



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

### **School News**

This week the foundations for the base of our new building were started. This happened ahead of schedule, despite the changeable weather.

Today, a team of Year 5/6 girls enjoyed a football tournament at Richard Lander School. They played with enthusiasm and were a credit to the school.

### **International Smile Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Thank you for your support today in helping our school celebrate World Smile Day. The theme this year is making others happy, always important, but currently perhaps more so. Your kind donations will definitely make others happy via The Smile Train charity. Currently our total raised is £126.50.

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** snapping individual photographs of the children. Children will need to be in school uniform. If they have PE or a Sports Club on Wednesdays, please can they remember to bring in their PE Kit to get changed into. We will be able to accommodate photographs of siblings who attend our school. Sadly, we will not be able to arrange for family photos, or photographs with siblings who do not attend the school.

### **Coats**

This week the weather has become decidedly wetter and colder. Please make sure that your child arrives to school with a coat, suitable for the weather conditions. We aim to allow our children to be outside as much as possible during the day, so a waterproof coat is needed. Please ensure that any coat along with other clothing items are clearly named. Thank you.

### **Covid-19**

This week there was another local school which had to unfortunately close entirely for the week due to a spike in positive covid cases. Other schools have had to revert to separating children back into fixed bubbles. This is a reminder that the virus is still prevalent, and our school remains very much at risk of similar measures being re-instated. Please continue to support our school by re-enforcing the message for good hygiene at home.

A reminder that Aspire have altered their policy on informing parents of positive cases. Now, parents will be informed if a positive case occurs in their child's class. The guidance from the government remains that attendance is mandatory unless your child is poorly or has received a positive test result. Thank you for your support and understanding.



### **Volunteers**

Thank to everyone who this week has discussed becoming a volunteer or returning as a volunteer. Currently Cornwall remains in Enhanced Measures concerning Covid-19. When these measures are released, we hope to welcome you into our building. Your patience and support are very much appreciated.

### **Message from Keywear**

We are hoping to attend the Annual Schoolwear Show in Birmingham. Petrol dependent! The business will be closed from Thursday 7th Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October. Opening again as normal on Monday 11th. We will advertise this on our Facebook page and also in the shop. Any parent who still has an outstanding order to collect will be told personally of these dates.

### **Starting School**

If you have or know anyone with a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, the deadline for applying for a place in reception classes to start school next September is 15 January 2022.

Our current risk assessments allow for visits to our school. These have to take place from 3:30pm, however, staff are usually here to meet, and the visit will provide an opportunity to view the school environment and ask any questions you may have.

Please contact Mrs Holroyd for an appointment.  
Full details concerning the application process can be found at:

[School admissions - Cornwall Council](#)

### **Arbor App:**

New Parents we recommend that you download the Arbor App. This is the simplest way which we can communicate with you and does not incur any charges. Through this you will receive up to date information concerning your child. Please follow this link:

[Arbor App](#)

For urgent messages, please either phone Mrs Holroyd, or follow up your message with call. Thank you

### **Parent Pay - Reminder**

Thank you for your patience whilst Parent Pay and Mrs Holroyd have ironed out any issues with access for some of our parents. Parent Pay can be used to make payments for wrap-around care, school lunches and for educational visits. Please check your accounts and make payments regularly to avoid any money owing building up. If you do have issues paying for items, please come and chat with us.



### **Free School Meals - Reminder**

Did you know that if your child is registered as eligible for free school meals, the school receives a pupil premium payment of £1,345 per year? The school receives this payment whether or not your child has the school dinner. This premium is used by the school to organise additional opportunities, which directly benefit your child. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

### **How does it work?**

#### Year 2 and below

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Free Infant School Meals Scheme.

**It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.**

#### Year 3 and above

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you're an asylum seeker
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right can also get free school meals.

We recommend that all parents who think they may qualify whether in any year apply through the link below:

[Free School Meals \(servelec-synergy.com\)](https://servelec-synergy.com)

**Please Note** – Parents whose children have now moved into Year 3 now need to pay for ordered school lunches – this can be done through the Parent Pay app.

### **Covid contact tracing and self-isolation:**

The current government guidance for schools (which we are required to follow) states:



From 16 August, adults and children will not be required to self-isolate even if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons"

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact **should continue** to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

So, if a pupil with a parent or sibling who has tested positive for COVID and they themselves are well then, they should continue to attend school. The family of the affected person should all have PCR tests as they are close contacts of a positive case however as long as the children are well and non-symptomatic they can continue to come to school whilst awaiting test results.

From 19th July schools were no longer expected or able to undertake contact tracing. Schools will not be asking families to keep their children home to isolate nor asking any member of staff to isolate unless they have Covid symptoms. This is now undertaken completely by NHS Test and Trace.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

**Arrangements for Drop Off and Collection:**

| <u>Class:</u>         | <u>Arrival Time</u> | <u>Departure Time</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Gannel – Mr Easter    | 8:30-8:40           | 3:00                  |
| Lynher – Miss Eddison | 8:30-8:40           | 3:00                  |
| Helford – Mrs Ashley  | 8:30-8:40           | 3:00                  |



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|-----------------------|-------------|------|
| Fal – Mrs Lewis       | 8:40 – 8:50 | 3:10 |
| Kenwyn – Miss Adler   | 8:40-8:50   | 3:10 |
| Tamar –Mrs Stanhope – | 8:50        | 3:10 |

- Staggered drop off and collection times based on class
- 1-way directional system
- An adult will be at the main gate entrance welcoming the children and supporting with the direction of movement.
- **One adult per family** will accompany their child – unfortunately, no parent or carer will be able to enter the building
- **No child or adult should gather on the school site at any time**
- Children will enter their classrooms via their external classroom door and will immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- For collection, the gates will be open at 14:55. Do not to arrive before 14:55 as this would result in congestion
- **Siblings to be dropped off/collected at earliest time**
- To support the safe environment, **parents must adhere to the collection and drop off times**

**One way System:** The one-way system has been extremely effective in enabling the children to enter and leave their classrooms in a calm way. We have appreciated your co-operation with this during last year and know from your comments that you have found this system efficient too.

Therefore, please continue to enter through the gate near Reception class (as you do currently) to walk around the building, dropping off children at classroom doors.

#### **Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22**

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the next academic year as:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### **Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:**



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Autumn Term:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
(Half-term: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October)

Spring Term:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
(Half-term: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February)

Summer Term:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 [1:30pm Finish]  
(Half-term: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June – return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**)

Enjoy a restful weekend.