



Dear Parents and Carers

Term 4 Our Value: Justice

Our Enquiry Question: Who holds the power?

What does it feel like to step into a new term of learning at Tintagel Primary School? Well it looks a lot like this....



All around the school there was a tangible buzz of anticipation as we returned after the half term break and the children found themselves instantly transported into a variety of realms for learning. Imagine if there were a mystery to be solved and, along with your Class 1 friends, you were challenged to decide if a band of brothers living in Sherwood Forest were heroes or villains. Picture the scene as the Class 3 children silently file past a mysterious lidded box filled with objects – each one chosen with care to suggest a great sorrow unleashed on the world. What if they had to open Pandora's box? Meanwhile, in Class 2, the children wound back time to find that there was a different sense of justice in a Victorian schoolroom, and girls did not enjoy the same opportunities as boys! And who could have known that one tiny, white origami bird and the image of a beautiful murmuration could take children on a journey of discovery which ended in an understanding of freedom and imprisonment? Binding all these learning experiences together were our words – words for thinking and wondering, words for exploring feelings and words for expressing our most important human values. Powerful learning indeed.

If you are at all curious about what our 'Beautiful Tapestry of Learning' looks like, do take a moment to visit the class pages on our website. If you click on the class page menu, a series of photo reels will be revealed and each one represents just one aspect of what it is to be a learner at Tintagel School.

Staying Safe Online

The most important thing we do is to keep children safe and sometimes the conversation around how we do that together with parents, is brought into sharp focus. Many of you will be aware of a recent surge in concerns over internet pop ups, and their capacity to impact on children significantly. As a staff, we have decided not to shine any spotlight on these horrible influences which are designed to harm...rather we would ask that parents simply pay special attention to what their children are viewing online and take steps to ensure they are not unsupervised when using the internet. In school, we have spoken at length with the children without going into any details. They know that if they stumble across anything which 'feels wrong' they must tell an adult. We would ask that parents do the same at home and, rather than fan the flames of media hype, just quietly take control of this scourge on childhood. Aspire have updated their internet safety pages, so do check out the website for signposts to useful organisations.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Rather than use this day as an opportunity to dress up, we felt that we would like to shift the focus back onto our passion for reading. There are so many incredible books in the world – as many books as there are pebbles on a beach – as I told the children last week. Surely, we should celebrate our collective favourites! For that reason, we are waiting in excited anticipation for some truly creative responses to our **Book in a Jar challenge**. Please bring all jars into school on the morning of Thursday 7th – but shhhh! Don't reveal the book title. The whole school will be challenged to guess the title and book token prizes will be awarded later in the day when all the jars are assembled in the library. We just can't wait.



Comic Relief – 'Do Your Own Thing'



In recent months, we have found that when we hold dressing up days for charity, many children forget to bring in a small contribution for the worthy cause. We understand that this is because a pound coin can easily be forgotten in the morning rush, but we would genuinely like to show some commitment to ensuring we do raise money for charity. It is important that the children feel they have the power to contribute to something which is a catalyst for positive change. This year we would like to hold a cake sale, as well as selling the usual Red Noses. Please send in your cakes – **red, spotty, wild and extraordinary** on the morning of Friday 15th March. We will hold a

cake sale mid-morning. Don't forget to bring some money to buy cakes. Enjoy!

Lunchtime SOS

As a staff, we have been looking closely at our lunchtime arrangements as we have become increasingly aware that this part of our day can be quite challenging for some children. We notice that children who have had a tricky lunchtime, then find it hard to settle to afternoon learning. We would like to reinvigorate the playground by setting up a rotation of challenges and activities. We would also like to fill the conservatory with quiet games which can be shared and used to promote friendship. Sometimes children need a more focused activity to help them negotiate relationships such as sharing and compromise and playing a game would be a focus for this. If you have any unused Lego or games at home, which are good quality and robust enough to use outside, please could you drop them into school and we will make good use of them. Thank you.

Parking

We are so lucky to have at least some facility for parking immediately outside the school but some of the more high-sided vehicles can obstruct the view when parents and staff are pulling away. It would help enormously if parents could reverse into the parking spaces so that anyone pulling away can see over the bonnet of adjacent cars as they edge out into the road. Thank you for your consideration in this.

Football Update

A special thank you to Brian Finnegan for being our referee, and Kevin Jeskins and Ted Lowe for preparing the Playing Fields pitch in time for our match against Antony Primary School in the T.Broad Shield last Tuesday. Our team put their best feet forward and battled to a 4-2 win. We are immensely proud of them as they showed determination and real sportsmanship, well done Tintagel! We are now facing St Just in the semi-finals.

Bags2School

Please drop off any filled bags into the Bike Shed tomorrow for a 9am collection on Friday.

Car Boot Sale

The PTFA are holding a Car Boot sale on the school playground on Saturday 27th April 10am-12:30pm. Spaces are £5 and need to be booked as they will be limited. Sellers will be asked to arrive between 9-9.30am, and the public from 10am-12.30pm. This is open to anyone so please spread the word. Refreshments will be available on the day.

Best Wishes



Sue Cox and the team

Key Dates this Term

Monday 25th Feb – Friday 8th March	Swimming Class 3 and Class 4
Friday 8 th March 9am	Bags2School collection
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Cake Sale
Monday 11th – 22nd March	Swimming Class 1 and Class 2
11th, 18th, 21st March and 1st April	Bikeability Balance for Reception
Thursday 14th March	Class 3 visit to Tintagel Castle
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March	Parents Evening
Friday 5th April	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 23rd April	First day of term 5
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Saturday 27 th April	PTFA Car Boot Sale
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 21st May – Friday 24th May	Y6 London Residential
Friday 24th May	Last day of term 5
Monday 3rd June	First day of term 6
Friday 7th June	Community Cohesion Day – School Closed
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June	Y4/5 Porthpean Residential
Thursday 24th July	Last day of term 6