



Autumn Term Issue 8

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am writing on a Thursday evening and at the moment I am still unable to answer the question that is on everyone's minds at the moment which will probably make for another restless night – keeping my legs crossed at the moment as I need my fingers to type! Hopefully by the time the letter goes out tomorrow I will be able to give more information and we will text you all as soon as we get the news. I will take the opportunity now though to say a big thank you to everyone because irrespective of the outcome we have been overwhelmed by the support you have given us as a community and I have been astounded once again at the professionalism and level-headedness staff have displayed through this worrying period. I would like to think it is the first and last time we are hanging on tenterhooks but fear it is more likely to be the first of many. This said I do believe that we are following advice and doing what we can to limit possible spread if we do have a positive case and this time it is the children who need the biggest thank you as they have adapted so well to the 'new normal' and followed new rules to the letter. One hot spot has become evident at the end of the day when the staggered pick up does not work as we had envisaged for a variety of reasons. We will therefore revert back to a single end of day time at 3.10, there will be a large area coned in the playground in which to assemble in a socially distanced fashion and a one-way system in and out the playground (in through small gate out through large). The staggered drop off at the start of the day does work effectively so we will keep that as is for the time being.

It is a shame that the incident has 'grabbed the headlines' at the end of the half term because they should really belong to Mrs Sicolo who served her last week of employment with us. Thank you to all of you who were able to give her a much-deserved round of applause and don't grieve too much; she has promised to help us out if we require her particular skills in the future and she has already agreed to come in on the first Friday back to help train Mrs Jones in the library. However, Godrevy Class will have to complete their food topic without her expertise and Miss Shaw could well be spending her half term practising the recipes that they will be using on Wednesdays next half term. This week's Brazilian adventure was still in safe hands although opinion was divided at the tasting stage as it was the first really spicy dish they had produced. With their focus on South America the class also produced some art work based on an unusual painting called 'The tree of Eternal Roots'. However, if unusual art interests you a trip into Rinsey Class this week should have satisfied; as their topic is linking to all things mechanical Mrs Haddy and the class had constructed a primitive painting machine by suspending a paint tin with holes in from a giant tripod. Jackson pollock would have been proud of the results whilst this morning they are finishing the half term with a mellow morning with slightly more conventional media to produce impressionist style work inspired by Van Gogh.

Kynance braved the weather to take a trip to the Minack on Wednesday which provided a wild setting for them to act out their superhero adventures. The topic continues to inspire the class with some excellent instructional writing resulting from making smoothies last week. The class have also shown great resilience whilst carrying out some informal assessment which all classes have done so that we are able to target teaching to where we can have most impact. Finally, our youngest children continue to be equally inspired by their current focus on the Gingerbread Man and having failed to find the fellow that was caught on the CCTV camera they decided to make some of their own. Some of the class are now writing their own story of the Gingerbread Man whilst others are describing the key characters in the story. Right speaking of CCTV, it is now Friday morning and a gentleman is about to arrive to fit one on the side of the school.

We still currently have no further news – if we haven't by the end of the day we will inform by text as soon as we hear anything. Until we do it would be prudent for the members of Class 4 to have limited social interaction with people outside their household although Public Health England advice is not to isolate until a positive result in the 'bubble' is received. Please also be aware of guidance relating to travel and ensure practices such as quarantine after visiting certain countries are observed. Thank you all once again for your continued support and we wish you all a very restful half term.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *What's it Worth ?*

HEADLINES: *Why do we have money ?*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Florence Price*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Wanna see how people really are? Wait until money is involved*

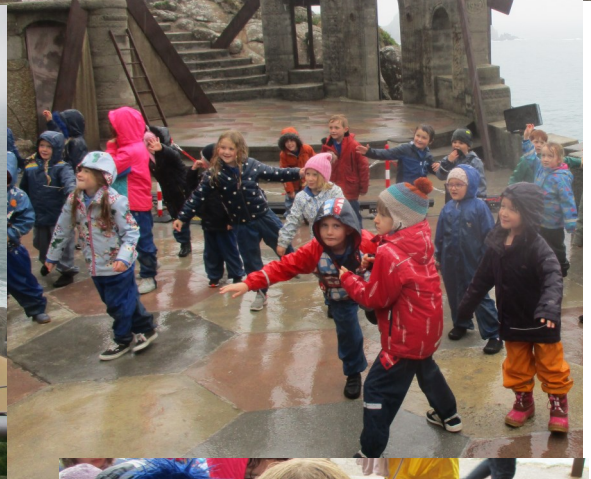
VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Recognising Value*

QUESTION: *Should you ever stand up to a racist? Aoife*

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Diary Dates

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October

Mon 26 to Fri 30—Autumn half term

November

Tue 3—Flu Vaccinations

Thu 5—Special Bonfire Night menu

Fri 6—Muddy Puddles Sponsored Walk

December

Mon 21 to Fri 1 Jan 2021—Christmas holiday

Mon 4—Spring term begins

February

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021—Spring half term

April

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

Mon 19—Summer term begins

May

Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday

Fri 28—INSET day

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

June

Mon 7—INSET day

Tue 8—INSET day

July

Thur 22—INSET day

Fri 23—INSET day

Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start

Dates for
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

94.98%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

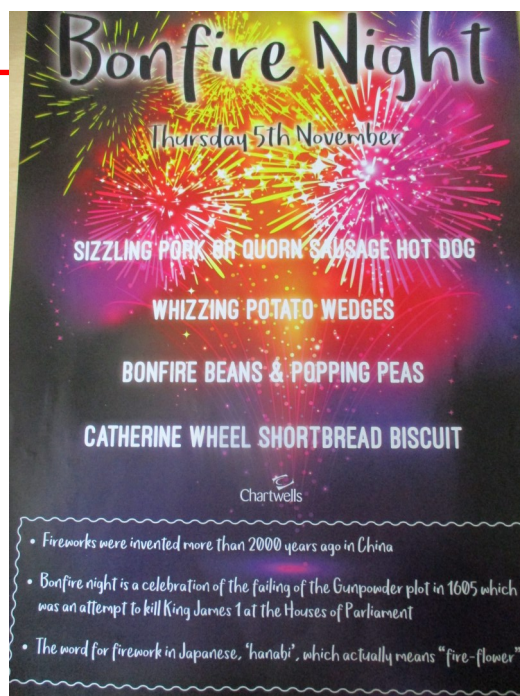
Friday 28 May 2021

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

Georgie for fantastic maths

Heidi for a fantastic attitude to her learning

Kynance

Blossom for always being ready to learn

Harvey for being a fantastic, enthusiastic learner

Godrevy

Heath for showing amazing kindness towards all children

Josh for amazing effort in art

Rinsey

Valentino for excellent effort in maths arithmetic

Katie for being a good friend to everyone

Virtue Value Awards

Ruben, Rupert, Rex, Kayleigh