



8th September 2017

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Class R! They have all had a great time this week settling in to school, learning new routines, making new friends and responding to the new expectations of school life! We really appreciate all of your support in helping your children to embrace their new adventure!

Next week the children are staying for lunch and will be going home at 1pm. There is a board in the classroom for the children to register what they are having for lunch. They will need to move their name to the correct place so please come in and help them to do this for the first half term or so. The classroom will be open from 8.45am. Once the children have made their lunch choices they then need to join the rest of the school on the playground and wait for the bell to ring before lining up at the school door.

Lining Up The children have been lining up in one long sensible line. Over the course of the coming months we will encourage the children to line up in alphabetical order. This is in keeping with the rest of the school.

'Extreme Reading' We are going to start reading in school once the children are in school full time but we are really keen for the children to enjoy stories and love books as much as we do. Where's the strangest place you can read a book together? Last year's Class R loved this challenge - we had photos of children reading in the swimming pool, at the farm to the cows and even on the toilet! If you take a photo of your child looking at a book in a weird and wonderful place then please email it in to us: Alicia.Warren@st-minver.cornwall.sch.uk or print the picture and bring it in to school so we can add it to our display.

Book bags It would be really helpful if your child's name was visible to us. Please could you cut off the flap that covers the name on your child's book bag. Thank you.

Snacks The children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime (no nuts, eggs or fish please due to allergies). Please could you help your child to take their snack out of their book bags and place them in the 'Snack' box in the morning. This will help them to locate their snacks more easily. It might be a good idea to label them with their names too.

Roald Dahl Day is on Wednesday 13th September. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Wow Slips Please see our class page on the school website to read about 'Wow slips'. When your child does wonderful things at home then please fill in a wow slip and send it into school. Some wow slips have been put into your child's book bag today.

Next Week we will continue to learn about the school rules and get used to our new environment. As part of our 'All About Me' topic we will learn about our bodies. We will create skeletons using white straws and learn about the importance of our bones. We will also label the different parts of our bodies and talk about what we can do with our hands, feet, eyes etc. We will be writing our names and recognising, and ordering numbers. We will also count objects carefully by moving them or crossing them out. We will sing songs such as 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' and use our bodies to create sounds such as tapping and clicking to accompany music. We will also share the children's memory folders. What a busy week ahead!

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Alicia Warren and Sarah Cowles

