





# 11th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It feels like every week I say what a busy week it has been and this week has been no different! Each class has had a focus on keeping safe online as we marked Safer Internet Day – we were really pleased with how all of our children approached this learning and how they showed a good awareness of how to keep themselves safe when online, gaming or when using social media platforms.

This week we have also been thinking about our mental health, discussing how this is often less visible than our physical health but equally important to look after. In our school assembly we have spoken about how we should celebrate everyone's uniqueness and it has been fantastic to see everyone embracing this today as we 'dress to express ourselves'.

Reading has continued to be a priority for us in school and on Thursday we welcomed Mr Johnson, the Headteacher from Perranporth School, to Chacewater to help us evaluate our provision. This was a really valuable day and I think it was fair to say that he was impressed with what is happening in our school and in particular our children's attitudes and enthusiasm for reading. I would also like to give a <a href="https://example.com/huge-thanks">huge thanks</a> to all of our staff team who have worked so hard in developing this area of our curriculum. If you would like to find out a little more about our approach then visit our website <a href="https://example.com/huge-thanks">HERE</a>. Remember 'keep reading'!

The reading gods must also be smiling on us because Mrs Law entered a competition to win some new books and she won! We were really excited to receive a delivery of **100** new books on Wednesday.



Finally, today we are sad to be saying goodbye to Lauren Syrett who has been a big part of our school – every week bringing energy, enthusiasm, creativity and of course dance to our school. Lauren is involved in lots of ventures and although we will miss her we wish her all the best for these.

**Best Wishes** 

Mr Hick

# COVID

You will have seen from communication this week that there has been a small increase in positive cases in our school. This is not particularly high and in line with what many other local schools are experiencing. We will continue to monitor the situation and put in place further protective measures if needed. However, we do hope that we can still continue with our gradual return to normal (if we can remember what that looks like) over the coming weeks.

#### Inset

Please remember that next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February is an inset day for staff and the school will be closed to children. The week after is half term and we will return to school on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We have also confirmed our inset days for 2022/23:

- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# <u>Twitter</u>



Do you tweet? We are using our school twitter account regularly to share some of the amazing things that we are doing. Please take the time to follow us on Twitter @chacewatersch so that you can stay in touch with all that are doing.

You can also find the feed on the front page of our website.

# **End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)**

It has been confirmed that the end of key stage 2 (Y6) SATs tests will take place this year in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Reading
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Maths
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Maths



It is important that all children are present for these tests.

# Half Term Food Vouchers

Our local authority has once again provided funding to facilitate Free School Meal provision (for those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals) over the half term holiday. We will use the WONDE platform as before and and they will be issued electronically via email. The vouchers will be valued at £15 per eligible child to cover the holiday period.

# School Camp!

At the end of this week we have been informed by Porthpean Camp that they have cancelled **all** residentials for schools in the summer term due to a lack of availability of instructors. This is obviously a big disappointment to us and comes at late notice! We are currently working hard to find alternative options. We will update you as soon as possible and please be assured that any money paid so far is safe.

# World Book Day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is 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.



#### **Swimming**

Red Oaks (Y5) two-week swimming block begins on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 - <a href="https://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.">www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.</a> I am happy to volunteer for any taste testing!



	Dates For Your Diary	
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**

ACORNS	Storm & Xander	
SEEDLINGS	Dylan, Jackson & Miss Lauren	
BUDS	Lauren & Sonny	
YOUNG OAKS	Ella-Jane, Reuben & Poppy	
BUR OAKS	Molly & Jago	
RED OAKS	Leighton & Jake	
MIGHTY OAKS	Seth & Melody	







#### 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.**