



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term, one that is always a hive of activity. We have lots of lovely things planned over the next two terms and hope to get the children outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for all weather possibilities – a coat if it is colder as well as hats and suncream as the days become warmer. Could you please ensure these are named. It is also important that your child has a water bottle with them each day so they remain hydrated.

Curriculum

This half term our value links directly to our Calm School Code, KINDNESS, which underpins our enquiry 'How Does Kindness Shape Our Future?'. We will be learning about Kindness in many senses. Class 1 will be exploring our oceans and already have a trip planned to explore a coastal setting. Class 2 will be learning more about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale in their History sessions, seeking out unheard voices of the past.



Class 3 will be learning more about the Kielder Valley and how water can shape the landscape – including carrying out a local study around the Boscastle flood.

Class 4 will be extending their learning linked to freedom and democracy and will see the fall of the Berlin Wall and lessons that can be learnt from this time. Please remember to keep up to date with our Facebook page where you can see some of our learning in action.

Statutory Testing

The summer is the time of the year that the government set their statutory tests. These start for Y6 in May (Week Beg **8th May**). All Y6 children will be given a timetable shortly and there will be a revision breakfast club in the library for them (free of charge) from 8:30am each morning of the tests. You will soon receive a parent leaflet with some FAQ linked to the SATs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Miss Court or Mrs Kirkman.

In addition, Y2 children will be sitting their SATs the week beginning **15th May**. Whilst these are statutory, we facilitate them so children work in small groups and they are an opportunity for children to showcase what they know. They certainly shouldn't be feeling anxious about them. Again, any queries please speak with Ms Thorpe or Mrs Kirkman.

Please ensure wherever possible that your child is in school for these dates.

Outdoor Spaces

We have had a few new additions to our outdoor areas over the winter. We have a new bespoke built bike shed, situated on the field for our own fleet of bikes. This means that we can store them easily and get them out more in the coming months. There will be opportunities for children to bring their own bikes to school factored into the timetable to help us promote physical activity.

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The PTFA are supporting the school to replace the summer house that is in constant need of repair in the back playground. The Pupil Leadership Team have shared that the pupils would love a larger shelter in its place that you can't get behind, and so we will be continuing to fundraise to help the school afford this new space.

Since the revival of the science garden last year, Mr Doman has continued to maintain the pond area and has managed to extract an awful lot of pond weed. As a consequence, he is delighted to share that we not only have frogspawn this year, but also toad spawn. We are

also hoping to spot some dragonfly nymphs too in the coming weeks. He will be working with groups of children to keep this space a 'wilder' habitat to encourage more diversity on our school grounds.

Coronation

The School will be closed for the additional Bank Holiday on **Monday 8th May** for the King's Coronation. To mark the occasion in school, Mrs Vare will be preparing a picnic lunch on **Thursday 4th May**. Weather depending, we will be eating on the field so if your child would like to bring a picnic blanket, they are very welcome. The children will be invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue on this day.

In addition, Parish Councillors from the Tintagel Parish Council would like to present every child in the school with a commemorative mug in the afternoon.

Books

You will know how important books and reading are to us, and we have dedicated large amounts of money over recent years to ensure our book stocks are replenished, current and enticing. There are some class book corners where shelves are looking a little bare, could we please ask you to search your homes and children's bags in case you have any books belonging to the school that your child is no longer reading so that they can then be shared and enjoyed by others. Many thanks.



Future Dates and Events

There are various events and activities coming up in the coming weeks which we will communicate to you via Arbor. Please ensure that you check so your child doesn't miss out as there are different things for different classes and year groups.

Please see a list of dates at the bottom of the newsletter for your calendars.

PTFA Events

The PTFA are in the process of organising a Colour Burst Sponsored Fun Run to take place after school on **Friday 26th May**. A sponsor form with more details will be sent home next week in your child's book bag.

Clubs and Wraparound

Clubs letters went out at the end of last term and hit the ground running this week. We do still have limited spaces in some clubs if you haven't already booked in. We will be changing some of the clubs again after May half term as we know a whole term can be quite a long time doing the same thing.

Wraparound is running this term in a more limited capacity as we have very small numbers. In the coming weeks, we will be sending a wraparound questionnaire out to capture parent voice to see if this is a service that is still required or one that perhaps can be tweaked to help more families who are working or unable to collect their children at the end of the school day. We would really value your responses please.



As always, please do contact us if you have any worries, concerns or suggestions.

Kind regards

Lou Kirkman and the team

Diary dates:

Summer Term 1 2023	
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May	King's Coronation Picnic Lunch & Commemorative Mug Presentation
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week
Saturday 13 th May	Deli Farm Run
Tuesday 16 th May – Friday 19 th May	Y6 London residential
Monday 22 nd May	Class 3 & 4 Newquay Zoo trip
Monday 22 nd May @ 3:15-3:30pm	Class 1 & 2 Open Classrooms
Thursday 25 th May @ 3:15-3:30pm	Class 3 & 4 Open Classrooms
Friday 26 th May afterschool	PTFA Colour Burst Sponsored Fun Run
Friday 26 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
Summer Term 2 2023	
Monday 5 th June	First day of Summer Term 2
Thursday 8 th June	Class Photos
Friday 9 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 15 th June	Class 1 & 2 Newquay Zoo trip
w/c 19 th June	Healthy Active Living Week
Tuesday 20 th June	Class 3 & 4 Beach Day & Surfing Lessons
Thursday 22 nd June	Sports Day
Monday 26 th – Wed 28 th June	Y4/5 Porthpean Residential
Thursday 20 th July afterschool	PTFA Summer Fete & Inflatables
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Summer Term 2