



*Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility*  
*Newsletter - 7th September 2018*

A huge welcome back to all our children and families! It has been great to catch up with you and to see the children settle into their new classrooms. An extra special welcome to all our new families and children in Reception and other year groups. If you have any concerns or questions, please just pop in and ask at the office. Alternatively, I am on the gate (by Reception) most mornings. If you think you need time or privacy, please just ring / email the office and we will get you booked in for a meeting with the relevant person.

**Uniform**

Red sweatshirt preferably with school logo / red cardigan

Red or white polo shirt

Grey trousers/shorts/shirts/ red and white checked dress

Grey / black / white / red socks/tights

Black school shoes (no trainers)

PE Kit: Red t-shirt and black shorts

Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms with a red or black sweatshirt

Please also ensure that no nail varnish or jewellery is worn to school

Trainers or plimsolls

Uniform is available to buy from Wovina.com (see details on our website).

**Attendance**

Please be aware that I am not able to authorise any absence from school unless for significant and unavoidable reasons. Please fill out a green absence form (found at the office) for any absences including medical appointments.

**Parents Information Evening**

We would like to invite you to our information evening on the 10<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm - 7pm. This session will focus on how to support your child with their reading and writing skills.

**PTA Meeting**

There is a PTA meeting at 7.45pm at school on Monday evening. All parents welcome!

**Harvest Festival**

Please join us for our Harvest Festival on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. We would be grateful for any food donations that we can pass on to the local food bank on this day.

**Nut Allergies**

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Please check that your child's lunch does not contain any nuts (e.g. some cereal bars contain nuts).

**Walking Bus**

Please do make use of our walking bus - this service really helps reduce the congestion in the morning and should help you make a speedier get away so that you can start your day sooner. Children can be dropped off at the Scout Hut (library car park) from 8.35am and the walking bus will leave at 8.45am.

### **Safe Travel To School**

It is great to see so many children scooting and cycling to school but please take care not to use wheels once on the school grounds. Can we also urge all children to wear a helmet.

### **School Times**

School starts at 8.45am (gates close by 9am) and finishes at 3.15pm, please make sure your child is in school on time each day. If your child needs to be dropped off before 8.45am there is a breakfast club next door at the pre-school that begins at 7.30am.

### **Poppy Around The Beacon**

This wonderful event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm - 3pm, will be a leisurely walk or ride around St Agnes Beacon in aid of The Royal British Legion, please join if you can, starting from St Agnes Sports Club.

### **Dinner Money**

Please pay for dinners in advance on a Monday for the week or month ahead, in cash or cheque (unfortunately dinners are not on parent pay yet). Please make payment to the office, in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name, class and the days they would like dinner.

### **Is Your Child Eligible For The Pupil Premium?**

If you are in a low income family, your child may be entitled to an additional sum of money in school for their education. If you are eligible for the income based pupil premium you will also be entitled to a 50% discount for trips and camps. If you think your child may be eligible, please speak to us. Alternatively, if you would like to check eligibility and apply without talking to school, please visit: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/?#formStart](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/?#formStart)

If you are in a forces family (or have been in the forces at any time since your child started school) or your child is adopted, fostered, or under a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order, your child will be entitled to the pupil premium - please let us know if this is the case.

### **Calling A Musical Volunteer**

We need a volunteer to help run our choir club on a Friday morning (8.30am). If you think you can help, please contact Lindsay Turner via the school office.

### **Outdoor Learning Resources**

Please let us know if you have an old shed you can donate for us to store Forest School equipment in. In addition, if you have any outdoor learning equipment you can donate (similar to the reception garden equipment) it would be gratefully received.

### **Prospective Parents**

We are holding tours for prospective parents on 20<sup>th</sup> September 10am; 18<sup>th</sup> October 7pm and the 15<sup>th</sup> November 10am. If you know anyone with children coming up to school age please let them know. If they would like to visit they just need to ring or email the school office to book a place.

### **Social Media**

If you are on twitter, please do follow us on @stagnesace to find out all our news or alternatively we are also on Facebook. Have a wonderful weekend!

