



20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are still only in the early stages of the school term but already our school is a hub of activity and there has been an incredible amount of learning taking place.

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!

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the class meetings this week, I hope that you found them useful. If you were unable to attend then you can find a copy of the slides that were used on the class pages of the website [HERE](#). On these pages you can also find details of the learning that is planned for this term – I would encourage you to look if you haven't already.

Since we have returned to school we have noticed a concerning rise in inconsiderate and dangerous parking around the school. Drop off and pick up times will always be busy periods at any school but can I please remind everyone that cars **should not be parked on the zig zag lines outside of the front of the school** – simply put this is dangerous for our children. Please can I also request that people **do not park directly opposite the entrance to the school car park or on the road into the car park**, this causes an obstruction/blockage which actually stops the flow of traffic. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Clubs will begin next week and I am grateful, as I am sure you are, to the teachers who give up their time to run these.

I have included some useful information about attendance below which is important that you read.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

Attendance

I have been asked a lot of questions about attendance recently and I would like to remind everyone about the importance of school attendance. Achieving high school attendance is a national priority. Chacewater school data clearly shows a correlation between high attendance rates and high achievement. We want our children to achieve excellent attendance in line with national average. Illness usually appears as a block of time off school. We review attendance patterns each week and look for unbroken and broken weeks as a key indicator. We would not usually expect that children would have more than one or two broken weeks in the course of an academic year. Regular broken weeks are a cause for concern and we will offer support to families where there are more frequent broken weeks, in line with our attendance procedures. The impact broken weeks and missed learning can have on a child's education (taken from national data) is illustrated below for guidance:

If your child misses...	That equals at least...	Which is the same as....	And over 13 years of education that's...	Or at least...
1 day a fortnight	80 lessons per year	4 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 whole years	1040 lessons
1 day a week	160 lessons per year	8 whole school weeks per year	Over 2.5 whole years	2080 lessons
2 days a week	320 lessons per year	16 whole school weeks per year	Over 5 whole years	4160 lessons
3 days a week	480 lessons per year	24 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 8 whole years	6240 lessons

As a school we follow the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust policy which can be found [HERE](#). You will be aware that there have been a number of changes to the issuing of penalty notices and there is little or not discretion for headteachers regarding these. Attached with this newsletter is a leaflet about penalty notices but it is important to note:

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 10 school sessions/5 days or more within any rolling 10 school week* period during term time, without authorisation from the school. This can include unauthorised absence for a holiday.
- Unauthorised absence of 10 or more sessions/5 days within any rolling 10 school week* period where a parent fails to provide an explanation for the absence, or where an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise the absence.
- Unauthorised lateness of 10 school sessions within any rolling 10 school week* period, whereby a child arrives at school after the registers have closed.

NB a penalty notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons where there are 10 sessions/5 school days or more of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10 school week period. The unauthorised absence can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

Please also be aware of the below:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Family/Parenting Worker Drop In

Chacewater Primary School

These sessions will be run by Annie Fearn, Family Worker, from the Early Help Team.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary on following dates throughout the year.

Wednesday 25/9/24 1:30- 3:30

Wednesday 4/12/24 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 12/2/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 2/4/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 2/5/25 1:30-3:30

Wednesday 16/7/25 1:30-3:30

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: carrickfamilyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 322661

Pupil Premium form etc.

As a school we are required to complete a census on Thursday 3rd October, this census drives our pupil funding.

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding that offers significant benefits to our students. As you may know, this funding is intended to help improve the educational outcomes of children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Pupil Premium is an additional sum of money given to schools for each child eligible for free school meals, those who have been in care, or children whose parents are in the armed forces. This funding is used to provide essential support and resources that can enhance your child's learning experience and overall development.

We need to conduct a search via the local authority on our pupils to establish eligibility for PPG.

Data will be treated with the strictest confidence and stored in line with GDPR regulations.

We appreciate your co-operation with this and would appreciate if you could complete this short form [HERE](#) by Friday 20th September at the latest.

Clubs



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 of 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 15th October we will be holding two short harvest celebrations in Chacewater Church. One for reception and key stage 1 at 1.30pm and one for key stage 2 at 2.15pm. 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 collection of goods for Truro Foodbank.

Play Trail

Unfortunately, this cannot be used at the end of day. Thank you for your understanding and not letting your children play on it.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Details of these have been sent out via email this week. Please note that these are taking place on Tuesday 8th October.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

**Chacewater Community Primary School
EE142789**

Cornwall and Devon
School-Age Immunisation Service
Cornwall
Tel: 01872 221 105
Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net
Devon
Tel: 01392 342678
Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net
Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health's School Age Immunisation Service is delivering the nasal flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from **Reception to year 6 (inclusive)** will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link, [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](http://www.medicines.org.uk/FLUENZ_Tetra_INN-influenza_vaccine_(live_attenuated,_nasal))

We are due to visit your child's school on **Tuesday 8th October 2024**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: EE142789

Please submit your consent form by **midday on Friday 4th October 2024** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools** and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt into the programme**. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

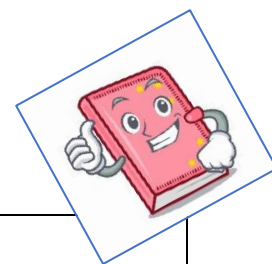
If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Cook".

Dr Paul Cook
Chief Medical Officer
Kernow Health



Dates For Your Diary

w/b 23.9.24	Clubs Begin
15.10.24	Harvest – Chacewater Church
25.10.24	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
28.10.24 – 1.11.24	Half Term
4.11.24	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
15.11.24	Tempest Class Photos
20.12.24	End of Term – 1pm Finish



GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Archie & Paisley
SEEDLINGS	Jidenna & Loveday
BUDS	Theo & Charlie
YOUNG OAKS	Jensen & Evie
BUR OAKS	Elliemay & Ivy-Rose
RED OAKS	Harley-Jay & Jasmine
MIGHTY OAKS	Reuben & Archie

