



**Responsibility**

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

You are practicing **Responsibility** when you...

- Take your agreements seriously
- Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability
- Are willing to do your part
- Admit mistakes without making excuses
- Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings
- Give your best to whatever you do

**Affirmation**

*I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.*

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**Virtues -**  
**This week's virtue is "Responsibility".**

**Foundation stage**

Welcome back to Autumn Term 1, our topic for the next few weeks is "all about me" and settling in.

We are looking forward to starting our new phonic teaching - Read, Write Inc scheme with the Reception children. There will be more information to follow soon.

**Key Stage 1**

Last week KS1 started their topic – Amazing Places and Spaces – The children have already identified the countries that make up the UK and taken a trip around London with William Wiskerson. Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent meetings. If anyone has any further questions or couldn't make these meetings, please ask any of the staff who will be pleased to help.

**Key Stage 2**

Years 3 and 4 have already settled into their new routines really well. They will be learning all about Megacities over the next half term, which will include their impact on the world, both in a positive way and negative. They will be looking at how structures within these cities are designed and exploring how places become megacities. We will also be finding out how they differ from one another and extend the children's knowledge of places around the world. The children are enjoying completing their daily mile alongside their teachers and also building new friendships within the classes. It is really important that the children have sensible shoes or trainers in school. If you have any questions, there will be a parents 'meet and greet' session coming up soon.

The children in Year 5/6 have had a great start to the school year. We are really pleased with how well they have settled back into school. Our topic this term is 'Achievements and Legacies'. We have begun by thinking about our own achievements and ambitions and will continue by learning about great historical achievements and inventions.

**Attendance Award**

With such a short week last week we didn't announce an attendance winner. Good luck to all classes this week.

**Polite Reminder** - The school car park is for **staff only** with the exception of families who have a prior agreement with the Head of School. Many thanks.



## Welcome Back - We hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday!

**Mrs Figgins is running the London Marathon!** - Mrs. Figgins has been fortunate enough to get a place in next year's London Marathon for her chosen charity, The Royal British Legion. Did you know that 92, 113 people were helped last year alone and just in receiving welfare support by the RBL? Their work has a significant impact in the South West in particular. If you would like to make a small donation to support her, there is a collection box being held in the office or just pass it on to her in the Narwhal's class - every penny helps (and a very big thank you).

**Porthpean Camp** - Year 6 will be heading off to Porthpean Outdoor Adventure Centre for 4 nights next week, the weather forecast is looking good! We still have some outstanding balances which need to be settled before the children leave. These can be paid to the school office no later than **Friday 13th September**.

**School Dinner Menu** - We send our apologies that this terms new menu is not yet available. Chartwells have had a problem with the printers and hope to get them to us by the end of this week. As soon as we have them they will be distributed to all children. A copy was sent out electronically at the end of last week so please check inboxes for them.

**After School Clubs** - There are lots of clubs in the pipeline. More information will be available soon.

Club Name	Ran by	Year Group	Day & Time
Theatre Club	Steph Richardson	Year 1 and up Letters in the office	Monday 3:15 until 4:15pm
Maths Club	Mrs Power	Invite only	Monday 3:15pm until 4pm
Forest School	Mrs Trounson	Year 5 & 6 - Letters available soon	Monday 3:15pm until 4:15pm
Football & Multi-Sports	Plymouth Argyle	Letters available soon	TBC
Girls Football	Miss Murray	Year 3 & 4 Year 5 & 6	TBC TBC
Bananagrams Club	Mrs Blandford	Year 5 & 6	Friday lunchtimes starting in October

**PTA Meeting - Thursday 19th September - 9am** - The PTA will be holding their next meeting in the pupil kitchen on this date. Please feel free to pop along and share ideas and opinions.

**P.E Kits** - Please ensure that children have correct kit in school everyday or they will be unable to participate. We have also introduced 'The Daily Mile' where all children will run a mile around the school field each day - they will need suitable shoes for this, and so to support this we have changed the school uniform slightly to include all black trainers.

**48 Hour Sickness/Diarrhoea Rule** - As we start a new term we thought it a good time to remind everyone that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea they need to be kept off of school for **48 hours after** the last sickness/diarrhoea episode.

**Calendar - School term dates 2019** - Important dates for your diaries are as follows:-

**Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September - Year 6 Porthpean Camp**

**Thursday 19th September - PTA Meeting in Pupil Kitchen from 9am**

**Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October - October Half Term**

**Monday 28th October - INSET day - School CLOSED to all children**