



## 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm, despite the chilly weather! It seems winter has firmly set in, but we can count our lucky stars – at least we haven't had to contend with any snow just yet! Although, I know about 190 young people that wish we had had some snow yesterday! It's a bit nippy out there, so please so make sure that your children come to school with coat.

On Tuesday, our school made a splash at the Truro School swimming gala! A fantastic team of Year 5 and Year 6 children showcased not only their incredible swimming skills but also the true spirit of sportsmanship. Each child gave it their all, supporting and encouraging their teammates. I was delighted that their efforts paid off, securing us a well-deserved third place overall. A huge congratulations to all the swimmers – a real team effort.



We were excited to welcome Chris Gould, the Director of Education from our academy trust, to Chacewater School yesterday. Mr. Gould had the pleasure of exploring our Early Years Provision in Acorns class. Not only was he impressed by the engaging learning environment but also by the children's fantastic attitudes and brilliant behaviour. Well done, Acorns! A round of applause for Mrs. GT, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. White, Mrs. Booker, Ms. Halford, and, of course, our amazing children.

As already communicated to the parents/carers of Bur Oaks, unfortunately, Mr. Lara won't be returning to school. However, we're delighted to welcome Mr. Wilson to our school for the next few weeks while we embark on a recruitment process.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great weekend.

Mr Hick

## Early Help Parenting Letter

Early Help Parenting Newsletter –

Spring 2024

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Attached with this newsletter is information from the Early Help Hub. This contains some very useful information and resources which may be helpful to you.

### Clubs



Clubs will begin in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January (next week) and will run for the duration of the Easter term. We have tried something different this term and have text you to let you know which clubs we have allocated to your child.

### Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of school attendance.

Achieving high school attendance is a national priority. Our 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 can have on a child's education (taken from national data) is illustrated below:

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

Please note that if your child is absent from school then you must phone to let us know and not email.

### Inset Day

Please note that 9<sup>th</sup> February is an inset day and the school will be closed to children on this day. This means the end of this half term will be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## Acorns Reading



Over the coming Fridays we would like to welcome parents of our reception children, who would like to, into the class, first thing in the morning at drop off, to share some reading time with their children. Parents will need to leave the classroom by 8.55am so that the children can move to phonics.

## Online Safety Information Session

Advance notice - on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> there is an information session led by our Online Safety partner. This will be online and definitely worth checking out. We will share the link next week.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

- Current trends** - what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.
- Understanding the Risks** - a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
- What can you do?** - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
- Further Support** - signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
31ST JANUARY  
2024**

**9.30AM - 10.15AM**



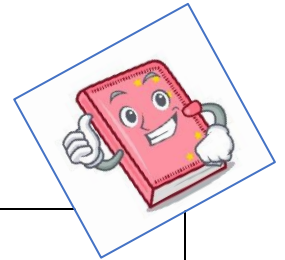
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A photograph of a young child with curly hair, seen from the side, sitting on a blue sofa and looking at a tablet computer. The background is a bright, indoor setting.

## Young Oaks Trip To Eden



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February Young Oaks will be visiting the Eden Project. Information about this trip has already been sent out to parents.



### Dates For Your Diary

W/b 22.1.24	Clubs begin
7.2.24	PTA – Make the rules day
8.2.24	Y3 Trip to Eden
8.2.24	End of Half Term
9.2.24	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>
19.2.24	Start of half term
27.3.24	PTA Disco
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
15.4.24	Start of Summer Term
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Start of half term
17.7.24	Leavers Disco
23.7.24	End of Summer Term



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Babytina & Emilia
SEEDLINGS	Kyrylo & Olive
BUDS	Riley & Mia
YOUNG OAKS	Ethan & Grace
BUR OAKS	Tyler & Ruby
RED OAKS	Annabelle & Freya
MIGHTY OAKS	Bronnen & Freya





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