



17th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a week of trips to support our learning. Despite the weather Buds had a fantastic time at Gweek Seal Sanctuary, which pulled their learning, looking at living things and their habitats, together brilliantly. On Wednesday Bur Oaks visited Geevor mine, they learnt loads about mining and how important this industry has been to Cornwall. Today Young Oaks spent the day at the Eden Project - this was a great way for them to deepen their understanding about climatic zones, whilst exploring the different biomes. Finally, although not quite so far afield, Seedlings really enjoyed their first visit to the community garden and will be following this up with more visits next half term where they will be doing lots of outdoor learning in science. It was wonderful to see how much the children gained from these experiences outside of school and I am really proud of them and how well they represented the school. Also next a huge thanks to all of the staff involved in the organisation of these opportunities.



As you will be aware last week each class spent some time thinking about how they can stay safe online as part of Safer Internet Day. As peoples digital lives continue to grow, we know that for young people, spending an increasing amount of time online, holds lots of potential risks and concerns. We know that many parents/carers can feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and are quite often understandably worried about, cyber-bullying, online grooming and what is being shared online. To support this our academy trust are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on 9th March at 7pm (on Zoom). This is FREE and a great opportunity to learn more about helping our children to stay safe online. More details are at the end of this newsletter.

After half term, as long as COVID numbers remain low, we will be looking to resume whole school assemblies, lunches in the hall and some more class mixing. We are also hoping that we will also be able to introduce more chances for our families and communities to come into school. However, we will of course always be mindful of infection rates and mitigate risks accordingly. Next week is half term and I hope that all of our children, families and staff have a well-deserved, enjoyable and relaxing week. I can't believe that we are already half way through the year! A reminder that tomorrow is an inset day and the school will be closed to children while we work on curriculum development.

I hope you all have a great weekend but stay safe the forecast is not good!

Best Wishes

Mr Hick



PTA - Dress a Potato!

This half term, don't be a couch potato, make a book potato! The PTA are holding a competition for the best dressed potato in preparation for World Book Day (March 3rd). Please see the letter sent home with all the details. There is a £1 entry fee and the best potato from each class will win a small prize and everyone who takes part will receive a certificate. We can't wait to see your creations!



Running



We know that we have some keen runners in school. On Saturday 26th March the annual Coose Trannack Cross Country is taking place and there is an opportunity for anyone that is interested in representing the school at this. If you are interested and would like more information then please speak to Mr Hick.

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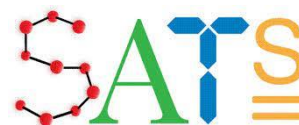


Do you tweet? We are using our school twitter account regularly to share some of the amazing things that we are doing. Please take the time to follow us on Twitter [@chacewatersch](#) so that you can stay in touch with all that are doing. You can also find the feed on the front page of our website.

End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)

It has been confirmed that the end of key stage 2 (Y6) SATs tests will take place this year in the week beginning 9th May. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 9th May 2022 - Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar
- Tuesday 10th May 2022 - Reading
- Wednesday 11th May 2022 - Maths
- Thursday 12th May 2022 – Maths



It is important that all children are present for these tests.

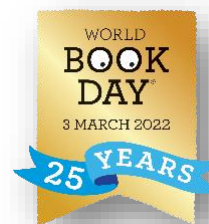
School Camp – Y6

We are really pleased that we have been able to find an alternative residential for our year 6 children, following the cancellation of Porthpean. We have booked the PGL site Beam House for a few days earlier, Wednesday 15th June to Friday 17th June. You can find out more about the site and the range of activities [HERE](#). Unfortunately, this will work out slightly more expensive than Porthpean (£40) but I hope that you will understand that there were limited

options available to us and this is a really good alternative. I will write with more detail and amended payment plan after half term.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is **World Book Day**. On this day we will be celebrating our love of reading and asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Swimming

Red Oaks (Y5) two-week swimming block begins on 14th March. The Leisure Centre would like all children to wear a swimming hat and they will also need to ensure that they have swimming trunks/costume and a towel for each day. Goggles although not compulsory would also be very beneficial.



School Meals

There a couple of changes to the menu for the week after half term:



- 1st March – Pancakes will be served for Shrove Tuesday.
- 4th March – Pasties will replace fish & chips or quiche to mark St Piran's Day

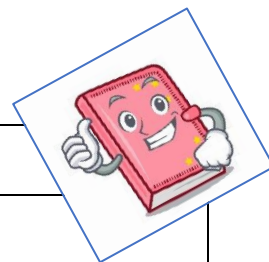
Clubs

We are trialling a different way of signing up for clubs for after half term to make it more equitable and fairer for all that would like to take part. Therefore, we are asking you to select any clubs that your child may wish to do and put in order of preference. Where clubs are oversubscribed we will endeavour to make sure that everyone has a place on at least one.

Clubs will begin on the second week back after half term - Week beginning 7th March.

Please use the forms below to sign up:

- **Key Stage 1 [HERE](#)**
- **Key Stage 2 [HERE](#)**



Dates For Your Diary

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
30.5.22 – 3.6.22	Half Term
6.6.22	School closed - lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday
15.6.22 – 17.6.22	Year 6 Camp
22.7.22	End of Summer Term

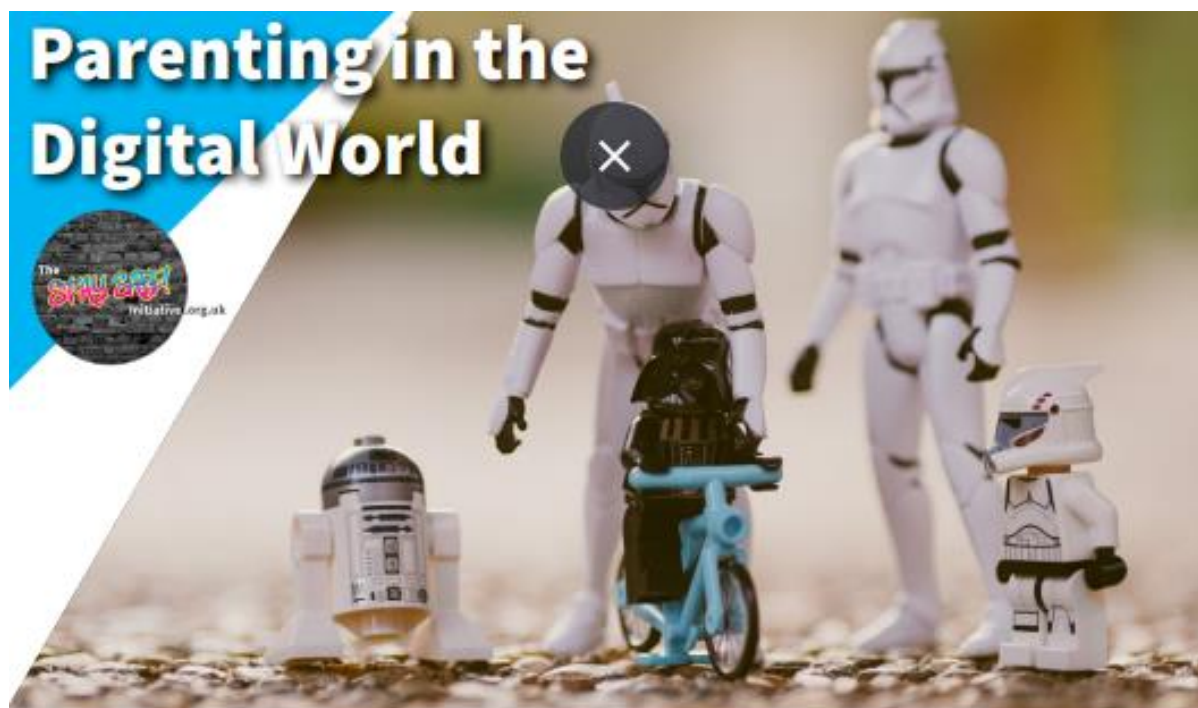


GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	
SEEDLINGS	
BUDS	
YOUNG OAKS	
BUR OAKS	
RED OAKS	
MIGHTY OAKS	



Signposting



Dear Parents / Carers of TPAT Schools,

As peoples digital lives continue to grow, we know that for young people, spending an increasing amount of time online, holds lots of potential risks and concerns.

To allow you to help your young people navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on 09.03.22 at 7pm (On Zoom).

During this 60-90min session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will be helping you to understand your young peoples digital lives a bit more. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe.

We know that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and are quite often understandably worried about, cyber-bullying, online grooming and what they are sharing online.

This session will allow you all to be informed and NOT scared!

During the informal Q&A session at the end of the presentation, Richard will be happy to stay online for as much time as needed to help address any of your individual questions and comments.

To book a free place at this event please use the link below or scan the QR Code.

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