



Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed some time together as a family to recalibrate and are ready for the Spring Term.

Curriculum

This term our new Enquiry is **'What Are Our Roots?'** which links back to our locality with the children learning about our heritage. Our Value that will be the driver for this is **RESPECT**.

Class 1 and 2 children will be exploring their roots in childhood – and particularly a childhood that is close to nature. They will be using a celebration of the great outdoors as inspiration for their play, their thinking, their art, their writing and their science as they capture a sense of place.

Class 3 will be discovering evidence in our locality to show clues that the Romans came to Cornwall and influenced our locality. They are hoping to be performing an ensemble piece that we will share with you at the end of term linked to Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.



Class 4 are truly embracing their Cornish roots and considering our great mining heritage. Their knowledge will expand to follow the spread of Cornish miners across the globe, and some of the environmental and humanitarian dilemmas that mining poses today.

Pupil Leadership Team

The Pupil Leadership Team have been meeting regularly and already have lots of plans for the terms ahead. One of their first missions is to raise some money for hedgehog houses, bug hotels and bird boxes in the school grounds. They will be organising a cake sale towards the end of this term to raise some money for this.

When we have a date set in stone, we would love any cake donations that families might wish to make. The team are also in the process of choosing some charities that are important to them that they would like to support throughout the rest of the school year – more details to follow in the next newsletter where the children will be writing their own piece to share with you.



Year 2 and Year 6 Learning Conversations

This year, Y2 and Y6 children will be taking the government standardised attainment tests (SATs) which happen in the summer term. In order for us to share how we plan to support your child in getting ready for this and how you can help support the process from home, we will be setting up face-to-face parent meetings during the week beginning 17th January. If you have a child in these year groups, please look out for a message asking you to book a slot via the Arbor app. Thank you.

Home Learning

This term the children will continue to be set Home Learning opportunities via Seesaw (and Tapestry if children are in Reception). We had some very impressive creative pieces brought in last term that showed the time invested by the children to showcase their learning. Thank you for your encouragement and support with this – it is such an important part of the partnership.

Please remember the Love Reading Journals and encouraging your child to read at home as much as possible. We also have Times Table Rock Star and MyMaths subscriptions where children can practise their fluency of maths skills that will be beneficial and support them in the classroom. Miss Thomas will be running a Homework club on a Thursday lunchtime for any child in the school that would like to complete their challenges in school.



Covid Updates

You will have seen the letter sent out this week regarding Covid updates. We continue to follow the advice we are given. This includes ventilation. We are heightened to the fact that as the outside temperature is getting colder, the classrooms feel much cooler as we have to have the windows open for ventilation – especially if there are positive cases reported within the class. Please do encourage your child to layer up under their school uniform. We have CO2 devices in all classrooms that are monitoring the ventilation and some of the older parts of the school building have thermometers now to ensure the rooms don't become too cold. We will try and ensure rooms have an opportunity to warm up over lunch and breaktimes. We will continue to take advice from PHE on this.

We are delighted to be able to hold a whole tribe assembly from next week – something we haven't done in quite some time.

Please continue to liaise with the office if you have a positive case in your household so we can monitor numbers in school. Thank you for your support as we navigate our way through this together.

Aspire Admission Arrangements 2023-24 Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2021, the Directors of Aspire Academy Trust (AAT) are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2023/24 school year with regard to the academies within the Trust. Information on the consultation can be viewed on our School website under links and downloads or Aspire Academy Trust website (www.aspireacademytrust.org) under school admissions.

Closure Due to Bad Weather

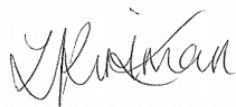
It is that time of the year and so in the extreme circumstances of the school being closed for bad weather, you will be notified via the Arbour App and this will also be confirmed on our website and via Pirate FM.



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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	
w/c Monday 17 th January	Y2 & Y6 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 19 th January	Class 4 Geevor trip
Thursday 17 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
Friday 18 th February	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th February	First day back of Spring Term 2
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term 2