

# St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020



## Key Dates

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - **LAST DAY OF TERM** - 12pm finish!

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - **First day of the new school year!**

**2020-21 INSET DAYS:**  
3/9/20; 4/9/20; 18/12/20;  
4/1/21; 1/4/21  
\*please note that more may be added to this

## Believe, Achieve, Aspire **Buryan Bulletin**

We got to the end of term!

In our final newsletter of the school year I would just like to say some 'thank you-s'.

My first thank you goes to all of the parents.

Thank you for all of your efforts over the past four months. We were all thrown into an unprecedented (how many people had even used that word before all of this?) situation and you have had to balance families, work, all that goes on at home and home learning on top of it all!

Thank you as well for being patient, understanding and co-operative with school whilst we strived to provide your child with a safe and happy learning environment here.

A huge thank must go to the children – all of them. We have had some with us for the majority of 'lockdown' and have had others join us and phased periods throughout the last few months. Some have remained at home and all children must be commended for their positivity, hard-work and resilience over the past few months. Some of the work they have produced either at home or in school has been of the highest quality; we know it hasn't always been easy but everyone should be proud of their accomplishments.

Those that have been in school have really enjoyed been back. It has been great to see friendships flourish

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and new ones begin their journey. We look forward to seeing those that haven't been in to school join us again in September.

It's important to thank our staff as well. At the end of March our teachers were asked to teach in an unfamiliar way to everyone, to re-plan all of their teaching and upload accessible learning onto an online platform none of us had used before. There were still there for parents, adults and still had to do the work expected of them as teachers, as well as make decisions that they never would've dreamed they would have had to make. All of our support staff who assisted from home and had to do their own online learning! We have had to all learn new skills over the last few months. I cannot thank the staff enough. Their dedication, commitment and passion for supporting your children and our school cannot be questioned and I am so grateful to have such a great team here at St Buryan.

Obviously, as I have mentioned before, our team is changing slightly come September. Both Mrs Thomas and Mrs Connell have given our wonderful school many years of their lives and they have always put the children of St Buryan Academy first.



Not only have they been amazing colleagues, they have been friends to us all – they have been there to support us, the children in this school and parents. For some parents reading this, they may have even been there for you as a pupil of this school.

But with these ‘goodbye’s’ there are also ‘hellos’...

I am delighted that Mrs Morrall will be joining the team from September as Gwenver’s class teacher and that Mrs Rendle will be continuing as Porthcurno class teacher; both are huge assets to our school.

My final thank you is to our Year 6 Class of 2020. We haven’t been able to give you the send-off you deserve and I apologise for that. I realise that you’ve missed a lot in this last term – but as in the letter I sent you all today – we are looking forward to inviting you back in September for a bit of a party and a chance to reflect on all of your achievements here. So thank you for being mature, compassionate, understanding and most importantly: for just being you.

Over the next few days you should receive your child’s end of year report, you may have received it already. Please use the link below, which has been emailed out also, to confirm receipt of your child’s report.

We will also be emailing a link to our online end of year survey for you to complete. This is an important tool to help us with our continued improvement.

Looking forward to next year, I am excited about what we will have on offer. Not only will we be welcoming staff, but also our new Reception children and possibly others throughout the school. We will have new play equipment and I am really excited about the learning opportunities we will have on offer.

School will still be slightly different to how it looked in March, but I actually think that a lot of the things that will be in place will enhance everyone’s school experience. Remember that initial guidance for September was sent home last week and can be found near the top of the homepage on our website.

So, take this opportunity to reflect together. Reflect on your achievements, barriers and obstacles you’ve overcome, what you’ve learnt, what you have accomplished, what you could’ve done better and what has made you smile.

Have a great summer holiday and we will see you all soon.

As always, stay safe

*Mr McDonald and all at  
St Buryan Academy*

Remember that you can help Finn fundraise for the Cornwall Hospice Trust as he completes his swimming challenge! More info here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/finnsartori>

### Reports 2020

**You can confirm receipt of your child's report here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEe4JLSXVLeP5c47KY6MeU9iLwHfCRtZ7X432O4Jon\\_IITw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEe4JLSXVLeP5c47KY6MeU9iLwHfCRtZ7X432O4Jon_IITw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

