



**14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear parents and carers,

What an exciting week we have had in school and in our first whole week back in 2022 the school has been filled with a real buzz of busy learning. Our children in Acorns, Seedlings and Buds have been really working hard within their daily phonics sessions and I have loved seeing their enthusiasm and resilience when approaching new and tricky sounds. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting this with more reading at home – it is really important and make a huge difference.

On Wednesday we had a BRILLIANT key stage 2 history day. We had the Stone Age, Celts, Romans, Vikings and Anglo Saxons – lots of fun was had and it was a great opportunity for us to think about chronology and where these people fit in our history. There was even a Celt v Roman battle re-enactment!



At the beginning of the week we were really pleased to welcome Miss Nairn to our school as new teaching assistant. Miss Nairn will be working in Buds and we are really glad to have her as part of our team.

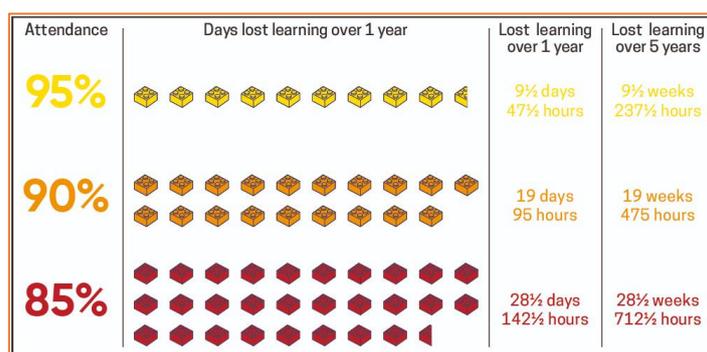
As you no doubt be aware, the shadow of COVID does not look like it is going to be leaving us anytime soon. The guidance feels like it is changing nearly daily at the moment and it is certainly a challenge to keep up with it but we aim to keep you as informed and updated as we can. We have seen some new cases in school but these have been isolated and a letter was sent yesterday to highlight this and associated actions. We are continuing to limit class mixing for the short term, have paused assemblies in the hall and are ensuring there is lots of ventilation. We have CO2 monitors in all classrooms and are using these to help us gauge when we might need to open more windows/doors to help with ventilation and when we can close some to help make sure that areas do not get to cold. If children need to wear additional layers at the moment to help stay warm the this is fine.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr Hick

## Attendance

We understand the impact of COVID has had an unavoidable impact on attendance over the last few weeks. However good and punctual attendance at school is key to doing well and the guidance is clear that if children are not showing symptoms of COVID and are testing negative then they should be in school. **Lateness and missed days really impact** on children following a sequence of learning and quickly leaves them with gaps in understanding and disadvantages them. This week we were visited by the Education Welfare Office, Mr Will de Labat who will become more involved where poor attendance is a cause for concern.



## Clubs

These will start next week and from the end of the day until **4pm**. We are aware that some clubs have filled and, in some cases, we have not been able to accommodate all children – where this is the case we will look to prioritise these children for a place after half term.

Monday	Year 1 & 2	Drawing Club	Mrs Morgan
Monday	Years 3 -6	Knex and Lego	Mrs Law
Monday	Year 3,4, 5 & 6	Yoga	Mrs James
Tuesday	Year 1 & 2	Huff and Puff Club	Mrs Rice
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4	Dance Fitness	Miss Laskowski
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6	Football	Mr Hick
Thursday	Year 1 & 2	Making & creating	Mrs Glanville-Thomas
Thursday	Year 3 -6	Coding	Miss Hoare
Friday	year 5 & 6	Choir (lunch time)	Mrs Fox
Friday	year 3 & 4	Tag Rugby	Mr Williams

## Swimming

A reminder that we have booked swimming for our year 5 and year 6 children. This will take place at Truro Leisure Centre, starting at the end of this month with Year 6, and be led by qualified swimming teachers. The Leisure Centre have changed how they do this and, although different, feedback from other schools is really positive. The children will go swimming every afternoon for an intensive two-week block. Dates and times below:

- Year 6: Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. 1pm -2pm
- Year 5: Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. 1pm – 2pm



To help support this we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8 per week to help cover the cost of coach travel to and from the pool. This is now on ParentPay.

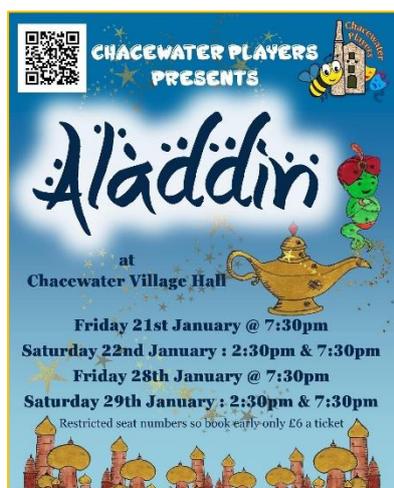
## School Camp Reminder

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 [HERE](#).

## Village Pantomime

A great way to start 2022 with a proper village panto! There are lots of children and families from our school involved in the village pantomime over the next couple of weekends - 21st/22<sup>nd</sup> January and 28th/29<sup>th</sup> January and tickets can be bought [HERE](#) for £6 per person– please do support this if you can.



*“Our Genie (he’s big and green) has had a word with Boris and we are full steam ahead for our pantomime Aladdin!”*

Covid measures are in place to keep our audience and cast safe:

- Reduced seating numbers
- Increased ventilation
- Mask wearing in the audience (laugh twice as loud and smile with your eyes!)

Refreshments will still be available, especially the yummy ice creams served during the interval.

## COVID Update regarding PCR Testing

### **Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings**

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) will be temporarily suspended from today, Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From today, Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to their setting. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance.

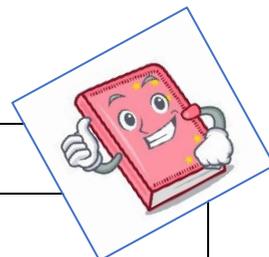
Information on the new arrangements can be found in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

### **Reporting test results for schools and colleges**

Reporting test results every time pupils, students and staff take an LFD test means the NHS always gets the latest, most accurate information. This helps them to keep track of where the virus is spreading, provide support where it is needed and protect local communities across the country.

Please remind your pupils, students and staff of the importance of reporting all tests results (positive, negative and void) to NHS Test and Trace and their setting. Schools and colleges can access a [new template](#) form for pupils, students and staff to report test results. Primary schools can access a [new template](#) form for staff to report their results. Tests should also be reported online through the [report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result](#) page which should only take a couple of minutes.

It is important to continue with twice weekly LFD testing and reporting. You can access the updated [testing toolkit](#) for examples of good practice and for steps you can implement to increase testing and reporting rates in your setting.



<b>Dates For Your Diary</b>	
17.1.22	Clubs begin
24.1.22	Y6 Two Week Swimming Block begins.
16.2.22	Y4 Geevor Tin Mine Trip
17.2.22	Y3 Eden Trip
17.2.22	End of half term for children
<b>18.2.22</b>	<b>Inset Day – School closed to children.</b>
28.2.22	Start of new half term
8.4.22	End of Spring Term
25.4.22	Start of Summer Term



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Florence & Evie
SEEDLINGS	Grace & Jenny
BUDS	Millie & Keaton
YOUNG OAKS	Jake & Daisy
BUR OAKS	Bronnen, Skyla & Ailla
RED OAKS	Annabelle & Alana
MIGHTY OAKS	Molly & Ted



