





22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are still only in the early stages of the school term but already our school is a hub of activity.

I am already incredibly proud of the achievements of our youngest learners, the Acorns! They have taken their first steps into primary school life and have absolutely smashed their first full week. It's BRILLIANT to see their bright smiles, boundless energy, and enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the fantastic work, Amazing Acorns!

At the other end of the school spectrum, we've been buzzing with excitement about a fantastic development. Thanks to our participation in an academy trust-wide initiative, each of our children in Year 5 and Year 6 now has their very own iPad! This technology is opening up a world of possibilities for teaching and learning, and we're already witnessing the transformative power it brings to our classrooms. In the near future we will hopefully hold a workshop to showcase how this technology has a positive impact on our approaches to teaching and learning. Watch this space!

Speaking of technology, we've recently transitioned to a new email system.

While this change has brought about some minor technology glitches, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office if you believe you're missing important emails. We are working hard to ensure a smooth transition for everyone, whilst managing our frustrations when things aren't quite working how we want them to!

This week, our mornings have been filled with excitement as we dive into phonics groups in Key Stage 1. The energy in our classrooms is palpable as our young learners practice their speed sounds, use their 'Fred talk,' and engage with 'Fred in their head.'

If you're interested in learning more about our approach to phonics and how you can support your child's learning at home, mark your calendars! Mrs. Morgan will be leading an informative meeting on Monday, October 2nd, at the end of the school day. Additionally, there will be a separate reception reading meeting on Wednesday, October 4th. We encourage you to join us if you can.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

<u>Clubs</u>



We have allocated places to both our key stage 1 and key stage 2 clubs. Wherever possible we have tried to ensure that every child has at least their first-choice and second choice clubs. Clubs will begin next week. Please note that for football club

the children do need football boots and shin pads. If you have any difficulty with this then please do let us know. If you do have old unwanted boots or shin pads at home then we would welcome them as we try to keep some spares which we can lend out.

Harvest Festival



On the 12th October we will be holding two short harvest celebrations in Chacewater Church. One for reception and key stage 1 at 9.30am and one for key stage 2 at 10.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these but please be mindful of available space in the church. During this week we will be taking a

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End of Key stage 2 SATs Results

collection of goods for Truro Foodbank.

We are delighted to now be able to share our end of Key Stage 2 'SATs' results from the summer of 2023. We are always really proud of all of children's efforts and everyone in our school who supports them – this led to incredible results, the best attainment and progress in our academy trust.

	<u>Expected</u>	Higher Standard	<u>Progress</u>
Reading	86%	30%	+3.66
Writing	97%	17%	+3.95
Maths	93%	41%	+3.35
	All significantly better than comparative national data.		

Parent Meetings

We will be holding parent/carer meetings in the week beginning 16th October. We will get sign-up sheets out for this soon.



Nut Free



Please remember that we are a nut free school. There are several children in school that have severe nut allergies and therefore we kindly ask that you avoid giving children nuts in packed lunches.

Breaktime Snacks

Fruit snack is only provided to children in key stage 1. Children in key stage 2 will need to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. Please also remember to send your children to school with a bottle containing water. Juice is allowed at lunchtime.

Asthma Pumps

If your child has an asthma pump then please do make sure that we have this in school.



Dates For Your Diary		
22.9.23	Summer Fayre! - Cancelled	
2.10.23	KS1 Reading meeting	
4.10.23	EYFS Reading Meeting	
12.10.23	KS1 and KS2 Harvest Celebrations - Church	
18.10.23	Autumn Disco	
20.10.23	End of Half Term	
30.10.23	INSET Day	
31.10.23	Return to school	
19.12.23	End of autumn term	
3.1.24	INSET Day	
4.1.24	Start of spring term	



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Isla & Joseph
SEEDLINGS	Lacey & Theo
BUDS	Grace & James
YOUNG OAKS	Gab & Ada
BUR OAKS	Saphie & Jackson
RED OAKS	Bailey & Jake
MIGHTY OAKS	Freya & Charlie



Job Vacancy

Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

Part-time (15 hours a week): Hours can be annualised to cater for working parents/carers.

Hybrid working.

Location - Chacewater Parish Council, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall

Salary – From £20,344 pro rata to the national scale which will depend on experience.

Chacewater Parish Council has an exciting opportunity to support the Council in their community work. If you have a genuine interest in helping our forward-thinking, pro-active, and energetic Council develop and deliver timely, quality and innovative services to the local community, this post is ideal. With around 1,500 households and 1,300 voters Chacewater, located between Truro and Redruth, is a rural parish which consists of numerous public rights of way, and a rich historic mining history set within a World Heritage Site.

You will ensure that all legal, statutory, financial and other governing provisions relating to the Council are observed, all Council meetings are properly administered, and decisions effectively implemented whilst developing healthy working partnerships with key local and regional bodies.

If you have not been involved in working with Councils before, look to your transferable skills and how these can benefit our Council. The successful applicant will have a proven record in administration and financial management with experience of managing people (volunteers or employees). You will be required to attend monthly evening Council meetings which are usually held on Wednesday/Friday evenings and other meetings as needed. This may involve some weekend work during the year. The day-to-day hours can be agreed to fit around you and can be flexible throughout the year depending upon workload.

Competence in IT such as managing a Microsoft 365 account and accounting software is essential with knowledge of website administration. (Training will be provided in the Scribe accounts package and Website administration). As a part of the projects team, you will be responsible for the administrative tasks and preparation of reports on various projects withing the parish.

You must be able to work on your own initiative, be willing to acquire new skills and take a proactive interest in the wellbeing of the community along with excellent interpersonal skills in order to work successfully with external organisations, Councillors and our community.

Benefits include 22 days annual leave (pro rata) plus bank holidays. The Council will fund membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

Full Job Description and application details are available from parish.clerk@chacewater.org or download via www.chacewater.net. If you have questions or would like an informal chat with the outgoing clerk, you can call Chrissi on 01872 561387.

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 28th September 2023.

Interviews will take place Saturday 7th October 2023.







