



Newsletter wb October 11th 2021



Harvest Breakfast 2021 was a roaring success once again this week. Despite not being able to be all together in the hall, our class-based celebrations were calm, happy and demonstrated a strong sense of belonging as we thought about Harvest time. Thank you for providing the food for this meal—a few photos to follow in time on Facebook, too.

Our thanks to Sam Williams who came at short notice to pick up and deliver all your kind Foodbank donations. It is so valuable when the children are given opportunities to be thoughtful and to give, as well as to receive. Thank you all!

Residentials We have everything crossed that we will once again be able to run residential trips for Years 4,5 and 6, during Summer Term 2022. We are gathering information and will soon send out letters with an estimated price, asking you to confirm your commitment to the trip. This is because we will need to be sure we can meet costs and that the trip is viable before we make firm bookings.

Bake Sale Thursday 21st October

Don't forget that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 22nd October for an INSET day.

On Thursday, please bring any donations you have for the PTA Bake Sale, which will take place after school. All monies raised will be used for the benefit of all the children.

Cornwall Christmas Box—a heads up

We will once again be supporting Cornwall Christmas Box, delivering Christmas Lunch in a box to Cornish families in crisis. After half term, we will put up our lists for you to contribute if you would like to, aiming for a box per class, plus staff box.

Wishing you all a sunny, happy and healthy weekend—see you on Monday!

Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

Important Dates

**18/10/21 Child Health Programme—
Reception & Year 6**

22/10/21 INSET day

w/c 25/10/21 October half term

**12/11/21 Deadline for John Bray
Christmas card competition**

**15/11/21—19/11/21 Anti-Bullying week,
theme 'One Kind Word'**

**15/11/21 Odd sock day—let's celebrate
individuality**

19/11/21 Children in Need

20/12 21 - 03/01/22 Ch*** holidays**

04/01/22 INSET day

All behaviour is communication.

We invite you to have a read of our recently reviewed Behaviour and Relationships Policy on the school website.

St Minver School

We are proud of the strength of relationships between adults and children in our school team and the excellent behaviour we see as a result.

We are a Trauma Informed School.

'The primary aim of the behaviour policy is not a system to enforce rules but rather to promote good relationships from a position of mutual respect, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn.'

New Covid protocol - a reminder!

"From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply: you are fully vaccinated; you are below the age of 18 years 6 months; you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons." Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting. If a pupil with a parent or sibling who has tested positive for COVID has no covid symptoms, then that pupil should continue to attend school. The family of the affected person should all have PCR tests as they are close contacts of a positive case however as long as the children are well and non-symptomatic they can continue to come to school whilst awaiting test results.

- **PLEASE LOAD DINNER
MONEY ACCOUNTS
BEFORE YOUR CHILD
HAS A MEAL**



- **WEEK 1 OF THE MENU NEXT WEEK**
- **nb Friday chips on Thursday next week!**



Stars of the week!

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

Year R: Mathilda for increased concentration in teacher-led sessions and working hard during Let's Explore, Isabella for working hard and making good progress with her reading and Myles for joining in so enthusiastically and learning the words to our Harvest Songs.

Year 1: Noah and Ollie for doing such an amazing job as our school councillors.

Year 2: Harriet for setting an excellent example to the rest of her class by listening carefully, putting her hand up to answer lots of questions and always working hard. Sebastian for excellent maths work and being so enthusiastic about his learning.

Year 3: George for displaying such enthusiasm, great co-operative skills and amazing team work. Ava for always trying her best and never giving up.

Year 4: Christian for having a great attitude, trying hard and not giving up and Lexi for challenging herself in maths

Year 5: The whole class for their wonderful behaviour, skill and determination on the class climbing trip. Jago for showing exceptional climbing ability.

Year 6: Travis for huge improvements in his confidence and Kiara for outstanding achievements in her writing.

The impact of absence

As restrictions lift and travel becomes easier, we are all looking forward to catching up with friends and loved ones that we have been separated from for such a long time.

Here at school, we have experienced a massive influx of families requesting a leave of absence to go on holiday. Please be aware that we are unable to authorise such absences. After such a significant time out of school due to COVID closures, each day at school is now even more precious.

Please think long and hard before planning time away from school.

We are unable to set work for your children, should you choose to take them out of school.

On return, there is an inevitable gap—in confidence as well as knowledge—as learning has moved on in their absence.

Save our Leisure Centre!

It is a very worrying time for our community, with the threat of closure in Spring 2022 still hanging over Wadebridge Leisure Centre.

I know many of you have been involved in public meetings thus far and will have submitted questions ahead of the Cornwall Council Meeting next Tuesday.

However, may I share with you again a link to the public consultation questionnaire, the deadline for which is 31st October. It is NOT the easiest to fill in and there has been criticism of this from many parties, but at this point, we need to try everything!

If you believe all children have the right to become swim safe in a local, community pool and if you believe leisure services are integral to better community health and wellbeing, please do grab a cuppa and have your views counted.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

[Leisure Centre Consultation](#) | [Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

Priceless Playtimes!

Our school motto is "Be brave, be kind, belong" Who has been a great ambassador in demonstrating these values this week?

Matthew for encouraging his younger peers to play fairly. Albie for always looking after his friends at playtime.

Who will be demonstrating these values next week?

Contact us

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