



Newsletter 9th October 2020

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Inspirational!

October is Black History month

This week in assembly, the children learnt about Mae Jemison, who in 1993 became the first African-American female astronaut in space, when aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour she and her six crew mates orbited the Earth a total of 126 times. She achieved this despite numerous attempts to 'cap' her dreams throughout her education AND her crippling fear of heights! As she said, (fear is) "a weakness only if it keeps you from doing stuff." What can your child tell you about this?



Padstow Harbour Commission Card Competition

Just 11 weeks to go until Chr***** Day!

This year, it is St Minver School's turn to design the Christmas card for Padstow Harbour Commission. If your child would like to enter, please get creative together and send your designs into school, **by Wednesday 21st October**, so they can be collected together and sent for judging.

Cards must be A4 in size, using any media. This year's theme is 'Christmas harbour.'

On the back, please clearly write your child's first name, age and class.

Parking (again!)

There is to be absolutely no parking at the front of school, please. This is very dangerous, as cars coming around the corner and into school are met by others leaving and pulling out to overtake vehicles abandoned there. If your child is older, is there a place off-site that you might be able to meet them—a friend's drive, for example? I do appreciate your frustration with the current limited parking situation, but please be reassured that if you have to wait for a space, your child is quite safe with us. We will never allow your child to wander off without you, unless we have written confirmation that they are allowed to walk home.



Mrs J Rodwell

Head of School

Dates

12/10/19—Whole School Flu immunisations

26/10/20-30/10/20—Half Term Holiday

02/11/20—School Closed (Training day) *Please note this an additional date and the website calendar has been updated*

21/12/20-3/1/21—Christmas Holiday

4/1/21—School Closed (Training day)

5/1/21—First day Spring Term

Please see attachments to this newsletter which may be of interest:

- **St Minver School's Plan for Remote Learning**
- **Information about the Nexus Gifted Programme**

Parent/teacher meetings

This year we will be holding telephone parent meetings across all classes on the following dates:

Reception: Tuesday 20/10 from 3.10pm-6.30pm and Thurs 22/10 from 12.30pm-3pm

Year 1: Tuesday 20/10 from 4pm-6.30pm and Wednesday 21/10 from 1pm-4pm

Year 2: Thursday 22/10 from 9.30am-6.30pm

Year 3: Monday 19/10 from 3.40pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 20/10 from 3.40pm-6.30pm

Year 4: Mr Gill—Monday 19/10 from 3.30pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 20/10 from 3.30-5pm OR

Year 4: Mrs Hewitt—Tuesday 20/10 from 1.30pm-2.50pm and 3.30pm-5.30pm

Year 5: Tuesday 20/10 from 3.15pm-6.30pm and Thursday 22/10 from 1pm-3pm

Year 6: Tuesday 3/11 from 3.20pm-6.30pm and Thursday 5/11 from 1.30pm-3.30pm

As usual you will need to use Arbor to book your 10 minute appointment. We will use the first contact number held on Arbor unless you tell us otherwise. Out of courtesy we ask please that you don't record our conversations and that if you would like to place the call on speakerphone that you tell the teacher before doing so. Conversations are best held away from the children.

If your child currently has an IEP, please DO NOT book one of these sessions, as your child's teacher will be in touch about making a separate appointment to review their learning plan.

Bookings are open now.



Stars of the week! Flu immunisations

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: Ollie Bray, Noah Campbell, Eddie Kent & Maddox Meagor—Super hard work and awesome progress in Letters & Sounds

Class 1: Sofia Davis—for lovely manners this week and always & Eva Doney—for excellent listening & concentration

Class 2: Jago Hall for excellent writing, maths and art work & Edith Taylor for excellent phonic work, answering questions and using lead-ins in her writing

Class 3: Emily Tudge for her excellent diary writing in English & Alfie Jago for working very hard in his Maths and English.

Class 4: Freddie Bassett for speaking so knowledgeably and clearly to the class about ants. David Attenborough watch out! & Milly Thompson for being so resilient and brave whilst her mum is in hospital. She must be very proud of you, Milly.

Class 5: Dexter Warren—Showing determination to do his very best even though he was not feeling well, what a star! Edie Sutherland—Producing some excellent journalistic style writing

Class 6: Lexie Bosley—Always working with such dedication and effort & Eva Newman—Being such a model pupil



On Monday 12th October the NHS School Immunisation team will be in school to deliver the Flu immunisations.

The window for consent has now closed. Only those children whose parents logged in and granted consent will be immunised on Monday.



- PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL
- WEEK 3 OF THE MENU NEXT WEEK PLEASE

Poetry Promise!

We are thrilled to be able to share with you that Esme Rigby in Class 5 has come 2nd from over 500 entrants, in the KS2 class at the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature.

The festival had been due to be held in May this year but for obvious reasons was cancelled, all of the entrants' work was judged remotely and last weekend Esme was invited to collect her award.



Her brilliant poem is also attached to this newsletter. Well done Esme, we are all so proud of you, great work!

Mathletics!

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, especially to Year R who collectively racked up a huge score of 10,503 points and to George Pascoe who scored an amazing 2,525 points this week. I wonder who will get a mention next week?



Priceless Playtimes!

Who has been a great ambassador for our school values "Be brave, be kind, belong" ?

A huge well done to:

Heidi Chapman in Year R for looking out for her friend



Thank You!

I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for the wonderful support that I received from so many of the families and staff of St Minver School in my mad marathon mission!

Last Sunday, one of the wettest days I can remember, was a huge mental and physical challenge for me and I can't tell you what it meant to have so many people braving the weather to support me on my 26.2 mile run. Also an enormous thank you to those who supported my fundraising campaign, either sponsoring me or through your donations made earlier in the year, which helped me to create hampers for raffling at my quiz night event. The funds are still coming in but it looks as though I have raised in excess of £7000 for Cornwall Hospice Care, far more than I ever imagined possible and entirely down to the kindness and generosity of so many people. Thank you so much. Mrs Hall x

