12th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Disco fever well and truly hit us in school this week! It has been brilliant to be able to do this and to see the excitement and anticipation in our children, in what, for some of our year groups, has been there first school disco experience! We are really grateful for everyone in the PTA for their hard work and drive in making this happen.

Elsewhere in school it has been a very a busy week. We have discussed the idea of Remembrance Day in assembly in class and we marked this yesterday with a 2 minutes silence – remembering and giving thanks for the people who help and protect us now, and who have done so in the past, whilst recognising that Remembrance is hope for a peaceful future.

This week we were also delighted to welcome Alistair Johnson, the headteacher of Perranporth School, and Craig Robertson, the headteacher of Berrycoombe, to our school as part of reciprocal visits based on supporting school improvement. Our day focused on the work we are currently undertaking on our approach to phonics, early reading and the development of our school curriculum. Sharing ideas and best practice is always beneficial and this was true in this case with plenty of idea sharing and supportive challenge. They were both really impressed by so many aspects of the school and I was so proud of our children (as I always am) who were welcoming and enthusiastic in sharing their learning.

As always, I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Mr Hick

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.*

I am pleased to tell you that next week we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has started and bookings can be made in the same way as we now do for Chatterbox, through Parent Pay **(last bookings by 3.15pm the day before)**. The club runs from 7.45am through to the start of the school day and we are providing the children with a drink and a choice of cereal or toast (or both if they want!). It is being run by Mrs Dicker and Mr Smith and there is a session charge of £3.50 per day.

As you know we are starting this on a trial basis only. At the moment booking numbers are low and if this does remain the case over the next few weeks then it may not be viable for us to continue to offer this provision.

Children in Need – 19th November

Children in need is taking place next Friday, 19th November and we would like to support this very worthwhile cause. We do intend to keep it pretty simple this year and will have a non-uniform day which children can take part in and would welcome a £1 donation. You could choose how far you go with 'non-uniform' - maybe choose something spotty, bright colours or even come to school in your PJs! To avoid lots of cash in school then we are asking for people to donate online by following the link here.

Website, Facebook and Photo Permissions

We are hoping to launch a refreshed version of our website at the end of next week or the beginning of the week after. We hope that this will be a little more user friendly and easier to navigate but there will be an interim period where some information and pages are not available, while we update content to ensure it is current. We are also intending to change how we use Facebook (this may involve the creation of a new page) – linking this to the website and also as a tool to regularly celebrate what is happening in school. With this in mind we are looking to change and simplify our process for photo permissions; making this a more straight forward opt in or opt out rather than mixed permissions. We will finalise this and send out new forms very soon
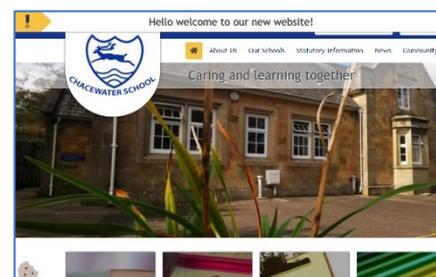
Reminders (from last week's newsletter)

- Head Lice – we have seen an increase in headlice in the school this week. This is nothing to worry about but please do be vigilant and make sure that if your child has long hair that it is tied up. We have some guidance on how to deal with headlice on our website which you can find here.
- Private Lane - please can you make sure that your children are not playing in the private lane opposite the school playground. We have had some reports that children have been moving cones and causing some disruption.
- Lost Property – we have several items of lost property in school which we would like to reunite with their owners. This includes several hats, scarves, gloves, jumpers and cardigans. Please do make sure that you label clothing as it does make it much easier to reunite it with the owner!
- Drinks – please can you ensure that children only have water in their class bottle.
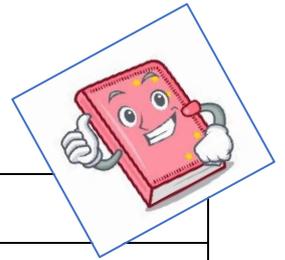
Dates For Your Diary

15.11.21	NSPCC – Speak Out. Stay Safe
19.11.21	Children in Need Non Uniform Day
13.12.21	Acorn Nativity (two performances) times confirmed ASAP.
14.12.21	KS1 Nativity (two performances) times confirmed ASAP.
15.12.21	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
16.12.21	KS2 Carol Concert 1pm (TBC).
17.12.21	Last day of Autumn Term
4.1.22	First day of Spring term

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Lily T & Grace
SEEDLINGS	Jake & George
BUDS	Harley-Jay & Stanley
YOUNG OAKS	Lorna & Jack
BUR OAKS	Isabel & Hayden
RED OAKS	Iga & Sennen
MIGHTY OAKS	Sonny & Daisy

BE KIND   BE HONEST

BE RESPECTFUL   BE BRILLIANT

FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering FREE weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Carn Brea Leisure Centres.
Please visit:
www.activecornwall.org/children-young-people-families/familys-provider-hub

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