



31st March 2023

Just like that the Easter term is over! This week we have welcomed the lighter evenings but not some of the weather – surely, we are due some more sunny days soon! This term has been jam packed and there are far too many highlights to mention them all. Class teachers have pulled out a couple below:

- **Acorns** loved going on their first school trip to Newquay Zoo and they have learnt so much about many different types of animals. Their knowledge has blown us away!
- **Seedlings** have had a very busy and exciting term and are so proud with the progress they have made! We particularly enjoyed our plants topic and growing our own pea plants. The children have been so enthusiastic in all subject areas and have produced some excellent pieces of work.
- **Buds** had an amazing trip to St Michaels Mount – very tired legs at the end of the day but it was great fun! The children have recently started exploring grouping and sharing in maths.
- **Young Oaks** have been geologists this term, identifying and classifying rocks and fossils. We have gone back in time to look at Mary Anning's life changing discovery of fossil history.
- **Bur Oaks** have been brilliant swimmers this half term and have also been amazing with data logging using iPads to investigate the volume of sounds around our school.
- In **Red Oaks** this half-term, we have become astronauts, floating into our solar-system to find out how the Earth, Sun and Moon move in relation to each other and other planets. We had an amazing trip to the Cornwall Spaceport, where we were lucky enough to see a life size model of the Launcher One (the actual one is currently sitting at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean) and learn all about the failure of the launch.
- **Mighty Oaks** have all made outstanding progress with arithmetic – hugely increasing both their speed and accuracy. We have also seen incredible writing, not least when the children wrote a balanced argument - Should dogs be allowed on the beach?

This week we have had the pleasure of two class assemblies, one from Burs Oaks and one from Red Oaks, all of the children were brilliant in these. It is always a great opportunity for the children to share some of their learning, whilst building their confidence in speaking in front of people, which we know can be a little scary for some. WELL DONE to both year 4 and year 5!

On Wednesday we enjoyed a musical extravaganza! Children from across the school, led by Miss Dyer, shared some of their musical talents. We have so much talent in school, that we ran out of time and so we are having an Easter holiday intermission, before the rest of the children have their opportunity!

At the beginning of the week we appointed a new teacher, Miss Barnes, who will be joining our team from September. We are very excited to have her join us in key stage 1. Later in the summer term we will confirm the class structure and teacher for 2023/24.

Finally, today we are saying goodbye to Miss Cookson. We have loved having her as a part of our school and I know that all of the Acorns will miss her lots. We hope to see her from time to time and wish her all the best for the future.

I hope everyone has an eggcellent Easter! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 17th April.

Mr Hick



Car Parking



Can we please encourage everyone to avoid parking on the yellow lines outside of the school and to avoid turning in the entrance area to the car park. Can everyone also please be very mindful of their speed around the entrance and exit to the car park.

Truro School: Year 5 Maths Masterclasses

Truro School would like to invite students from across Cornwall to join us for Year 5 Maths Masterclasses. Masterclass sessions provide an opportunity for students to experience engaging maths lessons at Truro School. Year 5 students from any primary school are invited to sign up. Students will engage in a variety of different topics, meet fellow gifted students from around the county and develop deeper thinking skills. Each masterclass will consist of a 2 hour session with one of our specialist teachers. The sessions will include:

- Saturday 22 April: Session 1 - Using Tactics in Games
- Saturday 29 April: Session 2 - Probability
- Saturday 13 May: Session 3 - The Mobius Strip



The masterclasses will be from 10am-12pm at Truro School (TR1 1TH), with snacks and drinks provided. To sign up for your chosen session, please follow this link: [Year 5 Maths Masterclasses at Truro School](#)

Year 6 SATs

The end of key stage 2 tests (SATs) are fast approaching for our Y6 children. There are a number of statutory tests which the children will take on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

All of the children have been working really hard and we have no doubt that they will smash it! It is really important that all of the children are in school during this week.

After Easter, on the 24th April, we will be holding a short meeting for parents/carers about these tests. This will take place straight after school in the classroom.

Online Safety

Our latest online safety newsletter can be found [HERE](#). This month it contains some really useful information about being unkind online.

FREE!



HAPPY NEWS



USA

World's first 3D-printed rocket launches

The world's first 3D-printed rocket created using the world's largest 3D printer lifted off from Florida, USA. Although it failed to get high enough to circle the earth, which is called orbiting, it's still a huge milestone for technology. It proved it was durable enough to survive blast off without breaking apart!



Your weekly round up of feel-good news from around the world!



WORLDWIDE

First-ever International Day of Zero Waste

March 30th will mark the first-ever International Day of Zero Waste. The day aims to raise awareness about how zero waste will help the world and how the rubbish we create contributes to things like climate change and pollution.



USA



Could you be a professional bear hugger?

If you fancy working with very cute but dangerous animals when you grow up, then why not become a professional bear hugger? The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish put out an ad this week looking for professional bear huggers to join their team and yes - you get to cuddle cute little bear cubs!



UK

Take part in the Great British Spring Clean!

The Great British Spring Clean and the Great Big School Clean are underway! From 17th March to 2nd April, lots of people get out into their local communities to make them cleaner, tidier places.



WORLDWIDE

Beware of Pranks! It's almost April Fools Day

Saturday is April 1st, or, as it is commonly known, Fools' Day. The holiday is celebrated by playing lighthearted pranks on family and friends. April Fools has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery.



Attendance

We have noticed recently that there has been a slight increase in the number of children that are arriving late for school. All children should be in school by 8.55am for registration. Just being a few minutes late can really impact on your child/children because it means they are missing some key learning time such as phonics or key maths skills.

	Attendance %	Broken Weeks%	Occasions of Lateness
Outstanding Attendance	100%-98%	0%-3%	0-1
Good Attendance	97.9 - 96%	4%-9%	2-3
Attendance Requiring Improvement	95.9% - 94%	10%-18%	4-9
Poor Attendance	93.9% - 90%	> 18%	>9
Persistent Absentee (DfE defined)	< 90%	n/a	n/a

Help us win some sports equipment!

We have the chance to win enough sports / PE equipment for the entire school.

Football, hockey sticks, handballs, netballs, athletics equipment, basketballs, tennis rackets & balls, badminton sets, cricket sets, rugby balls & so much more.

Please visit the link below. The more nominations we receive, the greater the chance of winning!

Competition link: [HERE](#)

BECOME A LOCAL HERO
WIN
SPORTS EQUIPMENT
TO KIT OUT 2 PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF YOUR CHOICE!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

- 1 Like & Follow Family First's page.
- 2 Type the name of the school you want to win in the comments section, and tag in a minimum of 3 friends.
- 3 Share this competition page.

Why not get your local community involved: The more people you tag & nominations your school receives, the greater the chance.

FACEBOOK: familyfirstuk
FamilyFirst Helping to make all sports accessible for every child.

Phonics Update

The children have been making super progress in their reading this year. Fred talk and speed reading can be heard throughout the classroom and corridors. To help you support your child at home, EYFS will be sending home virtual classroom 10 minute lessons weekly, this complements the sounds they have been learning each week. You will find this on tapestry.

Year 1 parents, we welcome you to attend a Year 1 phonics meeting where we will explain the phonics screening check in June. This will be held on Tuesday 18th April at 3.30pm in the Seedlings classroom.

Easter Egg Hunt - Tickets on Sale Now!

Weds 5th April

Tickets cost £2 per child and the event is open to all so please invite family and friends.

To book visit - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chacewaterschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=59960#.ZACsSj3P1D8>



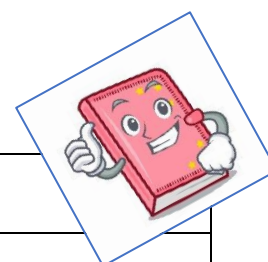
Easter Time2Move Holiday Programme

This aims to support families during the school holidays to ensure children have access to fun activities, healthy food and physical activity and to address those particular challenges for some families because of increased costs such as food, childcare and reduced income.

It brings together providers across Cornwall who put on a wide range of diverse activities that are **fully funded** for those eligible for benefits related free school meals but available to all children aged 5 to 16.

Easter activities will run from April 3rd to the 7th and the 10th to the 14th and all children that attend will receive a healthy meal.

Children eligible for benefits related free school meals can access a unique code to access the provision free of charge. This can be accessed via a simple [look up system](#) and professionals can also refer children on to the programme to access it free by emailing Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk



Dates For Your Diary

3.4.23 – 14.4.23	EASTER HOLIDAYS
17.4.23	Start of summer term
8.5.23	BANK HOLIDAY – CORONATION – KING CHARLES
9.5.23 – 12.5.23	Year 6 SATs
16.5.23 – 18.5.23	Year 6 Bikeability
29.5.23 – 2.6.23	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
5.6.23	Start of half term
14.6.23 – 16.6.23	Year 6 Residential Trip – Beam House
19.6.23	Year 6 – two-week swimming block begins. Hats and goggles needed.
3.7.23	Year 5 – two-week swimming block begins. Hats and goggles needed.
21.7.23	End of term for children



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	All of the Acorns
SEEDLINGS	Lily C & Pippa
BUDS	Gabe & Grace
YOUNG OAKS	Alfie S, April & Ruby
BUR OAKS	Eloise & Bailey
RED OAKS	Esme, Isabel & Hayden
MIGHTY OAKS	Isla L & Logan





BOOK ON THE PORTAL

WEST COAST CLUB

£24
9 - 3PM

WEST COAST ACADEMY
ARE OFFERING CHILDCARE
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FOR AGES 6 - 16 YEARS



The poster features a vibrant background with yellow, red, and blue sections. At the top, the West Coast Academy logo is partially visible. A white circle in the top left contains the text 'BOOK ON THE PORTAL'. The main title 'WEST COAST CLUB' is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters (red, teal, and pink) with white outlines. A dark blue circle in the middle right contains the price '£24' and the time '9 - 3PM'. A pink banner at the bottom contains the text 'WEST COAST ACADEMY ARE OFFERING CHILDCARE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR AGES 6 - 16 YEARS'. Two circular images are included: one on the left showing a group of children smiling, and one on the right showing a girl painting on a canvas. There are also decorative sunburst icons in yellow and orange.

Restormel & Carrick Summer Term Parenting Schedule

April – July 2023

Being Passionate About Parenting 4 -11 years

A 3 week workshop for Parents / Carers of young people aged 4 to 11 years (primary up to year 6). It is an introduction to some top tips and strategies and incorporates golden threads from our other Parenting programs. It is an introduction to positive behaviour management that often gives those who attend confidence to engage with other support on offer.

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Time	Where	Availability
Thursday	4 th May	11 th May	18 th May	12.30-2.30	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Tuesday	13 th June	20 th June	27 th June	6.00-8.00	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Wednesday	28 th June	5 th July	12 th July	10.00-12.00	Malpas Family Hub	

Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years 1-3 years

A 3-week workshop for Parents / Carers of children aged 1 to 3 years (pre reception). It is an introduction to strategies and incorporates golden threads from our other Parenting programs. The aims include: - To build relationships with our toddlers. To develop top tips for positive behavior management. To give support and confidence to Parents/ Carers Topics in this workshop include: - child led play, special time, praise, limited choices use of language, routines etc.

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Time	Where	Availability
Friday	28 th April	5 th May	12 th May	10.00 12.00	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Monday	5 th June	12 th June	19 th June	12.30 - 2.30	Virtual Microsoft Teams	

Being Passionate About Parenting with ADHD 4-11 years

A 3-week workshop for Parents / Carers of young people aged 4 to 11 years (primary up to year 6). It is an introduction to some top tips and strategies and incorporates golden threads from our other Parenting programs. It is an introduction to positive behaviour management that often gives those who attend confidence to engage with other support on offer. The ADHD element of the workshop includes: - Fact and Fiction about ADHD, definition of ADHD and possible areas that may be a challenge, the use of language and effective communication, seeing behaviours from your young person's perspective and supporting them with practical strategies and top tips.

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Time	Where	Availability
Tuesday	18 th April	25 th April	2 nd May	10.00 - 12.00	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Friday	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May	10.00- 12.00	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Monday	5 th June	12 th June	19 th June	6.30- 8.30	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Thursday	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June	12.30- 2.30	New County Hall	
Wednesday	5 th July	12 th July	19 th July	12.30-2.30	Virtual Microsoft Teams	

Being Passionate About Parenting with Spectrum Awareness 4 - 11 years

A 3 week workshop for Parents / Carers of young people aged 4 to 11 years (primary up to year 6). It is an introduction to some top tips and strategies and incorporates

golden threads from our other Parenting programs. It is an introduction to positive behaviour management that often gives those who attend confidence to engage with other support on offer. The elements which are about the Spectrum includes: Fact and Fiction about the Spectrum, looking at definitions/ challenges and strategies to support your young person, sensory challenges, basic social scripts to support situations that may be difficult to understand, the use of language to support positive communication, and to understand behaviours from your young person's point of view.

Day	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Time	Where	Availability
Wednesday	26 th April	3 rd May	10 th May	6.30 - 8.30pm	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Tuesday	9 th May	16 th May	23 rd May	10.00-12.00	St Dennis Family Hub	
Thursday	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June	10.00-12.00	Virtual Microsoft Teams	
Monday	26 th June	3 rd July	10 th July	12.30 -2.30	The Park Family Hub	