





4th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been yet another really busy week at Chacewater School. Amongst other things, a week which has seen:

- a visit by the RSPCA (more below);
- Mighty Oaks completed and 'smashed' their swimming sessions we are so proud of them all;
- Red Oaks took part in cross country running at Richard Lander and showed lots of resilience;
- fantastic efforts in reading from all of our children so many targets are being surpassed and there is a real buzz around reading;
- lots of incredible home learning appearing.









On Tuesday, we welcomed the RSPCA who came to talk to Seedlings and Buds about Cornish Wildlife (and how we can help look after them), as well as helping us think about animal's feelings - how can you tell if your cat is scared? What does a happy dog look like? The children brought in a donation for the RSPCA and enjoyed dressing up in animal clothes for the day. I was also almost eaten by a crocodile, when I visited Seedlings class! This was a great day and really helped to make the learning memorable.







Our assemblies this week have started to explore the idea of **resourcefulness** and how we can be **resourceful** by using the things and people around us to help our learning. We will revisit this learning behaviour again and how it links to our school value of **'be brilliant'**. It was also really exciting this week to begin a return to normal – resuming key stage 2 assembly in the hall. In this assembly we took another 'R' word, respect, and discussed how it is important for us to respect and celebrate all of our differences. We looked at this through the lens of autism and talked about how we all view the world differently and express ourselves differently. Finishing by watching a great video, which you can also watch HERE.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

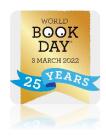
Advance Warning - again!

We have a couple of days coming up, which we wanted to give you some advance notice of:

- Friday 8th February Safer Internet Day (More detail below)
- Friday 11th February as part of Children's Mental Health Week we will be having a 'Dress to Express Yourself' day. We will invite children to dress in their favourite colour this day.
- Thursday 3rd March World Book Day on this day we will be celebrating our love of reading and asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. More details soon.







Money!

We are noticing that our children in key stage 1 are finding money a little tricky at the moment. Perhaps not surprising as we are using less and less cash! However, it is still important that they have a good depth of understanding about the coins and notes we use, additionally working with money can really support counting, addition and subtraction. There are some great tips HERE about how you can help your children in this area and some fun games that can be played HERE.

Swimming

Red Oaks (Y5) two-week swimming block begins on 14th March. The Leisure Centre would like all children to wear <u>a swimming hat</u> and they will also need to ensure that they have <u>swimming trunks/costume and a towel</u> for each day. <u>Goggles</u> although not compulsory would also be very beneficial.



BAKE OFF

Do we have any budding bakers? Applications have recently opened for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off;** a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. I am happy to volunteer for any taste testing!



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 8th February and on this day each class will be having some focused learning, at an age appropriate level, about how to stay safe on line. This is a really important area for our children to know about and an area which we will continue to look at over the year as part of our curriculum.

In a world where it is increasingly difficult to keep up with technology, knowing how we can help our children make good choices and stay safe online is crucial. Parent Zone have produced a vast number of parent guides which can be found HERE and are really useful if you have questions ranging from Netflix through to TikTok!

On the 8th February and 9th February there are a couple of really good (and free) opportunities available for parents/carers to find out more about how they can keep their children safe.

Parent Zone is hosting a free 30-minute virtual Safer Internet Day event on YouTube — exploring everything parents need to know about supporting their child's online gaming. Their expert trainer Sophie will cover which games may be suitable, effective boundaries, and what to do if they are worried about excessive gaming. Live at 4.30pm to 5pm.



There's no need to register: to join, they simply click this link: https://youtu.be/s6dz2GoR6uM

On Wednesday 9th February, our academy trust, TPAT are offering a free live online safety presentation at 7pm. This will be led by Richard for The Stay Safe Initiative who will help you to understand young peoples digital lives a bit more. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe. This will finish with an informal Q&A session. Sign up here - https://forms.gle/HBcK8dyKdkbGyrDF7 or use the QR code below.



	Dates For Your Diary
8.2.22	Safer Internet Day
11.2.22	Dress to Express Yourself Day
15.2.22	Y2 Seal Sanctuary Trip
16.2.22	Y4 Geevor Tin Mine Trip
17.2.22	Y3 Eden Trip
17.2.22	End of half term for children
18.2.22	Inset Day – School closed to children.
28.2.22	Start of new half term
3.3.22	World Book Day
14.3.22	Year 5 Swimming Block begins.
8.4.22	End of Spring Term
25.4.22	Start of Summer Term



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

<i>ACO</i> RNS	Amelia & Sienna
SEEDLINGS	Arthur & Caleb
BUDS	George & Iyla
YOUNG OAKS	Isabelle & Jacob
BUR OAKS	Sadie & Freya
RED OAKS	Riley & Freya-Mae
MIGHTY OAKS	Mighty Oaks for outstanding swimming







Signposting



Cornwall Cricket would like to share details of our February Half Term Cricket Camps. This will help children keep active, meet new friends and have lots of fun learning and developing new skills - though places are filling fast and we're reaching our limit! **BOOK HERE.**