





19th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe another year has nearly gone by but how brilliant it was to round off on a high with a simply magnificent production of 'Pantastic'. Red Oaks and Mighty Oaks absolutely dazzled audiences with two performances yesterday and they didn't let anyone down. The acting was amazing, the dancing was incredible and the singing was unbelievably good. I am so proud of each and everyone of the children that took part. Additionally, a HUGE thank you to all of the adults who were involved in making this a success – it takes a lot of time, effort and hard work to pull these things together.

At the beginning of the week Buds also impressed us with their class assembly. It was fantastic to see how much learning they have done this half term and how confidently that they were able to share it. A great job – well done to everyone involved.

On Tuesday, I was fortunate enough to attend our academy trust sports festival with Bur Oaks at Truro College. This was a great day and also great fun. It was awesome to see how well our children took part in each activity and particularly the encouragement that they gave each other. Thank you, Bur Oaks, for representing our school so well.

We ended the week this afternoon with our whole school reward, which the children have earned, after filling our 'brilliant tree'. We harnessed the power of democracy and it was decided that we would have a no learning afternoon on the Millenium Green together. This was accompanied by Candy Floss! Thank you to the PTA for providing the machine – I found this very exciting!

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a restful (and hopefully sunny) summer holiday. The first day back for the children is Thursday 5th September.

Have a great weekend

Mr Hick

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

A chance for parents and carers of Y6 to join as we prepare to say goodbye to our Mighty Oaks.

2pm – Monday 22nd July

From the PTA

Dear All,



It has come to the end of another fantastic year of fund raising from the PTA and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who have been so generous with your time and money. We have had a fantastic core of PTA this year who have attended meetings, given amazing ideas, been supportive in their time and energy, shopped for all manner of items, gathered raffle prizes

etc and for that I am so grateful. As you know we raise money for the children of the school each year and this year we have been able to raise enough money to have a brand-new section of the outdoor play area, a total cost to us of **£7000**!

We have also been successful in winning £500 for the school to buy more outdoor educational toys/games and the PTA even topped up the total to **£1450**

As we draw to the end of the school year it is good to look back on all the fabulous events we have created.

We have had 2 school discos (with the 3rd and final leavers disco to follow on Monday 22nd July), our Christmas fayre in the village hall where we invited the school choir to sing to us and enjoyed Elf workshops as well as shopping from the fantastic stall holders, followed swiftly by our sold out wreath making night which saw adults from across the local community come together with our wonderful florist Amy to create Christmassy wreaths/table centres - a hugely successful event. In the new year we had a "make the rules day" which I think we can agree was a huge hit with the students and teachers alike, over the Easter holidays we did our now, annual, Easter Egg hunt in the millennium green which had huge support not only from the pupils of the school but from people in the wider community too. We come to the final half term where we've run the hugely popular ice cream Friday's, we have supported the teachers of the new Acorn's parents by providing refreshments in their welcome assembly and last but by no means least was our incredible Summer Fayre. We had over 25 brilliant volunteers to make this event possible, the perfect weather finally allowed us to have an altogether awesome day, and Mr Hick was a great sport for allowing the children to throw very wet sponges at his face for nearly an hour. You will see in the very near future a new clothing bin arriving in the village car park, this will replace our "bags2school" mornings with you being able to conveniently add your old clothing/textiles at any time, sending it to be recycled and giving the school money in the process.

I would also like to make two extra special thankyous to my right-hand ladies, Chrissi and Karen. They are our Secretary and Treasurer and have been exceptional this year in keeping me on track and most of all making the events fun and enjoyable for all involved. Chrissi and her excellent organisational skills, taking minutes, making sure we have volunteers in the right place at the right time and forever being able to answer 500 questions all at once without breaking a sweat. Karen for always bringing the laughter, the earrings and costumes to the events along her side fabulous colour coding of spreadsheets and SumUps, she really has made the role of treasurer hers and I am so pleased to have them both in my corner. My final thanks is to our own children who become honorary members of the PTA by giving their help at these events and of course testing activities (and maybe a little candyfloss) for us before the public arrive – there has to be some perks to being dragged into set up and take down at our events.

I know we have so many exciting ideas for year 24/25. Being able to use the new pavilion facilities will give us scope for bigger, even more fun events that we haven't run before and for a bigger and better Summer Fayre so if you fancy being involved in the PTA – it doesn't have to be a huge commitment - please come to one of our meetings in September (we have tea and coffee – sometimes cake too) and see how you could be involved with this amazing team that I am proud to be Chair of.

Yours Sincerely

Charlotte Bearham Chair of Chacewater School PTA

Online Safety – Useful Information for Our Y6 Children

As you are fully aware, the end of the school year is fast approaching and whilst for many of your students this welcomes the summer holidays, for year 6 students this may be a time of apprehension and anxiety as they transition to secondary schools. The summer break also gives more time for young people to be online and although generally most young people have the resilience to deal with any online issues they may face, this can also be a time where some of them looking for answers to their worries may become drawn into the darker areas of the online world including those wanting to influence vulnerable young people into extremism.

Young people are generally good at spotting things that don't look right online and having been taught in schools, can be ahead of their parents in recognising concerning signs. In respect of this the police can have a role to play in supporting parents in keeping their children safe online. We would like to take this opportunity to direct you to a number of resources available to parents and schools.

For parents

Moving to

secondary school



Moving to secondary school

A web site to help users understand the possible risks and benefits of going online with our resources for parents, carers and teachers to use at home and in the classroom.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondaryschool-online-safety-guide/

A parent's guide to: Moving to secondary school

The accompanying booklet provides a large amount of information for parents to aid them in supporting their child as they make the transition to secondary education.



For schools



Online risks of radicalisation for young people

This section of our professional's website provides guidance and information upon radicalisation with guidance for identifying vulnerabilities, developing critical thinking and links to useful resources

https://dcdhub.org/the-online-risks-of-radicalisation-for-young-people/

Summer Reading Challenge



Dear parent/ guardian/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u> with Cornwall Libraries. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by <u>The Reading Agency</u> and delivered in partnership with the <u>public library network</u>.

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local Cornwall Library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge booklet and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online.

- Sign up on the <u>summerreadingchallenge.org.uk</u>.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on **6 July**. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the <u>https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone</u> to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact **lib.comms@cornwall.gov.uk**

Yours faithfully, Karen Burdon Communication and Engagement Co-ordinator for Cornwall Libraries Cornwall Council/Konsel Kernow|Culture, Leisure & Libraries/ Gonisogeth, Diskwithans ha Lyvervao



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Everyone!
SEEDLINGS	Everyone!
BUDS	Everyone!
YOUNG OAKS	Everyone!
BUR OAKS	Everyone!
RED OAKS	Everyone!
MIGHTY OAKS	Everyone!



LEAVERS DISCO - Monday 22nd July 2024

Bookings are now live.

Please book via the following links.

Year 6 do NOT have to pay - but do still need to book please!!

KS1 5-6pm <u>Chacewater School PTA (pta-events.com)</u> KS2 - 6:15 - 7:15pm - <u>Chacewater School PTA (pta-events.com)</u> Year 6 ONLY - <u>Chacewater School PTA (pta-events.com)</u>