



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new term. It was so fabulous to see the school full to the brim with family and friends during our Open Classrooms and Harvest Festival over the last week of last term. Thank you if you were able to come along and share in these occasions with us. Hopefully they gave you a snapshot into our school life. This term we can once again look forward to more Open Classrooms, a Book Snuggle and our Christmas offerings. We can't wait to share more details with you.

This term our enquiry question is '**What matters most, the journey or the destination?**' which will be underpinned by the value of **Perseverance**.

Class 4 will immerse themselves in the history of ancient civilisations and the story of Beowulf. Class 3 will dress for the part and step into the shoes of Shackleton's heroic Antarctic explorers. Class 2 children are travelling to Australia to learn how life is different on the other side of the world, and Class 1 will be archeologists tracking birds back to prehistory. They will be having a visit from some feathered friends too... Lots to fit in for the second part of this Autumn Term.



### **Digital Safety**

One of the most significant challenges we face is how we educate and monitor our children's safe use of digital technology. Across the curriculum, in PSHE and Computing lessons, we discuss what is appropriate, what to do to keep safe and what to do if children do feel or are unsafe. We will also celebrate Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February, but we must always ensure that our children are safe.

It can be a minefield at times as habits and skills, games, platforms and content can vary so much. This is why we must be constantly vigilant. Please speak to us if you feel you would like more information, support or advice. Whilst we do have links on our own website, our [Aspire Trust Website](#) also has some excellent and up to date details and resources to help everyone navigate safely through the digital domain.

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to those parents that were able to join us at the end of last term. It is so important that we stay in contact with you – particularly at this early stage so we can keep you updated and so you know how your child has settled into their new year groups. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please do this via the office. We would love to speak with all parents in the coming weeks. Just let us know when you are available.

### **Remembrance**

On **Friday 11th November, Class 3 and 4** we will be joining the wider community to commemorate Remembrance Day at Trevena Square in Tintagel. If you would like to join us, please meet at the school gates for **10:30am** and you can join your child in the line.

### Book Snuggle

Back by popular demand, the Pupil Leadership Team have told us how much they enjoyed the Book Snuggles of the past and so we would like to reinstate this event in the school calendar. This year, we will be holding this on **Tuesday 15th November** from **5:00– 5:30pm**.



Children are invited back to school in their pyjamas/dressing gowns/slippers with their favourite teddy, for a bedtime story read by the adults in their class. The classrooms will be transformed and the event is designed to celebrate our love of reading, and of course, there will be hot chocolate being served. Whilst this is happening, Mrs Kirkman will be sharing a story for the adults, with some helpful tips on how you can support your child by reading to them at home. We hope you will be able to join us. There is nothing more important for a child than having stories read to them in the early stages of their development. We want to ensure we are doing everything we can to give them the best start in their reading career.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place the week beginning 14th November. Our Pupil Leadership Team have once again committed to supporting this by asking everyone to taking part in 'Odd Sock Day' on **Monday 14th November 2022**. All everyone needs to do is wear odd socks - a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will be asking for donations to support the important work that the Anti-Bullying Alliance do, so please remember to bring in a donation on the day. Across the week our Tribe will consider, reflect and celebrate Anti Bullying in assemblies and class activities. The theme this year is 'Reaching Out.' We hope you will help us in supporting this.

### Christmas Festivities

It would not be Christmas without the Nativity. This year, Class 1 and 2 will celebrate by performing their version of the Christmas Story on **Monday 12th December**. There will be an afternoon and early evening performance. More details will follow.



On the following day, **Tuesday 13th December**, we would like to welcome our whole school community to take part in our Carols in the Amphitheatre event at **5pm**. This worked really well last year, led by the children in Class 3 and 4. When the details have been finalised we will share more, including information on our very special guests ...

The PTFA have several Christmas events planned this year. The first being a Christmas Wreath Making evening on **Friday 2nd December**, followed by our Big Breakfast with Santa's Grotto on **Saturday 3rd December**. This year, this will be taking place at school.

The final fundraising event for Christmas will see the return of our Christmas Fete on **Friday 9th December from 3:30pm to 5pm**. We will be holding our own craft workshops with special visitors such as Jo Downs Glass and Tumbled Treasure. We will be opening up the hall for local craft/stallholders who will be selling their own wares. If you would like more information about being a stall holder, please get in touch.

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We are currently looking for donations of raffle prizes, bottles and teddies for our tombolas, if you have anything you can donate please let us know.

### Bag2School

The PTFA will be sending out the bags for Bag2School next week for any unwanted clothing and accessories. We would be extremely grateful if any filled bags could be left in the bike shelter by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. The bags will be weighed on collection and the school will receive funds dependent on the weight. Please feel free to pass any bags on or let us know if you need anymore, any unwanted bags can be left in the bike shelter to be reused.

### Wellbeing

Personal development, pupil wellbeing and mental health is of high priority at our school. We have a wellbeing team that works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure there is up to date training and support for staff and pupils. This year, we want to reach out to parents and support them to support their child. To do this, we would love to invite you to a workshop run by Ms Thorpe. She deliberately doesn't want to do this on site and is hoping that many of you might join her on **Friday 18th November at 1:30pm at Trevillet Mill** for some useful insights in how you can use the outdoors and places on our doorsteps to support your child. We will also be circulating a parent questionnaire in the near future so we can capture your voice about how confident you feel in supporting your child. We are currently gathering website addresses and good support in all areas of well being that we will be sharing on our website as a 'go to' place to support you if you are in need. As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss linked to pupil wellbeing, please do book an appointment to talk to us.



### Attendance

Please do continue to let us know if your child is absent from school. If your child is unwell, we need communication daily so we can update our registers appropriately. Mrs Kirkman has regular meetings with the Education Welfare Officer who looks at our attendance data each half term. Please use the Arbor app to track your child's current attendance.



As always, this is a busy and exciting term in schools, but also one of our favourite. Please do remember to check emails and messages so you get all the up to date information about forthcoming events. Thank you so much for your support in attending the events we host. Without your support, they wouldn't be a success.

Kind regards

Lou Kirkman and the team

**Diary dates:**

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 3 & 4 Weekly Swimming Lessons
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November @10:30am	Class 3 & 4 Remembrance Service @ Trevena Square
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November @ 5-5:30pm	Book Snuggle
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November @ 1:30pm	Wellbeing Workshop with Ms Thorpe @Trevillet Mill
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Bag2School Collection
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December @7:30pm	Christmas Wreath Making with Leanne Cullip
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA Big Breakfast with Santa's Grotto
w/c Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Classrooms Half Price Book Fair
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch & Jumper Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December @3:30pm-5pm	PTFA Christmas Fete
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December timings tbc	Class 1 & 2 Nativity
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @5pm	Christmas Carols in the amphitheatre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties & Last Day of Autumn Term 2
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term