



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

Thank you for your understanding and support today when we took the decision to close the school on safety grounds due to the lack of running water. The staff ensured that the children remained calm and safe during the experience. The incident has underlined the need for the school to have up-to-date contact details in case of emergencies. Please ensure that we have these, especially going into the winter months. Thank you.

### **World Mental Health Day**

This Sunday is World Mental Health Day. Thankfully, over the past years the awareness around Mental Health in adults and children has greatly improved, whilst the stigma around the issue has decreased.

It is okay not to be okay, is still the key message. The website below contains a useful starting point for further advice and support.

[World Mental Health Day 2021 - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://www.mentalhealth-uk.org/)

Every day is a good day to talk to someone if you need to, whether it be a family member, friend, neighbour or someone here at school.

### **St Petroc's Harvest Appeal**

For the next two weeks we are asking for donations to aid the amazing work that St Petroc's Truro perform during the winter months supporting the homeless in the local area. If you are able, please donate any of the following:

Tinned Foods  
Packet foods  
Spray Deodorant  
Male Toiletries  
Feminine Toiletries  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste  
New socks  
Working torches  
Clean blankets  
Clean duvets

Any of the above items can be left in our reception area from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October when all items will be delivered to St Petroc's.

Thank you



**Phonics Books – Message from Miss Adler**

As part of the children's phonics education, the school send books home for children to practise. It is important that these books are utilised as much as possible when at home and returned to school promptly, as we only have a limited supply. Thank you.

If you need any advice with supporting your child with their phonics, please contact your child's teacher.

**Height and Weight Opt-out**

Parents of children in **EYFS** and **Year 6** will receive a link to opt-out of the height and weight check which happens annually in schools. If you do not opt-out the NHS will assume that you agree with your child having their height and weight measured later in the year.

**Kenwyn Class's Educational Visit**

Please can all parents who require a school packed lunch for the forthcoming trip to the Seal Sanctuary on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, return the required form by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Teacher Parent Meetings:**

The meetings will be scheduled at various times throughout the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the remaining uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 situation and restrictions, these meetings will happen through TEAMS. We will issue more details next week.

**Covid-19**

A reminder that despite Cornwall leaving enhanced measures this week. the virus is still prevalent, and our school remains very much at risk of returning to stricter measures should the school experience a spike in cases. Please continue to support our school by re-enforcing the message for good hygiene at home.

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.

**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.

**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
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
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- 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**

#### **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:**

##### 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**)



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Enjoy a restful weekend.