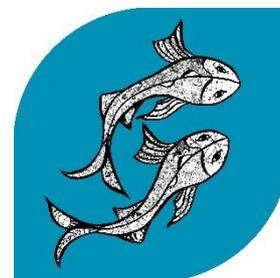


St Levan Primary School
where all children SHINE...for life

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Class Two!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready to embrace another year at St Levan. Welcome to our new members and welcome back to our brilliant team from last year – we are going to have another great year!

This letter is to provide you with information to ensure a smooth and happy start to the term, as your children settle into their new learning environment.

Additional information on our year ahead will follow next week.

Breakfast Club	<p>We continue to offer a breakfast club daily from 8.15am-8.45am. We offer a breakfast club daily from 8.15am-8.45am. You can just turn up on the morning and then pay £1 per session. Please arrive by 8.25am at the latest if your child requires breakfast.</p> <p>If your child is not attending breakfast club, we ask that you ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast before coming to school every day, as breakfast enables children to learn more effectively. Please note children not attending the breakfast club may be dropped off from 8.45am – 9.00am when the playground is supervised.</p>
Breaktimes	<p>We have two breaks during the day, at 10.30am - 10.45am (First break) and at 12.15pm – 1.15pm (Lunch break).</p> <p>During the second break we offer a cooked school dinner option or children are welcome to bring a packed lunch from home. School meals cost £2.30 daily and should be paid at the beginning of the week. Please note by paying for four meals in advance (on a Monday morning), your child will receive a free meal on Friday.</p> <p>Please note that this year we aim to be a healthy school and chocolate, crisps and carbonated sugary drinks are not allowed as part of the children’s packed lunch.</p>
Munch and Crunch	<p>In addition to lunchtime, our pupils also have the opportunity to eat at first break during ‘Munch and Crunch’, where the children can eat some healthy ‘brain food’, such as sliced fruit or vegetables. We encourage all children to eat at this time and ask that you send in something suitable in a separate container.</p>
Water Bottles	<p>Pupils should bring a labelled, re-usable water bottle filled with water each day. Water is available on site for children to refill throughout the day.</p>
Reading at Home	<p>Reading remains a hugely important aspect of school life and we ask that all children read for at least 20 minutes each evening. The benefits of the time you invest will be enormous for your child, building their confidence and allowing them to access learning more independently. Developing reading for pleasure is also hugely important. Part of each day’s reading can of course be sharing books with your child. We want our children to develop a life-long love of books; somewhere to where they can escape and be fully immersed. I have attached a poster which highlights just how incredible the impact of regular reading can be.</p>

Reading Books	Your child will bring home reading and library books during the week, which we ask you to keep safe and return in a good condition to school. If you would like to purchase a new book bag, they are available from the office at a cost of £4.
Physical Education	PE lessons will continue to take place in the afternoons. Children should bring to school a named PE kit in a bag at the start of each week, which will be kept on their pegs, so that we may take advantage of good weather and complete PE lessons accordingly. They will need trainers, a t-shirt and shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings.
Outdoor Learning	Throughout the week, children will have the opportunity to learn outdoors. As we believe in active learning this can mean getting a little dirty or muddy! As such please send in a spare set of clothes in a bag, a pair of wellington boots and a waterproof coat, all labelled with your child's name.
Teaching Staff	Miss Finch will teach the class each day from Monday to Friday. We are also very lucky to have the following members of staff: Ms Carter (who will be taking groups of children in the mornings) Mr Yarwood (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs King (Thursday (am), Friday (pm)) (Big) Hayley (Thursday (pm))
Topic	We will be continuing with topic based learning – real learning experiences linked to all areas of the curriculum that culminate in a project or product that can be shared with a real audience. This term, our topic on Ancient Greece will build to our Christmas Play - I am already excited! Our writing will link to the topic we are working on where we may write a set of instructions for how we made something or write a discussion text after an exciting classroom debate – always very popular! Learning is engaging and leads to high quality outcomes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via secretary@st-levan.cornwall.sch.uk

Kind regards

Miss Finch
Class Two Teacher

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)