





### 10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been incredibly eventful following the bank holiday. On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of hosting Chris Gould, our Director of Education. Together, we examined both our maths provision and Religious Education curriculum. The day was truly outstanding, with our children showing great enthusiasm, impressive learning in their books, and Miss O'Callaghan demonstrating exceptional subject leadership for RE. I couldn't be prouder of our school community. We are eagerly looking forward to Chris's return after the half term break to further explore different aspects of our provision with him, including SEND and History.

The rest of the week has been abuzz with teacher interviews. Yesterday, we focused on recruiting a new teacher for the Acorns class to cover Miss Glanville-Thomas' maternity leave. Today, we devoted our time to finding a teacher who will be taking over Miss Lahera's role as she prepares to leave for Kuwait at the year's end. It's been a bustling but rewarding few days and I will update you further next week. A BIG SHOUT OUT to our Pupil Parliament members for their involvement in the processes – I loved how seriously they approached this.

Despite all of this hustle and bustle, learning has thrived throughout the school. We have maximised the opportunities presented by the better weather and taken learning outside, allowing our children to engage with their environment in new and exciting ways. As always, it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and thirst to learn and discover new things.

Next week is equally as busy, as the Mighty Oaks take their SATs tests throughout the week. Good Luck to them all - we know they will 'smash' it!

As the weekend approaches, I hope you have a fantastic time with your families. If you have

Have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

#### **Household Support Fund 2024/25**

#### The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council.

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/</a>

#### It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/</a>

#### Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

#### Y6 Camp - Porthpean - 12<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June



Y6 School camp is rapidly approaching and we are finalising arrangements for this. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we are holding an information meeting for parents about our camp. The meeting will take place at the end of the school day (at about 3.20pm) in the Y6 classroom.

In this meeting we will share details about drop off and pick up arrangement. We will also be asking for parental consent forms to be completed to gather any medical and dietary requirements.

#### Y6 - Richard Lander Parent/Carer Meeting

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June Lucy Watts from Richard Lander School will be visiting our Y6 cohort for a transition meeting. After school at 3.25pm, Lucy will be leading a meeting for parent/carers of those children who are going to Richard Lander. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

#### Y5/6 Summer Show

A little way off and full details to be released soon! However, we will be presenting our Y5/6 summer show on 18<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a performance on the afternoon and in the evening. Keep the date free!

#### Y6 SATs

A reminder that these will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May through to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:

- Monday Grammar and Spelling
- Tuesday Reading
- Wednesday Maths
- Thursday Maths

It is crucial that all children in school and on time for these statutory tests.

We are inviting our Y6 children in to school a little earlier on these days for breakfast and a pre-test warm up. The children can come in through the front of the school from 8.25am.

On Friday we are planning to take the children for a visit to the beach, for a well deserved post SATs reward. We will travel by minibus and will give more details next week.

#### **Class Photos**

We are having our class photo day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Can all children wear their normal school uniform on this day and if it is a PE day for them please can they bring their PE kit in school to change into.



#### Swimming – rapidly approaching – Y5 and Y6



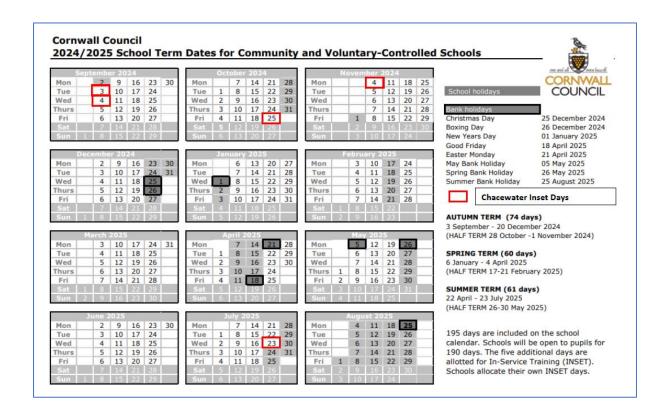
We are really pleased that we will be able to take our Y6 children (Mighty Oaks) swimming in over a two-week block – week beginning **17**<sup>th</sup> **June and 24**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Y5 m(Red Oaks) will be swimming the weeks beginning **1**<sup>st</sup> **July and 8**<sup>th</sup> **July**. The 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.

#### Term Dates 2024/25

Out term dates for 2024/25 can be seen below. Our inset days will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. On these days the school will be closed to children.



# From the PTA

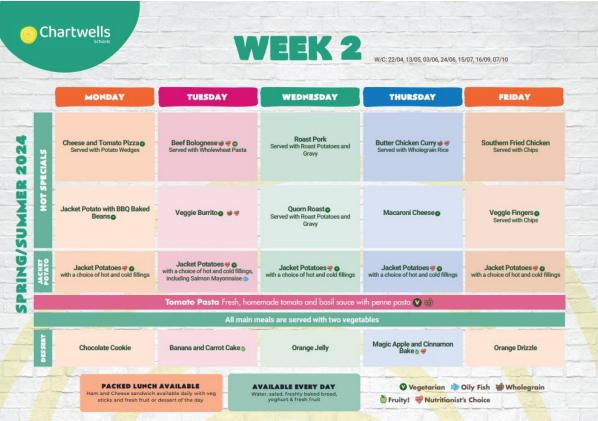
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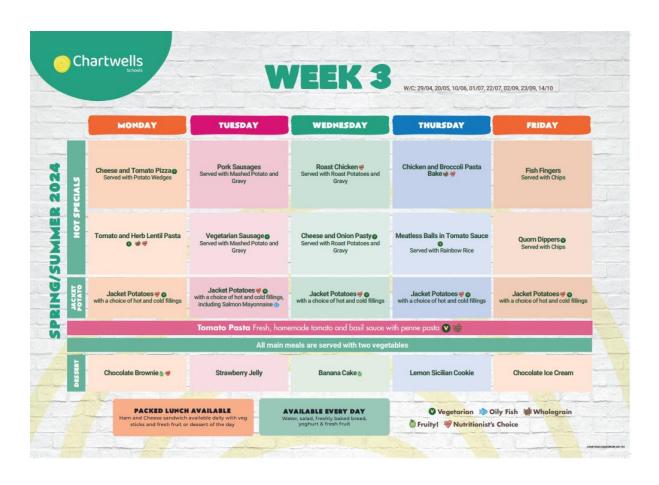
Please note that due to a busy end of the school year, the leavers Disco date has been changed to MONDAY 22nd July.

#### **Straw Dogs Party Band:**

We are pleased to advise that we have organised a live music fundraising event on **Saturday 22nd June** - STRAW DOGS PARTY BAND will be at Chacewater village hall. Tickets will go on sale next week so keep an eye on our Facebook page. (This is an overs 18's event)









## **GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS**

ACORNS	Kilian & Stanley
SEEDLINGS	Delilah & Kirill
BUDS	Charlie & Mia
YOUNG OAKS	Jackson & Ella-Grace
BUR OAKS	Holly, Saphena, Zachary & Iyla
RED OAKS	Jack & Lottie
MIGHTY OAKS	Mariah & Alfie SD

Dates For Your Diary	
15.4.24	Start of Summer Term
13.5.24	Y6 SATs Week Begins
23.5.24	Class Photo Day
	Y6 School Camp Meeting
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Start of half term
11.6.24	Sports Day – Provisional Date
12.6.24 – 14.6.24	Y6 Camp - Porthpean
17.6.24	Y6 Two Week Swimming Block begins
1.7.24	Y5 Two Week Swimming Block begins
22.7.24	Leavers Disco
23.7.24	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

	End of Summer Term
3.9.24 & 4.9.24	Inset Days – School closed to children
5.9.24	Start of Autumn Term

#### Signposting



From Sunday 2nd June to Sunday 7th July Duchy Hockey Club are pleased to be offering Junior Hockey.

Why not bring your children along and if any adults fancy giving hockey a go... there's walking hockey on the other half of the pitch.

Check out the posters and share with your friends. Be great to see you there! Find us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/duchyhc">https://www.facebook.com/duchyhc</a>





#### Summer Cricket programme opens for children ages 5 to 11 across the county.

Bookings are now open for this year's All Stars and Dynamos Cricket programmes, providing opportunities for children aged 5 to 11 from across the county to take part in the sport.

39 Cricket Clubs across the county have joined Cornwall Cricket Board to provide the programme which runs nationally and is designed and supported by England and Wales Cricket Board.

All Stars Cricket gives 5 to 8 year olds their first experience of Cricket, learning new skills whilst having fun and making friends. The eight week programme costs just £30 per child.

Dynamos Cricket provides the next step to those moving on from All Stars and is aimed at children aged 8 to 11 years old. The programme, which costs £40 per child, focuses on developing their skills and each child will receive a Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Places will be available to book from Wednesday 10th April by visiting <a href="ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars">ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars</a> for All Stars and via <a href="ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket">ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket</a> for Dynamos.

Cornwall Cricket Board provides subsidised places to children whose families can not afford the cost, to find out more please contact <a href="mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk">admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.cornwallcricket.co.uk">www.cornwallcricket.co.uk</a>

Chris Anderson, School and Club Development Officer for Cornwall Cricket Board said: "The ECB National Programmes are set up as 8 week summer cricket programmes at 39 clubs centres around Cornwall! All Stars aimed at 5-8 year olds - is fun and exciting introduction into cricket and Dynamos aimed at 8-11 year olds - is also fun and exciting and a great next step into cricket to development through games of cricket!

"All the equipment is provided throughout the sessions! There are no restrictions as to who can join as cricket is a game for anyone. The programmes offer a great opportunity to learn and play the wonderful sport of cricket and experience a real cricket club environment!

"All Centres will have qualified Activators (who run the programmes) and are verified to ensure hosts are safe, secure and ready for tonnes of cricket fun!"

Cornwall Cricket Board provides adults and children aged 5 years and upwards with the opportunity to take part in the sport across the county. It is also the official governing body for all cricket in Cornwall and is responsible and accountable to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the National Governing Body, for the strategic management, development and conduct of the sport.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or fundraising for any of the teams is invited to contact <a href="mailto:teamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk">tamsin@cornwallcricket.co.uk</a>

