



25th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've had a fantastic week. This half term is certainly flying by!

On Wednesday we had an exciting visit from the fire service, some local firefighters from Truro station came to visit the Acorns class. The children were very excited and thrilled to learn about their job and this linked nicely to their learning all about superheroes. The children got to have a look around the fire engine and even had the opportunity to use the hose under the guidance of the firefighters. It was a great experience for the children and we are very thankful to Truro fire station for making it happen.



To add to the exciting week in Acorns, they were delighted to welcome Ivy's mum to school from the vets to learn more about animals, bones and X-rays!



On Monday, our journey around the continents continued in our assembly, where Mrs. Morgan led an engaging exploration of Africa with the children. The students were captivated by the diverse cultures, wildlife, and geography of this vibrant continent. As part of our curriculum focus this half term, we are focusing on locational knowledge in our school assemblies and in particular the different continents. **We have done 3 out of 7 so far: Asia, Europe and Africa – ask your child/children if they know the ones left to go!**

On Tuesday I spoke to key stage 2 about Holocaust Memorial Day. I shared the powerful story of Anne Frank, emphasising the historical significance and the importance of remembering the past. This ties in with our half-term value, Tolerance, as we encourage our children to understand, appreciate, and respect differences among individuals and communities.

Over the coming week we will be having a renewed focus on school attendance and the importance of this. Please do look at the information below. There will be a new trust wide attendance strategy which we be implementing this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

Inset Day

Please note that 9th February is an inset day and the school will be closed to children on this day. This means the end of this half term will be Thursday 8th February.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of school attendance.

Achieving high school attendance is a national priority. Our school data clearly shows a correlation between high attendance rates and high achievement.

We want our children to achieve excellent attendance in line with national average. Illness usually appears as a block of time off school. We review attendance patterns each week and look for unbroken and broken weeks as a key indicator. We would not usually expect that children would have more than one or two broken weeks in the course of an academic year. Regular broken weeks are a cause for concern and we will offer support to families where there are more frequent broken weeks, in line with our attendance procedures. The impact broken weeks can have on a child's education (taken from national data) is illustrated below:

If your child misses...	That equals at least...	Which is the same as....	And over 13 years of education that's...	Or at least...
1 day a fortnight	80 lessons per year	4 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 whole years	1040 lessons
1 day a week	160 lessons per year	8 whole school weeks per year	Over 2.5 whole years	2080 lessons
2 days a week	320 lessons per year	16 whole school weeks per year	Over 5 whole years	4160 lessons
3 days a week	480 lessons per year	24 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 8 whole years	6240 lessons

Please note that if your child is absent from school then you must phone to let us know and not email.

Homework – Key Stage 2

Reading - Children should read at home for at least 25 minutes daily (building up to 30 minutes towards the end of the year) as part of their homework. Children on AR will be able to quiz and change their books at least 3 times per week.

Spelling - Spellings will be set on a Friday and quizzed the following Friday (please access [Spelling Shed](#) for your child's weekly spellings). Spelling Shed is part of our home learning and we ask that children log in at home and play for 10 minutes at least three or four times a week

Number fluency - Numbots and TTRockstars are part of our home learning and we ask that children log in at home and play for 10 minutes at least three or four times a week.

Wider curriculum - each half term there are also a choice of additional home learning opportunities for children to engage with, as outlined in our 'Leap into Learning' document.

Year 6 only - Weekly Maths/SPAG - Homework will be given out on a Monday, to then be handed in the following Monday.

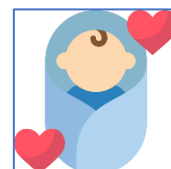
Acorns Reading



Over the coming Fridays we would like to welcome parents of our reception children, who would like to, into the class, first thing in the morning at drop off, to share some reading time with their children. Parents will need to leave the classroom by 8.55am so that the children can move to phonics.

Miss Hoare

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Miss Hoare has had her baby! She has had a beautiful baby boy, Corey, both mother and baby are doing well. I am sure you will all join me in giving a huge congratulations to Miss Hoare and her family (+2)



Lost Property

We have a growing collection of lost property which can be found in the link corridor. We have reunited all labelled items with their owner but we still have a lot left over. Next Friday, at the end of the day, anything left over will be free to a good home! Please do check for any missing items before this.

Young Oaks Trip To Eden




On Thursday 8th February Young Oaks will be visiting the Eden Project. Information about this trip has already been sent out to parents.

Online Safety Information Session

Advance notice - on Wednesday 31st there is an information session led by our Online Safety partner. This will be online and definitely worth checking out. To join click [HERE!](#)

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session



Current trends - what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.


Understanding the Risks - a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

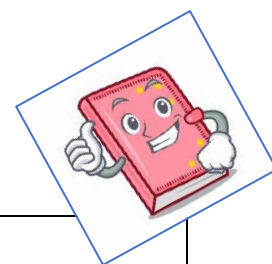
Further Support - signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
31ST JANUARY
2024**

9.30AM - 10.15AM



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Dates For Your Diary

7.2.24	PTA – Make the rules day
8.2.24	Y3 Trip to Eden
8.2.24	End of Half Term
9.2.24	SCHOOL INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
19.2.24	Start of half term
27.3.24	PTA Disco
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
15.4.24	Start of Summer Term
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Start of half term
17.7.24	Leavers Disco
23.7.24	End of Summer Term



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Emmie & Barnaby
SEEDLINGS	Locryn & Lily
BUDS	James & Charlie
YOUNG OAKS	Arthur & Eliza
BUR OAKS	Holly & Stanley
RED OAKS	Blake & Lily-Mae
MIGHTY OAKS	Esme & Rudi





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