



Summer Term Issue 1

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Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back for the summer term and let's hope summer does actually happen as there has been little sign of it emerging over Easter! I hope your plans for the break were not thwarted by the wet weather too much; I had decided to walk the Thames path from London back to the source only to find that the majority of the path upstream of Reading was under water so not quite what I had envisaged. However, the forecast for our first week back does not look too bad so, fingers crossed, things might be about to change and we can start to get out and enjoy what Cornwall has to offer. With most classes timing topics with outdoor related themes it would be nice to have some drier days – I need at least one for my week of cover in Class 3 to launch 'The Great Outdoors' at Godrevy beach. Kynance's topic of 'Wild Water' and Rinsey's 'Life on Earth' are also likely to involve trips to the beach whilst Poldhu's 'Into the Woods' is more likely to involve Crenver Grove although their attention will switch to 'Under the Sea' in the second half of the term so I am sure they will be heading to Godrevy then too. Plans for all topics will soon be posted on the website so be sure to have a look and as usual homework sheets will be coming out this week so you can follow up on the learning at home.

The excitement for the term ahead is going to be tempered by something more than the weather as we are very sadly saying goodbye to valuable members of the team. Mr Buckley has been offered work doing what he enjoys most; working with children through sports and adventurous activities and as much as he loves the school it was too good an opportunity to miss. Fortunately, he has agreed to support the London trip as originally planned so there will be time for Class 4 to spend a little more time with him and he has a couple of college assignments to complete that need a school placement so there will be plenty of opportunities for others to say goodbyes too. I cannot thank him enough for all he has given us during his tenure here and he has given many children opportunities they would otherwise not have had. His good humour and flexibility have helped us through many a difficult time – none more so than during lockdown – and we wish him every success in his future career.

Even more significant is Mrs Haddy's decision to retire from full time teaching. We will have a full term to appreciate her many talents for teaching and I know as usual we will have nothing but the best from a consummate professional. Mrs Haddy has been here longer than I have and her influence at the school cannot be underestimated; she helped the school achieve Outstanding status before I arrived and has steered many Year 6 cohorts to excellent achievement (sometimes in the top 10% of the country). As most are aware I do not value education purely in academic terms but Mrs Haddy also embraced our movement to an immersive topic-based curriculum enriched with the outdoors and trips and visits and her commitment to all we have tried to achieve has been unwavering. We will give her a worthy thank you celebration when the time comes and I am sure we might be able to tempt her back for some cover, especially if we let her have an art focus to the day! In the meantime, I am sure many of you would like to pay your respects and personal gratitude and the silver lining is you have plenty of time to do so.

Needless to say, it will be impossible to find a like for like replacement for our most experienced member of staff but we are casting the net wide to try and find somebody that can bring enthusiasm and passion for all we believe in and will let you know of any developments. For now though let us look ahead to another term of exciting learning, keep the fingers crossed for the weather gods to herald the summer and hope that this year the swallows choose to grace our building with a nest again. I look forward to seeing you all at the gate (though be aware I am covering Class 3 for the first week back).

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: Journeys

HEADLINES: Growing Up

WORDS OF WISDOM: Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: Being able to be prepared

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: Johan S Bach



Diary Dates

April

Mon 15—Return to school

Sat 20—Coose Trannack Cross Country Run

May

Mon 13—SATs week

Fri 24—Sports Day

Mon 27 to Fri 31—Half Term Break

June

Wed 12—Godrevy to Camp Kernow

Wed 19—Kynance Activity Days

July

Tue 2—Rinsey to London

Wed 10—Poldhu Activity Days

Fri 19—Last day of Summer Term

Whole School Attendance Target 2023-2024: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

93.4%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Hickory Dickory

ROCK

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REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR AIR GUITAR

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that due to several children and a member of staff having severe allergies to nuts the school has a policy whereby no products (**including Nutella**) containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products, i.e. chocolate bars, it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you.