



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2 and our Value of **Aspiration.**

Under the overarching theme of Aspiration, we will be exploring the enquiry question

‘What Is Greatness?’

This will be a thread running through all our learning. Do look on our website under the Class Pages to catch a glimpse of just what it looks like on the ground - whether it be an exploration of our extraordinary Seafaring Heritage in Cornwall (Class 3), the incredible events around the Moon Landings in the 1960s and a look at current aspirations to explore the universe in Class 4. Class 2 are also pushing the boundaries of Scientific Exploration and Technology starting with the foundation of the Royal Society of Scientists following the Great Fire of London, and the rebuilding of our capital city according to Christopher Wren's great vision. Class 1 and Early years are busy following the events of The Great Fire of London and through many connected learning opportunities will come to understand how a great city was destroyed but then rose from the ashes.

Welcome back Miss Williams

We are delighted to have Miss Williams back after her maternity leave. She will be joining the Class 2 team on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and also delivering some very important emotional support interventions as part of her Trauma Informed Schools UK practitioner expertise.

Remembrance

This year, our Class 3 and Class 4 children will be walking to the memorial at Trevena Square for a Remembrance service at 11.00am on Monday 11th November. They will lay a wreath on behalf of the school and share a poem of remembrance. If you are able to support us by walking to and from the memorial with the children, please could you let the office or your child's class teacher know. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Snuggle and Reading Workshop

This very popular celebration of Reading will take place on **Wednesday 13th November**. Your child will receive a personal invite to a story telling session with their class and of course, it is customary to arrive in pyjamas and onesies! Whilst this is happening, parents will be invited to a talk in the school hall with Mrs Cox about some new approaches to early reading and phonics as we adopt the Read Write Inc programme. We think this will be of huge benefit, especially to parents of Early Years and Key Stage 1, but all parents are welcome.





Tintagel Maths Trade Fair – Save The Date

We often receive feedback from parents who express an interest in receiving support for maths – especially linked to our calculation policy. We agree that this would really help parents to support their children with home learning, especially as fluency in calculation is an enabling factor in deeper mastery approaches to mathematics. As a result, the staff, led by Miss Court, will be hosting a Maths Trade Fair on the afternoon of Thursday 21st November from 2:30

till 3:30pm. The school hall will be set up with examples to demonstrate how to teach each of the four calculation strands: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division from Early Years to Year 6. This will give all parents the opportunity to see how we structure the progression in Calculation and enable you to ask questions or just see where your child is in terms of the whole sequence of learning through the Primary Phase. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day but equally, if you have concerns about your child's progress in Maths, or are worried about how to help with Homework, do come and talk to their class teacher.

Children in Need



We are looking forward to our 'Children in Need' day on Friday 15th November. We would like to invite all children to bring £1 and come to school wearing something spotty and/or yellow. As a special fundraising opportunity for this very important children's charity, we will also be hosting a Children In Need Very Spotty Bake Off! We are currently putting together a flier with competition entry details, but just to let you know that there will be both adult and children's entries with certificates for winning adults and prizes for winning children. The cakes will then be sold and all proceeds donated to Children in Need. Miss Court is already dusting off her recipe books!

Important Attendance Update

Parents and carers may remember that last term, Aspire updated their attendance policy and sent communication out to schools that they would be taking a highly robust stance with regards to attendance and levels of unauthorised attendance across the schools. Our response to this as always has been to talk to both the children and yourselves about how important it is that children attend school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

As always, we will take each child's individual context into consideration, but there are now clearly designated thresholds of low/inconsistent attendance and we would like parents to be clear about these. The Aspire policy has now been ratified and can be viewed on our website. It is very important that parents view this document as there are a sequence of measures in response to unauthorised absence or persistent absence through illness which are being introduced from this term.



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Tomorrow, we will circulate the Aspire covering letter with respect to this – it is a formal but generic letter across all 28 schools. We will also share a flow chart of responses so parents can see the consequences of ongoing poor attendance. To accompany these documents, there will be a new request for absence letter which we would ask all parents to please use moving forward as it supports our record keeping within Aspire systems.

If you have any worries or questions about this, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance or contact Mrs Cox via the school office. **Please remember, we value the relationships we have with our parents, we are here to support your child's learning, and we want to work with you.**

Some Help with Standards and Safety

Please could we remind parents that we do not encourage jewellery in school, other than small stud earrings. This is a safety measure but also prevents the loss or breakage of precious objects. We have also noticed increasingly that some children are wearing nail varnish. Whilst we understand the appeal for this, we do not encourage it and would rather nail varnish were removed before coming to school on Mondays. The children look so smart in their uniform and it is so much a part of our identity as a tribe of learners, that we wish to maintain these standards at all times. Thank you for your understanding in this.



Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Sue Cox'.

Sue Cox and the team

Key Dates

Friday 1st November	PTFA Disco (flier in bookbag)
Wednesday 13 th November	Book Snuggle
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need Fundraiser
Monday 18 th November	KS2 Cross Country 2 nd event
Thursday 21 st November	Maths Trade Fair 2:30-3:30pm
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Fete & Half Price Book Sale
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Friday 24 th January	PTFA Jumble Sale
Thursday 13 th February	Valentine Cake Sale
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 th February	First day of Term 4
Thursday 5 th March	KS2 Cross Country 3 rd event
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May to 15 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 5 th June	RCS – Community Cohesion Day – school closed
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6