation meetings this week. Bookings will be live from Monday 4 th October.
21.10.21	Harvest – we will be asking for charitable donations for Truro Foodbank.
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	Theo & Ethan
BUDS	Nell & Iyla
YOUNG OAKS	Bailey & Freddie
BUR OAKS	Tate & Marlowe
RED OAKS	Isla L & Louis
MIGHTY OAKS	Libby & Kian



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Cornwall Music Education Hub



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

If you have a LOVE and TALENT for singing, join us for a taster session and audition at one of our rehearsals. We sing many different styles of music and work with professional vocal mentors. The choirs have performed at many venues across the country and we will be returning to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in November 2021.



You can audition for the following choirs:

Cornwall Boys and Cornwall Girls
(Y4-Y7/8)



Cornwall County Youth Choir
(Y7/8 depending on voice maturity - Y13)

Email

julia.knight-bennett@cornwall.gov.uk
for more details



COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING

We invite you to join the Official Opening of
the Community Garden & Car Park on Sunday
3rd October at 2pm.

The Garden will be Opened by The Hon.
Evelyn and Mrs Boscawen.

Refreshments and Propagation lessons