

## WELCOME BACK

I am delighted to welcome our families back to St Buryan Academy and extend the warm welcome to our new children and families in Reception and those that have joined us throughout the school.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Clemence to our staff, who joins us as a teaching assistant in Gwenver, our Year 1 and 2 class.

We have had a busy start to the term and our children have settled into school life superbly. Starting school, whether it be your first time in Reception or as you enter your last year in Year 6, can be a daunting experience. Our children have tackled the start of the new school year with great success and have quickly adjusted to life back at school. It is important to remember that our current Year 6s have not had a full school year since they were in Year 3 and our Year 3s would not have had a full school year since they were in Reception Class; so we look forward to—all being well—having a full school year where we can fully get back to the joys, opportunities, happy memories that we at St Buryan offer. One thing to look forward to, and a date for your diary, is a whole school trip (Reception—Year 6). We will offer children the opportunity to come with us to watch Cinderella, which will be the first pantomime held at the Hall for Cornwall since its re-opening. The performance takes place on December 7th so look out for letters regarding this next week!

We are also looking forward to getting back to our swimming lessons! We offer above the required amount of swimming at primary school because we see it as such an important life skill, especially living where we do. It gives the children the opportunity to learn new skills, thrive and excel in an area they may not normally get the chance to do so in. Swimming starts next week for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 on Wednesdays. Children will need to bring their costume, towel, goggles and swim hat with them and in a suitable bag. Please name as many things as you are able to do so! The school cover the costs of the pool and qualified coaches to deliver the sessions, but we do ask for a voluntary £3 donation per a child to help cover the cost of transport; this can be paid through Parent-Mail. After half-term our Year 3 and 4s will swap with Year 5 and 6.

We can't wait to introduce Forest Schools across the school as well. After the success of Forest School in Year 5 and 6 last year, we felt that it would benefit all of our children to experience it this year. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Rendle will lead the Wednesday afternoon sessions, which Year 5 and 6 will experience first on Wednesday afternoons. Each class will have a half-termly block of Forest School throughout the year, letters will be sent out by their teachers with all information before they start their block.

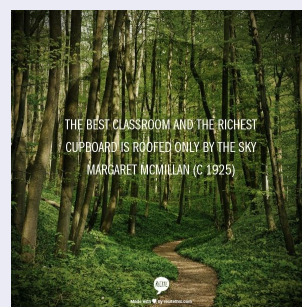
I aim to not mention the words 'COVID', 'pandemic' or 'unprecedented' too many times this year... Although we have returned to school with many regulations no longer in place, it is important that we all stay vigilant and therefore we ask parents to be considerate to others personal space during drop-offs and collections, please also encourage children to take care with hand washing, general hygiene and for them to wear clean clothing.

Lastly, I hope that you like our new-look newsletter for the year and find it informative as well as enjoyable to read –thank you

Have a great weekend



Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy



### TERM DATES

6 September - 17 December 2021  
(Half term 25-29 October 2021)

4 January - 8 April 2022  
(Half term 21-25 February 2022)

25 April - 26 July 2022 (Half term 30 May - 3 June 2022)

### INSETS

17TH DECEMBER 2021  
4TH JANUARY 2022  
25TH JULY 2022  
26TH JULY 2022

PLATINUM JUBILEE:  
6TH JUNE 2022

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## PENBERTH

Penberth classroom has welcomed their new reception children with variety of activities and lots of nooks and crannies to be explored. All children loved playing together and getting to know each other as well as their new teachers. Some of the more popular activities were: making marble runs; playing with cars and helicopters; discovering different construction toys from Legos, Kinnex to mega constructions with giant waffle blocks. Our baby dolls enjoyed being wheeled

around in their prams by their new mums and dads, with meals cooked for them in the home corner. And finally we have also learned a traditional story from Russia 'The Enormous Turnip' using a giant beetroot as a prop! We hope your children told you each day of their new experiences and we look forward to a fantastic year together!

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## GWENVER

We have had a fantastic first week back at school and I am so proud of Gwenver class for settling in so beautifully.

This week in maths the year 1 children have been grouping objects in order, size and colour.

The year 2 children have been focusing on counting to 100 and learning songs to help them remember their number bonds.

In literacy the children have been introduced to our topic for this term "Towers, tunnels and turrets". The children have enjoyed exploring our castle reading corner and reading various stories to our class reading buddies!



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is  
**15 January 2022**

## Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)





## NANJIZAL

Nanjizal class have had a great first week back. We've kick started our new topic off, 'Extreme Earth'. The children were really thoughtful thinkers when thinking about what events effect Earth. They seem really excited to learn more. Our science theme this half term is 'Rocks'. They really enjoyed looking at the rocks displayed in the classroom and are keen to go out and find cool rocks of their own, to share in class.

## PORTHCURNO

It has been a lovely start to the new academic year and the children seem to have moved seamlessly into their new year groups and new routines. We have kicked off our topic Stargazers and the children have had loads of interesting facts to share. We have also started our new class novel 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce about a very tall 12 year old who ends up in space! We've begun the year's maths with some slightly different activities from a 'Week of Inspirational Maths', this has fun maths activities with important messages such as thinking deeply rather than quickly and how making mistakes helps grow your brain! We hope that you received our class newsletter and the children have shared their homework folders with you. Reading logs will be checked on Mondays and Timetables on a Friday so please have homework folders in on those days.





## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

Every week we celebrate our children's successes whether it be some stand-out academic work, or the fact that they have been demonstrating some great virtues.

We present awards at the end of the week called 'Chough-ed Awards'.

In this bit of the newsletter we will announce who are winners are in each class.

We haven't done our Chough-ed awards this week as everybody has had a super first week back, so keep your eye out for next week's winners.

## **PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

This year we will be assigning different roles and responsibilities to our children and this section of the newsletter will be dedicated to them. They will use this section to feedback what they have done during that week.

As it is our first week back we are still in the midst of putting together our Pupil Leadership Team but we are really excited to announce our Head Pupils for 2021/22. The Head Pupil role is prestigious and is voted for by the children. Our Head Pupils will be excellent representatives of our school and have a wide range of responsibilities.

Allow me to introduce your Head Pupils for the year:

### **Mara and Jack N**

Congratulations to you both, I am sure that you will both excel in the role.

## **ECO-COMMITTEE/GARDEN AREA**

Mrs Wilson runs our eco-committee and oversees our garden area. In this section of the newsletter we will provide updates of the garden and share what our committee have been up to. As you may have seen, our garden is really shaping up and we would like to get some family volunteers in soon to help with the upkeep of this. I would also like to thank Mrs Wilson and her family for the work they did on the area over the summer holidays.

Stay tuned for more news on our garden project.

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## ASSEMBLY

This week in assembly we have been mainly talking about routines and expectations now we are back in school.

However, our main focus of the week has been our thoughts, feelings and emotions on our return to school. We have talked about how we can support and help each other this week, and always.

Our focus book this week has been:

### **There's room for everyone**

This is a book I shared over lockdown on the importance of being kind, loving and respectful to all people regardless of what they look like or believe in. The message is particularly apt at the moment with all going on in the world and something that children and adults can all be reminded of sometimes.



## **MENU**

### **WEEK COMMENCING 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **Monday**

Sweet and sour chicken/quorn with rice  
Strawberry mousse and fresh strawberries

#### **Tuesday**

Roast gammon or cauliflower and butternut squash bake, roast potatoes and vegetables  
Apple and blackberry crumble and custard

#### **Wednesday**

Beef or vegetarian bolognese pasta bake, garlic bread and salad  
Chocolate chip cookie

#### **Thursday**

Fish fingers or mozzarella sticks, chips, beans and mushy peas  
Chocolate and banana cake

#### **Friday**

Meat or cheese pasty  
Ice cream

**Jacket potatoes available Mon-Thurs and fresh fruit or yoghurts available daily**

## **REMINDERS**

**Clubs start next week (Mon Rec/KS1 and Fri KS2—both finish 4.30pm)**

**Please ensure uniform is named**

**Please make sure that your child has their water bottle and coat daily**

**Reading Records/Logs in daily**

**Have a great weekend**