





28th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been looking at the themes of resilience and respect. Our assemblies have explored these 'big ideas' and unpicked what they mean for us in and out of school. We learnt about Dave Ryding who made history when he became the first Briton to win an alpine World Cup event and how he has had to



show a LOT of resilience over many years to achieve his goals. We carried on this sporting theme in key stage 2 when we discussed mutual respect and why many sports start and end with a handshake. This led to the children thinking about how important it is for us to show both respect and tolerance for people's differences, linking this to our school behaviour value of 'be respectful'.

Talking of resilience, this has been exemplified perfectly by the Mighty Oaks and Evelyn from the Buds. In just 5 days, the all of the Mighty Oaks have made progress, regardless of their starting points; we are very proud of all of them. It has been refreshing to be able to take the children out of school and we are really looking forward to the trips that our planned this half term and those that will take place after half term. Evelyn wowed us by asking to take a pot of coins home to practise, as she was finding money tricky. Evelyn has worked really hard at home and is now flying!

As we come out of the shadow of COVID and the easing of restrictions there will be some changes to the measures that we have had in place over the coming weeks:

- We will no longer ask for mask wearing on site but will leave this to personal choice.
- There will be a gradual return to face to face assemblies starting with key stage assemblies.
- We will look to move lunches back into the hall for years 1 to 6.
- Staff will no longer be required to wear mask in communal areas.

As you can see we are hoping to get back to school life as being as 'normal' as possible and we are really excited by this, however we will continue to monitor the situation and will put in additional safeguards back in place if they become needed.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Advance Warning!

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

- Friday 8th February Safer Internet Day
- 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 or reading and asking children to come to school as their favourite book character. More details soon.







Tables Check

We now know that statutory assessments will be taking place this year and this will include a multiplication tables check for children in year 4, which will be during June. More information about this can be found HERE.

A rapid recall of multiplication tables is crucial for children to help them progress and develop in maths - serving as an essential building block to make learning new concepts easier. Our children have access and logins to Times Tables Rock Stars (<u>HERE</u>), which if used daily will help consolidate their knowledge. The video HERE also gives some



good ideas abut how you can support your child at home. Practice 'little and often' really will make a big difference.

One Minute Maths

Building greater number confidence and fluency is crucial in helping children progress in maths. We now have access to a free app <u>HERE</u> – this gives focused 1-minute practice in lots of different areas. Definitely worth checking it out and regular use could really help your children.

Swimming

Swimming continues for Mighty Oaks (Y6) next week. The children who are swimming in the deep end have been asked to bring in pyjamas for the sessions next week, which they will wear as they work on survival skills.



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Subitising

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

swimming trunks/costume and a towel for each day. <u>Goggles</u> although not compulsory would also be very beneficial.

Redruth School Super Saturdays



School Camp Reminder

We are excited to have been able to book our Y6 camp for June at Porthpean Outdoor Centre. Porthpean is a great campsite, which overlooks Carlyon Bay, and is run by Cornwall Outdoors by fully qualified and experienced instructors.



The camp will be a three day/two night residential and will include a range of activities such as coasteering, kayaking, high ropes assault course, archery and climbing. We hope that all of our year 6 will be able to join us for this. To confirm a place, we are asking for a deposit of £35 to be paid by the end of this month. Further details from the letter sent out at the end of last year can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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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

	ACORNS	All the Class
	SEEDLINGS	Elise & Ethan
	BUDS	Stanley & Sophie
	YOUNG OAKS	Oscar & Freya
	BUR OAKS	Harry, Shyann, Jack
	RED OAKS	Aaron & Sennen
	MIGHTY OAKS	Noah & Will
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