

# Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

**Our whole school Value this term is 'Belonging.'**

**Our Enquiry statement is 'Home is where the heart is.'**

Welcome to a very packed newsletter. We hope that within the following information, you will gain a flavour of what it is to belong to Tintagel School and why our school is uniquely different.

## A first word about Curriculum.

Curriculum is a word which educators use all the time, but it shouldn't be taken lightly. It isn't just about subjects and academic learning; it is about the offer of provision that our schools provide from the moment a child walks through our doors till the moment they leave – and beyond that, through the very important relationships of trust that we endeavour to forge with our families, linking home and school. It should be tangible and consistent. This is very hard to achieve but we are constantly striving as a team to meet that challenge. We think of curriculum as the DNA of our school – it is a thread running through all that we do, whether it is our focus on language development, our celebration of Reading and our passion for books as a catalyst for learning, or our commitment to the nurture of emotional intelligence in our pupils. It is visible in the children's writing, their enquiry focuses, their performance, their play and their attitudes to learning. It is what takes them from the relatively narrow (but deep) understanding of belonging to a family, to a much wider understanding as a global citizen by the time they leave Year 6, hopefully ready for a vibrant 21<sup>st</sup> century future. What a journey that is!

The children know that they bring their own 'DNA' to learning – they are well versed in their understanding of brain growth – but they are also beginning to understand that their learning increases daily through opportunities and experiences with both adults and their peers, all underpinned by our school environments. This is the nature and nurture of curriculum – each go hand in hand and it is a huge responsibility as well as a beautiful thing!

## Our Exhibition of Learning – Belonging: Home Is Where The Heart Is

You, as parents are integral to that relationship of nature and nurture, so we would like to invite you to An Exhibition of Learning in our school. This will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 1:15pm in the school hall. Parents will be invited to attend the exhibition accompanied by their child's class in 30-minute slots throughout the afternoon, and freely after school. Children will only be released from class during this 30-

minute slot which will be shared with you via text message. We hope to bring the hall alive with all their learning around their focus this term: The Tintagel Old Post Office Through The Years. We are also delighted to share donations of photographs and artefacts from members of the community which have greatly enriched our learning.



## A word about Reading

Reading development has been a major focus of this term and staff have been very busy making some far reaching changes to our reading provision. These will continue throughout the year, but we wanted to make sure our initial standpoint on reading was strengthened from the outset. Although we achieve very highly in Reading by the end of KS2, we still think there are refinements to be made.

As part of this, we have completely switched our phonics and early reading programme to Read Write Inc. a systematic programme devised by Ruth Miskin, a leading light in the early acquisition of reading skills. Children in Early Years and KS1 will receive very high-quality daily teaching and will be equipped with fantastic new reading resources which are exactly matched to their phonic progression. Struggling readers further up the school will receive support through intervention. All readers will continue to be bathed in the highest quality texts we can find – as always.



We are very excited about this, but it has cost thousands of pounds to implement, and has taken time and care. We have therefore postponed our usual Book Snuggle till after half term so that we can share the new programme with parents, show you the resources and train you properly to support your child's reading at home. More details will follow but in the interim, the traditional Reading Record Book has been rethought with a focus on the love of reading. It will be given to your child and introduced to you next week. In the meantime, thank you for

your patience as we assess all children and screen their phonics so that we can pitch all our reading books precisely, and prepare our Love Reading Journals. We are now ready to go!

## European Day of Languages

This is such a popular annual event and this year we will be celebrating our 'Day of Frenchness' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. There will be food tasting as the school hall is transformed into a Café Francais, the sharing of French stories and lots of games and activities in French. We will be inviting children to come to school in the colours of the Tricolor flag: Red, white and blue.



## Harvest Celebration and Breakfast

This will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am in our school hall. We would like children and families not only to join us for this event, but more importantly, to support our harvest celebration with donations of non-perishables which should be brought to the school office by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> please. Because of the early timing of our celebration, we will not have time to add anything brought on the Wednesday morning to our display. It will, however, still be shared with members of our local community through Wadebridge Foodbank. **Additionally, we will be hosting a Harvest Breakfast in the conservatory from 8:45am with croissants and pains au chocolat alongside the usual refreshments. Children are welcome to join adults and share in what we hope will be a lovely early morning welcome. All funds raised from this will go towards our PTFA funds towards our sensory courtyard garden project. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

## Meet and Greets

Thank you to those of you who have attended Meet and Greets. Now they are all finished, the slides will appear on each class web page for parents who were unable to attend but who need some information about class protocols and school priorities.

## Parents Evenings

A reminder that these important early conversations with your child's teacher are planned on the following dates next week.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 till 7.00pm and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 till 5.30pm

**It is really important that parents come accompanied by their child** as this is a three-way learning conversation where the child needs to be involved as much as possible. On the late evening appointments, Mrs Cox will be available in the entrance to each school, and will be sharing information about the end of Key Stage 2 assessments so that parents of any year group can have a look through last year's papers and ask questions about the implications for their child, as they move up through the school and prepare for this important milestone before transition to secondary school.

All parents of SEN children will have a separate, longer appointment with their child's teacher and Mrs Dingle so no need to come to parent's evening.

## School Drop Off – A Thank You and a Plea

We would like to thank all the parents who have really supported school drop off and pick up protocols. They are such an important time of the day for safeguarding reasons as well as setting the tone for being ready to learn. The classrooms are feeling much calmer in the mornings for the children. Sadly, there is a small minority of parents who are still entering the school and walking through classrooms at a time when we have very vulnerable children who we are trying to settle, or when early nurture/intervention groups are happening. I do want to appeal to these parents to please contact us if they need support with getting their child into school. We can work with them on this, but for the sake of all our children, we cannot have parents wandering through school. It is a safeguarding issue.

## Clubs Pick Up

If you are picking up a child after clubs, please could parents come to the school gate. We cannot release children to parents who are sat in their cars waiting as this is a road safety hazard. Thank you.

## Swimming

Our swimming provision has got off to a good start and hopefully the children are really enjoying this weekly opportunity. For the younger children, we would really appreciate the continued training in getting themselves dressed and undressed at home. Timings are tight and the more independent and confident they are with this, the more time they will have in the pool. Unnamed uniform is a huge issue in school – school uniform is so expensive, and children get fearful/anxious if they lose their clothes. Please help us to help you and your child by naming it.



## Signposts to New Policies

The following policies are now on our website: Aspire attendance Policy and Mentally Healthy Schools Policy. Please contact us if you have any questions.

## PTFA News

Our first fundraiser will be a disco on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. There will be a £2 entry fee per child which will include all drinks throughout the evening. A tuck shop and glitter tattoos will be available at an additional cost. Timings for our Class 1 children will be from 4:30 to 5:30 and all other children are invited from 5:30 to 7pm. Fancy dress is optional.

Our Christmas Fete is on straight from school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having the usual workshops and pleased to confirm that Jo Down's glass workshop will also be attending again this year. We are already booking stall holders to sell their goods in the school hall. Tables cost £10, if you would like one or know anyone that would please pass on our details.

This year we are hoping to raise money for a new sensory garden, furniture for the conservatory area, replenish stock for the book corners and purchase audio equipment. All the money raised from our events go back into the school.

If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please speak to Sofie in the office or email on [sofie.lowe@tingelschool.org](mailto:sofie.lowe@tingelschool.org).

### Key Dates

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations 4:00-7:00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	European Day of Language
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October pm	Exhibition of Learning
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration and Breakfast
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 2
Friday 1st November	PTFA Disco
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fete & Half Price Book Sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA Jumble Sale
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine Cake Sale
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term 4
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	RCS – Community Cohesion Day – school closed
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Term 6