



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first part of the Spring Term, there has already been so much to celebrate in school. Our Enquiry, '**What are our roots?**' under the value of **Respect** is such an important one and children have been exploring this deeply within their classrooms.

Class 1 had a fabulous welly walk last week where they explored their local roots and what our location has to offer. We are truly lucky with our unique and dramatic landscape.

Class 2 visited another area of real inspiration in our locality recently learning more about the 'Lost Words' as part of their poetry unit. St Nectan's Glen is such a special area that is bound up in the village's roots and we are delighted that we can share this haven with our children.

Class 3 and 4 still have exciting visits in the coming weeks to help bring the history of Roman Cornwall and our Mining heritage to life. We believe these rich experiences are so vital in our children's education and make the learning memorable and relevant for them. Thank you to all that continue to make them happen for our tribe.



A note from our Pupil Leadership Team

On Thursday 17th February we are going to be running a cake sale to raise money to buy hedgehog ladders and houses, bird boxes and bug hotels. We will be finding suitable locations for them around our school grounds. We would be honoured and really appreciate any cake donations on the morning of the 17th February if possible please. These will then be on the sale in the front carpark at the end of the day. Please come and support us and pick up a delicious treat to start your half term.

This week we have carried out a survey about our outdoor spaces to find out what pupils think about learning outdoors and nature. We found out that children would like to do more learning outside as well as planting more trees around the site.

We believe that we need a suitable outdoor classroom where more learning can take place. We are going to be fundraising to help us set up our own forest and nature school area. We are very grateful to the PTFA who will be donating money towards this project. We will be thinking up new fundraising ideas that we will share with you soon.

Thank you, The Pupil Leadership Team

PTFA Fundraisers

The PTFA will be serving pancakes for breakfast on Tuesday 1st March in the school hall from 8am to 8:45am. All welcome.

Please save the date of Wednesday 6th April for our Easter Bingo at Cleese Hall in Camelford.

Attendance

Thank you to those parents that are now using the new format to inform us of a leave of absence. Please be reminded that with stricter directives from the DfE, we are unable to authorise holidays in term time and that we have a series of set letters that we are required to issue.

Clubs

Cookery club will continue until 7th March 2022, however all other clubs will end on 17th February. A new clubs list will be out for next term shortly.

Covid Updates

As I'm sure you are aware, new Covid protocols came into play from January 27th. In terms of school, not much will change for us. We will continue with our handwashing routines and if you have a positive case in your household, we continue to ask you to inform us. This is so that Public Health England are aware of numbers and can advise us if our numbers escalate. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this. We understand how difficult it is to keep up with the latest legislation. If in doubt, just call the office and we will be able to advise you.

Outdoor Spaces

We are so lucky with the outdoor areas we have here at school, and many of our visitors are surprised with the amount of space the children have to learn and play in. Our aim this year is to really cultivate certain zones to make them more purposeful in our learning. As you have read above, the pupil leadership team are proactive in nurturing a diverse range of plants and wildlife here. One of our biggest projects that we are keen to get off the ground this year, is to redesign our science garden so it is fit for purpose and in a state ready for growing crops and flowers later in the year. After half term we will be circulating some dates out to you all and would be incredibly grateful if any of you or members of the community would be willing to come and spare an hour with us to get these areas usable for our children – there will be cake 😊. We believe that teaching children how to grow and look after plants is an important and satisfying skill that is essential for later life. We would love a small allotment area dug out for us to nurture. Do look out for more details from our pupil leadership team next month and please come and support us if you possibly can.

Orchard

We are delighted with our new orchard that Class 2 have organised for us – linked to our work on COP 26. We are the proud owners of apple, pear, quince and plum trees growing on our grounds. Keep looking at our social media to see how they are flourishing...

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Kind regards



Lou Kirkman and the team



Diary dates:

Spring Term 2022	
Tuesday 8 th February	Class 4 Geevor trip
Wednesday 9 th February	Class 3's Roman Walk
Wednesday 16 th February @ 2:30pm	Class 3 Drama Performance
Thursday 17 th February	Cake Sale & Last day of Spring Term 1
Friday 18 th February	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 28 th February	First day back of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 1 st March	PTFA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Wednesday 6 th April	PTFA Easter Bingo @ Cleave Hall, Camelford
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2022	
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday 9 th May – Friday 13 th May	SATS week
Tuesday 24 th May – Friday 27 th May	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 27 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
Monday 6 th June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 10 th June	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 th June – Friday 17 th June	Y4/5 Roadford Lake Residential
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term 2
Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th July	INSET days – school closed to pupils