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Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and children,

I write on a wonderful sunny Friday morning but there is definitely an autumnal feel in the air and with the equinox passed we will soon notice the days shortening and the cold creeping in. It is one of the best times of year to observe change in the wild and my highlight of the week was taking the John Muir Club to Crenver Grove, laying on our backs on the leaf mould and watching the first leaves start to drop. Soon the 'fall' as Americans call it will begin in earnest and if you do one thing together as a family over the next few weekends my advice would be to explore a woodland near you – maybe press some autumn leaves and keep your eyes out for chestnuts although there didn't seem many at Crenver. Unfortunately, we are limited on numbers in the John Muir Club as we can only fit 16 on the minibus but it has been great to see all clubs so heavily subscribed. It is one of many elements of school that we have been able to return to with the relaxing of lockdown restrictions.

We are keeping fingers crossed we can continue with the return to normality but I am sure you are all aware that there is currently a large amount of cases in the local area. You are probably also aware that we have been affected with some children and members of staff having to isolate. The DfE advice on when to isolate, when to return to separate bubbles etc. is reasonably clear and most of it is reflected in our risk assessment which can be found on the website. One point we would like to clarify is in regard to when a member in the household has tested positive for Covid: Under the current advice from DfE a child can still attend school if a member of the household has Covid e.g. an older brother **as long as they don't have symptoms**. It is advised that **all members of the household get a PCR test** when there is a positive case in the household and we strongly support this as a logical course of action. We also think that it would be **prudent to keep associated children off school until the result of their test is known** (it usually only takes 12 hours) although we cannot insist on this. As a staff we are erring on the side of caution and will always seek PCR tests for staff members that have close contacts and they will not come into school until they receive a negative result. When there are increasing numbers of positive cases within the community we also increase the frequency of lateral flow testing but although I am no expert I know of several people that tested negative with a lateral flow when they were positive so it is important that these are not used as substitutes for PCRs when you know there is a case in the household.

Right back to the positive stuff: All classes have been enjoying the fresh autumn weather and getting outside to enrich learning either on the school grounds or further afield. Godrevy started the week on their namesake beach – it actually wasn't planned but Mrs Gilroy showed her flexibility when she arrived to find the internet down on Monday; being unable to use the ICT resources she had planned to use for mathematics she quickly devised a lesson for teaching number lines at the beach and whilst they were there she used the sand to practise some tricky spellings too. Mrs Eustice took her jolly band to Trevaskis to see the changes that autumn brings to the farm and various parts of the grounds are now used for phonics in the mornings. Meanwhile, our youngest members in Poldhu took advantage of Autumn's bounty when they went blackberry picking yesterday – the crumble they made is currently awaiting consumption and has been stored in the staffroom which is going to make many of us green with envy come break. Finally, Rinsey have not been out of school, although they are soon planning a visit to Porthcurno, but they have also been using the grounds with maths warm ups in the playground and the Amphitheatre being a favoured place to retell their story of 'The Journey of the Nightly Jaguar'. This time Mrs Haddy showed her flexibility when an impromptu appearance of a butterfly onto James' foot led to a new improvisation of the tale into the day with the butterfly's journey. Unfortunately, she was unable to follow up on it the following day as she was off but I provided the supply teacher with a lesson based on Bob Dylan's Masters of War linked to their topic so hopefully they were inspired by him instead.

So, lots going on in school and after school and hopefully this will be the case going forward. You will also see in the newsletter that we are planning events to get you back into school too with an open afternoon for all existing parents on the 17th November, an open afternoon for parents interested in places for next year on the 10th November and a parents' meeting day on the 20th October. If you wish to attend a parent meeting during the day on the 20th you should soon be able to book it on Eschools (ring Mrs B on Monday if you're not sure how). If you are unable to attend during the day due to work commitments do not worry as teachers will be in contact to arrange an alternative time that is convenient for you. We will also be having a sports afternoon as we missed sports day at the end of last term but will keep it with staff and children this time – you will of course be invited to the more official one in the summer and I know that Mrs Barber already has a script in mind for a performance at the end of term so dates will soon be put in for that. It's far too early to be mentioning associated festivals and hopefully there will be plenty more of these beautiful autumnal days to enjoy before then. I said my highlight of the week was Crenver Grove but cycling to work marveling at hedges festooned with dew laden cobwebs is right up there too so I would highly recommend a similar commute to school maybe park further away and walk the last bit – as a 'wise' man once said, "Kermit was wrong – it's easy being green". Have a great weekend whatever you do.

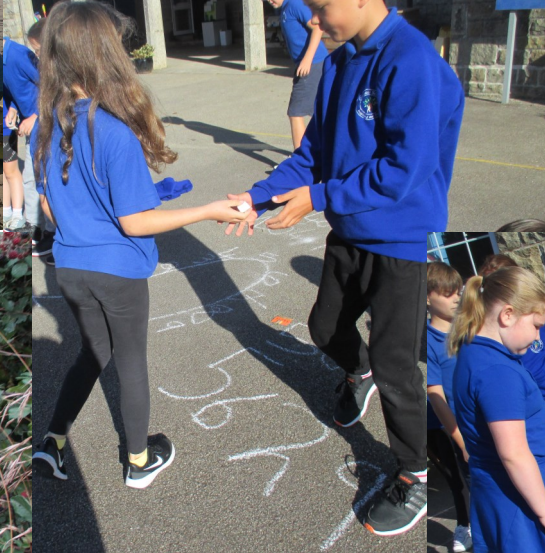
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THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going for Goals*

HEADLINES: *Planning to reach a goal*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *A goal without a plan B is just a wish*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Paul Simon*



Diary Dates



September

Mon 27—Godrevy to Crenver Grove

October

Mon 4—Tempest photographer in

Wed 6—Rinsey to Porthcurno

Thur 7—Y6 Transition Hayle School

Wed 13—Bikeability starts for Y5 (1 of 2)

Wed 20—Parents' Meetings

November

Wed 10— Open Afternoon (new intake)

Wed 17—Open Afternoon (all classes)

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.21%

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

Monday 6 June 2022

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022

Tuesday 26 July 2022

Josh and Jensen will be running in the "Pretty Muddy Run" on Sat Oct 9 at Stithians Lake in aid of Cancer Research. They will be in the playground after school on Thurs Oct 7 to collect sponsorships.

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

If your child is interested in music lessons (brass, recorder, etc) please have a look at the Cornwall Music Service Trust who offer these. All details can be found on their website <https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/> #worldclass-teachers



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Finley for being a superstar in outdoor learning

Elinga for fantastic maths

Kynance

Jago for super listening and always being ready to learn

Georgie for excellent maths work

Godrevy

Alexia for hard work and effort

Blossom for being a kind and patient friend

Rinsey

Chloe S for challenging herself in maths

Charlie for being kind and helpful in computing

Virtue Value Awards

Caja, Rose, Sophie, William