

# HEAD'S WELCOME - FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

## Mr McDonald

Firstly, apologies for the later than usual newsletter; as I was away on Friday I was not able to get it out in time.

I hope you enjoyed your extended weekend.

We had a great first week back from Easter and things are in full swing now as we are into our final term; it is always a busy one but an exciting one too!

We have our Key Stage 2 SATs next week, where our Year 6 children sit their assessments to reflect on their learning since year 3. It is an important week for our children and staff as they all aim to do the best that they can; however, it is also important to remember that these children's time in Key Stage 2 have been heavily impacted by the pandemic and that the learning that they have had to do in this time has taken a great amount of resilience, perseverance and dedication. Their SATs assess their progress and attainment in the core areas of: P,G and S (punctuation, grammar and spelling), Reading and Maths (in which they face 3 papers)! I often feel for all children in this position as tests aren't the best way to assess learning for our children and they don't measure things like creativity, compassion, PE and so many other areas that we actively work so hard to promote, encourage and praise in our school. That being said; our children and staff have worked so hard to ensure that they are well prepared and I am sure they will all do well when they sit them.

As well as these, our Key Stage 1 children have to take part in their standardised assessments, our Year 1s have their phonic screening and our Year 4s have the new multiplication check.

Of course, all of their learning is covered in school, but it is also important that learning is encouraged and promoted at home; whether it is reading and listening to others read; practicing their times tables, number bonds or other maths; spelling practice or other revision; as well as other things that mean so much, like: sports, artwork, music and more in order to ensure well-rounded learning. So please do encourage these things at home and out of school, by no means let them take-over, but taken an interest and promoting your children's learning is invaluable.

As well as all of that, we have our residential and trips to look forward to. Porthcurno know all about their Isles of Scilly trip and will have more information soon; other classes will find out about their end of year visits and trips soon!

This term I would like us to have a real focus on our attendance and uniform. I completely appreciate that the last two years have been unusual, this may mean that we are more aware or cautious of illnesses, but please ensure that you're still following the guidance and that if children are well enough to be in school then they should be. I also appreciate that because of the situation people have not been able to holiday as they did previously, meaning that families are taking term-time holidays. Whilst I acknowledge circumstances, we have had a large rise in the amount of 'exceptional leave requests' since January and this has a negative impact on our attendance data, but most importantly, on children's learning. I recently saw a stat that even if a child is five minutes late to school each day it adds up to over 3 school days missed per a year, so please do get your children to school and on time to ensure that no more missed learning happens after the time they have already had away from school.

Please also ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform, including footwear.

Thank you for your support on both these matters.

We are looking forward to getting our clubs back up and running, thank you to those who have returned booking forms.

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy



**Please remember to bring a waterproof coat to school as well as the usual water bottle and reading records/logs.**

**We are aiming to raise our attendance this term - please ensure that your child's attendance is good (above 95%) - extenuating circumstances taken into consideration, thank you.**



## Term DATES

### SPRING TERM:

**4 JANUARY - 8  
APRIL 2022**

**(HALF TERM 21-  
25 FEBRUARY  
2022)**

### SUMMER TERM:

**25 APRIL - 22  
JULY 2022**

**(HALF TERM 30  
MAY - 3 JUNE  
2022)**

### INSETS

**25TH JULY 2022**

**26TH JULY 2022**

### **PLATINUM JUBILEE:**

**6TH JUNE 2022**

## CONTACTS

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Further contacts are available on our website.

## Stars of the week

Reception - Morgan

Year 1 - Xander

Year 2 - Ava

Year 3 - Lettie

Year 4 - Florence

Year 5 - Hannah

Year 6 - Felix

Well done to our Year 5 Girls swimming team who represented the school so well and displayed tremendous courage, teamwork and skill in last week's swim gala! Well done Natalia, Grace, Charlotte and Hannah!



### Big Moments

Don't miss out on All Stars Cricket!

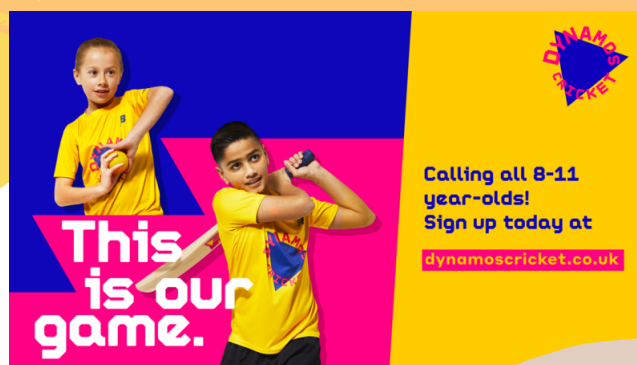
A fantastic first cricket experience for all 5-8 year-olds.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

The links to sign up are:

All Stars - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/f0daabd5-ee1e-454c-8455-f8c89b7c1d0c>

Dynamos - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/26e6b10e-bfcc-4ec4-a8de-e758d5a9b638>



### This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!  
Sign up today at  
[dynamicscricket.co.uk](https://dynamicscricket.co.uk)

## Assemblies

In our assemblies over the next few weeks we are having a focus on 'growth mindset' and giving children that **belief** that they can **achieve** and should be **aspiring** to great things regardless of any perceived obstacle in their way.

So far, we have looked at three inspiring figures in Stephen Hawking who overcame disabilities and diseases like ALS to achieve amazing things in the world of science and space; Frida Kahlo, a world-renowned artist who did much of her work whilst in a full body cast after a life-threatening injury and who fought for feminism and woman's rights and Helen Keller, an author who was both deaf and blind but who learned to read, write and speak in her own unique way as well as graduating from Harvard University!

We hope that their stories, as well as more to follow, help inspire our children to reach for the stars and really believe that they can achieve greatness!



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### It's back! The brightest fun run for everyone

Saturday 18 June 2022 @ RAF St Mawgan, Newquay  
Visit [www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow](http://www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow) to sign up

Register early for discounted tickets  
You can also take part virtually!

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