



St Buryan Academy Primary School Class Structure 2017-2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you are well aware that school funding is very much in the news at the moment as schools nationally feel the pressure of reduced funding and the associated implications in setting budgets. The amount of funding we receive each year is mainly dependent on our pupil numbers; as these fluctuate year on year it is always a challenge to make sure the structure of our school makes best use of the funding we receive. Evidence of the reduction in funding schools can expect can be found at www.schoolcuts.org.uk. Although the figures for our school are indicative they illustrate the impact of the problems we currently face.

With this in mind we are delighted to be able to announce that our current class structure, which has proved very successful over the past year, will be maintained into the next academic year 2017-2018.

Penberth AM	Gwenver AM	Nanjizal AM	Porthmeor AM	Porthcurno AM		Penberth PM	Gwenver PM	Nanjizal PM	Porthcurno PM
Reception	Years 1+2	Years 3+4	Year 5	Year 6		Reception	Years 1+2	Years 3+4	Years 5+6
8	23	21	14	16		8	23	21	30

At a time when classes of 30+ are becoming ever more common I am sure you will appreciate our Governors' on-going commitment to keeping class sizes as small as possible in order to maintain high standards and maximise opportunities for teaching methods to support individual need.

As a school we are always pleased that we are able to keep our staffing stable, with many of our staff having remained within the school for a number of years. However, inevitably, some changes will occur. Mrs Burlton will be leaving her post at the end of the term, a post she has held within reception Class for 17 years. Her position as TA will be taken up by Sarah Wyatt who has relevant Early Years qualifications and has worked with Penberth Class on Thursdays this year. Miss Rowe will also be leaving as she has made the decision to travel; we will miss them both and wish them well as they begin new adventures. Mrs Connell will be taking 2 terms sabbatical leave due to family circumstances. We are delighted to welcome

back Janet Gallie, who worked with us in Y5 last year and has been invited to join our team once again.

I hope that you find this letter useful in outlining our plans for the next academic year. Please note that the pupil numbers used within the table are based on our current predicted Number on Roll and may either increase or decrease at any time.

Should you have any further questions please contact the school office. I will be happy to meet with you to clarify any queries which may arise.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Pascoe

Headteacher