



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome your child to the Reception Class for the academic year 2017-2018 and take the opportunity to introduce our team. My name is Mrs Joanna Kwiatkowska, but it might be easier to call me Mrs K- I don't mind either way. I came to the UK 21 years ago and made my home, which I share with my husband and two teenage children, here in Cornwall. Some of you might have met me in the past as I have worked in St Buryan Academy before covering maternity leave. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be your child's teacher. My amazing support team are: class Teaching Assistant Mrs Wyatt and preschool room manager, Miss Good.

Your child's Key Worker for the year will be myself. Please do ask me or another staff member if you have any questions.

Our ethos is based on play-based learning led by the interests of children, enhanced by high quality adult interaction with children. We encourage the children to follow their own lines of enquiry and learn more about topics which currently interest them.

Our ongoing topic is the four seasons of the year and as the seasons change we are going to observe the changes closely.

Our new Outdoor Learning facility is nearing completion therefore from October we would like to make more use of the newly developed outside area in all weathers. Therefore, could we please ask that you provide your child with a pair of **wellington boots** that they can keep in school at all times as we will change into them for outside play.

Weekly swimming sessions at Penzance Leisure Centre Learner Pool are on Friday mornings. A lifeguard is on duty during the sessions. Transport will usually be on the school contract bus. Seat belts are always worn. Teaching and supervision of the swimming session is by Mrs Wyatt and myself, supported by volunteering parents who help especially in the changing rooms! Please do sign in turn on the swimming rota in the classroom. We ask for a voluntary weekly contribution of £1.50 towards travel costs. Thank you.

Our PE slot is on **Wednesday** and we ask that your child has a **PE kit** consisting of a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls.

If you still haven't done so, could I please ask that you purchase a **school reading folder**, available from Mrs Care's office, so each child has a practical book bag. From next week we will start using the school library where children will learn how to choose and scan their own books. Please remember to put their library book into their reading folder on **Thursdays**.

On **Mondays** we will have a '**show and tell**' afternoon. Children can bring an item that they can share and talk about with their friends and teachers. We love to see photographs (these can be e-mailed to me or posted on Tapestry); models and artwork completed at home; treasures found whilst out and about; or anything else that your child would like to show us.

Thank you.

Joanna Kwiatkowska
Class Teacher