



Autumn Term Issue 14

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Is it too early to say we've made it (writing on Thursday) – probably for some as various germs, coughs, colds and the dreaded chickenpox have kept many off over the last two weeks and dented the impressive attendance figures. Staff have not escaped either with most of us having a bout of something; even the fit and healthy Mr Keating has been kept off today. I suppose it's better that we all have our turn now rather than next week.

Unfortunately, illness has meant that several missed the Christmas dinner prepared by Pippa on Tuesday but it still felt like a full hall and once again she didn't disappoint us with a great turkey roast. In classes children have been finding out about their upcoming topics and doing some Christmas related activities. Details of the Spring topics will be published on the website shortly should you wish to do some preliminary research and homework sheets will be sent out at the start of term. Responses to the homework tasks have been incredible: I believe Felix's machine video on Facebook has had over 200 views and this week I have been incredibly impressed with the edible houses produced by Kynance.

Certificates for effort with homework will be handed out in celebration assembly which we are holding today rather than the usual final day due to the Christingle service planned for tomorrow. In this final Celebration Assembly we draw out winners of the 100% awards for each class (tokens given out every time a child produces their best work over the course of the term) and they receive an Amazon voucher in recognition of their efforts. We also draw the Mathletics/Times Table Rockstar winner, who will also get an Amazon voucher, and it has never been more heavily contested with many children having picked up certificates, and a chance to win the prize, every week. Effort with home reading was rewarded last week with a visit to Waterstones to choose a book for those children chosen by their class teachers using the evidence you help provide through reading journals. With all this in mind I would like to say a huge thank you for the support you have given your children; rewarded or not it has a huge impact on their progress and their motivation and engagement when in school – you really make a difference!

I hope lots of you are able to make the service tomorrow so that we can share a last bit of communal spirit before we go our separate ways. I hope those of you staying here enjoy the very best that Cornwall has to offer, I hope that those travelling to family further afield have safe travels and for those heading to the pistes I hope the snow fairies are in your favour and yes, I am jealous. It has been a long term for all of us and this combined with some pretty dull and wet weather has made just getting up an effort on some days. However, the end is in sight; the end of term also marks the end of the darkening days with Winter Solstice (the shortest day) on Saturday. Unfortunately, we don't look like having a clear starry night to celebrate it on. We are looking like having more of the same through to Christmas but I am sure you will find ways of bringing in some festive cheer so enjoy wherever you are and whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner



THIS TERM'S THEME: *Be the Best You*

HEADLINES: *Knowing Yourself*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Knowing Yourself is the Beginning of all Wisdom*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to be kind*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *The Lottery Winners*

Festival/Celebration: *Winter Solstice*



Diary Dates

December

Fri 20—Last day of Autumn Term

January

Mon 6—Start of Spring Term

Thu 23—Rinsey to NEXUS

Tue 28—Cross Country Run—St Ives

February

Mon 17—Fri 21—Half Term break

Tue 25—Cross Country Run—Cape Cornwall

Wed 26—Rinsey to Tolvaddon Fire Station

March

Wed 19—Godrevy to Royal Cornwall Showground Farm & Country day

April

Fri 4—Last Day of Spring Term

Whole School Attendance

Target 2023-2024: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School
Attendance Figure:

95.04%

POLITE NOTICE

Equipment is for our children to enjoy during break and lunch times **only**.

For health and safety reasons we ask you to respect our lovely equipment and that it not be used after school hours.

Thank you

Clubs Begin Monday January 13 2025—Please book via ParentPay

Mon—KS2 Chess Club

Tues—KS1 & KS2 Football Club

Wed—KS1 Mixed Club

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.



STARS OF THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following children for their wonderful learning. Thank you.

Poldhu

Hugo for amazing progress in RWinc

Sofia for fantastic independent writing

Kynance

Edvard for excellent behaviour for learning

Nola for a fantastic effort in writing

Godrevy

Rowan for brilliantly accepting feedback in English

Jago for an excellent slow write

Rinsey

Ethan for writing a great Christmas story

Mabel for writing a superb Christmas story

Virtue

Jago R, Gracie W, Harry,

Mathletics—Congratulations to All

Lola-Pearl, Jago R, William, Molly-Mae, Gracie W,

Freddie W, Isaac, Holly, Felix, Niamh