



Autumn Term Issue 01

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Newsletter

Aiming for the
Stars

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back – Let the sparks fly! It doesn't feel to me like such a long time since we were in school but it feels like another lifetime when we were in here together as a real community properly sharing experiences together. As a team of staff we spent the Monday and Tuesday INSET days reminding ourselves of what we do best and we have every intention of returning to that with a bang. Teachers had already begun to plan for this at the end of last term and Topic overviews can be found on the website together with homework sheets (not for Poldhu this half term) to allow you to get involved with learning at home (Note: on the homework sheet that reading with your child at home is the single most important thing you can do to support us). Before I talk about the learning planned for each class however; a few reminders about practices and procedures:

- Thank you all for not parking on the yellow lines outside the school and please keep doing this even as the weather turns more autumnal.
- Drop off is back to our old time slot – 8.40 – 9.00 you can drop off anytime within this period and children are expected to go straight into class - register will close shortly after 9.00.
- We have an 'open door' policy but teachers or TA's can obviously not give much time for meetings at the start of the day when they are welcoming 30 children into class a quick memo is fine but if you need to discuss something at length let Mrs B know at the office and the class teacher will arrange to meet you as soon as possible.
- Clubs will begin again next week – please ensure that club slips are returned if you intend to take advantage of them. With the exception of John Muir Club, clubs will end at 4.10.
- At pick up time you are all welcome into the playground and there is no need to stay in separate 'bubbles' although we would advise sensible social distancing bearing in mind the current Covid situation in Cornwall. After school time some of you socialise for a short time which is lovely to see but please be aware that you are then responsible for your child's welfare and should supervise them, particularly if they are on the climbing equipment and they should never be out of your field of vision.
- After consultation we are continuing to have a relaxed practical uniform policy so children can wear own clothes suitable for doing PE and physical outdoor activities in but they should all have a school jumper/ cardigan and a school polo shirt or T shirt for when the weather is warm (there's still chance yet). We will review our policy in the new year and give more specific guidance then.
- With respect to Covid and isolation procedures, as before if your child has symptoms <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>. Also be aware that as new variants appear symptoms for these may change <https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/new-top-5-covid-symptom>. You should inform us and keep them off school until they have a PCR test result – if negative they can return straight away if positive they isolate for 10 days. If someone in the same household tests positive children in the household can still come to school but it is advised that all members of the household get PCR tests. The school no longer has a duty to track and trace and will not inform you if there have been positive cases in the school unless thresholds to 'step up' preventative measures are met. Currently the guidance is that if we have more than 5 confirmed positive cases within the school we are to consider reapplying previous measures such as separate learning bubbles. For more information please see the school's risk assessment and the DfE guidance https://gwinear.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/569898

That will do for now – don't want to overload you and I'm running out of space - so our learning in a nutshell. Poldhu spend this half term getting to know the school and getting to know each other in 'My Favourite Things'. Kynance are planning on an explosive term of learning with 'Let The Sparks Fly' in their flame licked classroom. Godrevy have already been out for inspiration at Tintagel and their classroom has its own castle, round table, sword in the stone and if you look up a Quidditch pitch; theming elements for their topic of 'Myths and Magic'. Finally our eldest children in Rinsey were going to war in the playground yesterday and will be learning about some of humankind's many conflicts through the ages in their topic 'War What Is It Good For?' As for our PSHE theme we again focus on our targets for the year in 'Going For Goals' and you will never guess who my assembly on Monday will focus on to inspire us to 'Believe it is Possible' – here's hoping our new star of the court can put the icing on the cake tomorrow. I'll definitely be watching and I'm sure some of you will too – it's not on till 9pm so plenty of time for exercise of your own beforehand too. Have a great weekend whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

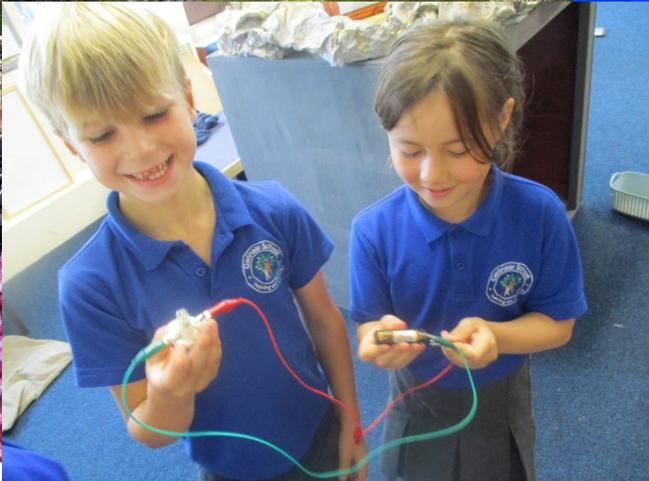
THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going for Goals*

HEADLINES: *Believing it's possible*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Believing in yourself is the first secret to success—ask Emma !*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Fat Boy Slim*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to visualise*



Diary Dates



September

Mon 13—Flu Vacs whole school

Mon 13—Piano lessons start

Tue 14—Recorder lessons start

Tue 14—Hearing tests Year 1

Tue 14—Swimming starts Year 3

Wed 15—Y6 to CSIA explorer dome

October

Mon 4—Tempest photographer in

Wed 13—Bikeability starts for year 5 (1 of 2)

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.00%

**INSET DAYS FOR THE
ACADEMIC YEAR
2021/2022**

Monday 6 June 2022

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022

Tuesday 26 July 2022

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

Harry for a fantastic attitude at school

Niyah for amazing concentration

Kynance

Callum for a fantastic start to the year

Anu for always contributing to class discussions

Godrevy

Jake for amazing recount writing

May for settling into our class brilliantly

Rinsey

Macee for an amazing positive attitude

Isabelle for outstanding reading over the holiday

Virtue Value Awards

Alfie Y, Taylor, Cordelia, Callum I