



Spring Term Issue 09

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well done everyone. Children came back to school on Monday with smiles on their faces and a skip in the step; you were all brilliant. We know it must have been hard and after so long away I bet there were lots of you that were a little nervous and some with all the feelings whirling around in you like when you first came to school. No one would have noticed; you were brave and greeted me on the gate and teachers at the doors like you had never been away so well done! You also all arrived on time looking smart, well rested and we know those smiles were largely down to constant reassurance from those that care for you so well done and thank you to all parents and carers for preparing children so well for the first day back. Finally, well done and thank you to the incredible team of teachers and TA's who worked all hours to make sure the school was clean and inviting and most importantly that children were simultaneously warmly welcomed and quickly immersed into exciting learning.

We had all decided that the best way to get children back into school was to make it an exciting place to be. Little did we know that other forces were at work that would make it so. Kynance Class arrived back to find the classroom turned upside down by a herd of wild animals that had escaped from a local zoo, with a broadcast on Pirate FM alerting them to the incident and CCTV footage showing the animals circling the room. It was up to them to investigate the 'samples' that had been left on the floor and the tufts of hair that had been caught on door frames and table edges. Meanwhile, Poldhu Class had yet again been visited by aliens and are now looking after two that were left behind and investigating artefacts left behind in their space station. Rinsey also had space samples to investigate which they first found by applying their mapwork skills to locate them in the school grounds before using forensic skills to try and classify different mixtures. Finally, although Godrevy Class are a little in limbo awaiting the arrival of Miss Mogridge next week they were in capable hands with Mrs Jones and the class team. She chose to appeal to their creative talents on their return with a class gallery of the works of Barbara Hepworth that was used to inspire the children to design their own sculptures that were then built out of materials from our construction shed (educational visits are not advised at the moment so we couldn't do the usual visit to St Ives).

All in all, it has been a very busy week and it already feels like we are back in the groove. We will continue to do what we believe in and make learning as fun, exciting and interesting as possible by linking to the central topic. Curriculum maps of each class topic will be posted on the website over the weekend but be aware that some changes might be made due to the compromises we have needed to make due to the last lockdown. Also, be assured that whilst we are not using formal tests to re-establish a baseline all teachers will be making lots of informal assessments to be able to identify gaps, set goals and target support where it is needed. It may be that some activities are sent home to give additional support but remember that the most important thing you can do is read with your child, hear them read to you and/or read a story to them, also remember that mathematics gives lots of opportunities to practise math's skills and become more fluent with important facts like times tables.

A final thank you goes to everyone for following the procedures put in place to try and mitigate the risks of Covid and the chances of transmission. Children play their part brilliantly in school so thank you for reinforcing this with your behaviours at the start and end of the day. Most importantly stick to the timed drop offs at the start of the day (see table) and observe social distancing at the end of the day which is best done by spacing out in the playground (much more space than the road), using the one-way system and most importantly keeping the gate clear so people can leave without having to pass through a group of people.

Have a great weekend

Mr Gardiner

**Drop off times** – note that if you have children in more than one population you can bring them both in at one of their times e.g. if you have a child in Class 1 and 3 you could bring them both in at 8.40 or 8.50

<b>Class 4 8.30 – 8.40</b>	<b>Class 3 8.40 – 8.50</b>	<b>Class 2 8.40 – 8.50</b>	<b>Class 1 8.50 – 9.00</b>
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**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Wide World*

**HEADLINES:** *Respect Rights and Responsibilities*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *When the whole world is silent even one voice becomes powerful*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *BTS*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to be fair*

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**Stars**

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# Diary Dates



## March

**FRIDAY 19—RED NOSE DAY wear something red and/or spotty—donations in the bucket**

## April

**Easter Break—Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021**

**Mon 19—Summer term begins**

## May

**Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday**

**Fri 28—INSET day (School Closed)**

**May half term Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021**

## June

**Mon 7—INSET day (School Closed)**

**Tue 8—INSET day (School Closed)**

## July

**Thur 22—INSET day**

**Fri 23—INSET day**

**Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start**

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**95.40%**

**INSET DAYS FOR THE  
ACADEMIC YEAR  
2020/2021**

**Friday 28 May 2021**

**Monday 7 June 2021**

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**Thursday 22 July 2021**

**Friday 23 July 2021**

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Please be aware that due to several children and a member of staff having severe allergies to nuts the school has a policy whereby no products containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*Congratulations to the following children for their fantastic learning. Thank you.*

**Poldhu**

***Enzo for amazing effort with your reading***

***Ruben for fantastic independent writing***

**Kynance**

***Lanza for great attitude and learning behaviour***

***Jack for fantastic knowledge of continents and climate***

**Godrevy**

***Rory for enthusiasm in his learning this week***

***Brandon for great independent learning this week***

**Rinsey**

***Isabelle for wonderful writing ideas and careful crafting***

***Sophia for fantastic attitude and listening in circle time***

**Virtue Value Awards**

***Charlie, George, Valentino, Blossom***