

Autumn Term 2023

PORTHCURNO CLASS



# Newsletter

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## CLASS

### INFORMATION

Porthcurno Class is the home of Year 4, 5 and 6. The class is taught by Mrs Rendle Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Mrs Ayotte on Thursday and Friday.

Mr McDonald teaches maths each morning to year 4. Mrs Butterfield supports the class Monday-Thursday mornings.

We focus on our school values of believing in ourselves and others, striving to achieve our potential and aspiring to always do our best and aiming high. Our trust values of excellence, equity and evolution are embedded within our curriculum. We believe that our classroom is a safe place for all children to be themselves and take risks in a supportive environment.

Please help us to support your child by making sure that they are in school promptly each morning ready to learn with any resources they have been asked to bring.

#### Contact details:

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Our topic for this term is 'Stargazers' and we will be exploring the question; 'What is out there?' The topic will take us to the moon, the planets in our solar system, looking at key historic figures in the understanding of space and development of space travel. We shall be incorporating this theme into our writing as well as our science and topic work. You can find out more about our curriculum plans by looking on the Porthcurno page of the school website.

#### Weekly Information:

PE will be every Tuesday - please wear the correct PE kit to school.

Porthcurno will be taking part in Forest School for the first half term on a Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child with the correct kit to change into. If you need any help with kit then please contact Mrs. Rendle.

Swimming will be on a Thursday morning (see below for dates). Please come dressed in PE kit and bring swimming kit.

Dates: 14.9, 21.9, 28.9, 5.10, 12.10, 19.10, 2.11, 9.11, 16.11, 23.11, 30.11

Healthy Snack: Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a healthy snack with them each day. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch; keeping hydrated and some fuel at breaktime will enhance their learning.

#### Parent Volunteers:

If you would be willing to support us by listening to readers, helping with our Forest School sessions or getting involved with the Christmas performance preparations then please contact us.

## READING AND HOMEWORK

**Reading:** We ask that children read at home to an adult at least 4 times a week - this is to be recorded in their reading log, signed by an adult and handed in every Monday.

**English/ SPaG:** This will be set on a Monday and needs to be handed in the following Monday. It will include practice of the weekly spellings as well as focusing on the revision of a skill taught in our writing lessons.

**Maths:** This will be set on a Friday and needs to be handed in the following Friday. This will consist of times tables and division facts for year 4 and revision of learning taught in class for year 5/6.

It is really important that your child completes their set homework on time and that they bring it in on the correct day. If you find your child is finding the homework particularly difficult please let us know and we can address this.

# Other Information



CREATIVITY



CONFIDENCE



COLLABORATION



INDEPENDENCE

*Excellence - Equity - Evolution - Believe - Achieve - Aspire*

At St Buryan Academy safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Please see our website for our policies and more information; however, if you feel that you may need to speak to our Safeguarding Office or Deputy, then please find their details below:

**Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mr Joshua McDonald - [head@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:head@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Joanna Kwiatkowska - [joannak@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:joannak@stburyanacademy.org)**

**Parent Liaison Officer: Mrs Tina Care - [secretary@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:secretary@stburyanacademy.org)**

## ATTENDANCE

We are committed to driving our attendance continuously upward. It goes without saying, but the more that your child is in school, the more opportunity they have to learn and progress in all areas.

90% attendance is still 4 weeks off school each year!

80% attendance = 1 day a week off over 5 years = 1 full year of school missed!

Over a year, 10 minutes late each day is 6 full days of school

**OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8.45AM AND FINISHES AT 3.15PM**

### Term Dates and Insets:

#### Autumn Term

4 Sept - 19 Dec (Half term: 23-27 Oct)

#### Spring Term

4 Jan - 28 Mar (Half term: 12-16 Feb)

#### Summer Term

15 Apr - 24 Jul (27-31 May)

**INSETS: 4th & 5th Sept 2023, 7th June 2024, 22nd, 23rd & 24th July 2024**

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Here are some websites to help your child's progress:

- Spelling Shed
- Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)
- Read Theory
- [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)
- Rollama
- Maths Frame

**IF THE USUAL PERSON IS NOT PICKING YOUR CHILD UP, PLEASE LET THEIR CLASS TEACHER KNOW, EVEN IF IT MAY BE ANOTHER PARENT OF THE SCHOOL - THANK YOU**

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