



## September at St Buryan Academy

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year and although school won't be exactly as it was 'post-lockdown', it will be great to have everybody back into school. I for one am looking forward to September; I am really proud of what we will be able to offer the children in terms of their learning and opportunities available for them, as well as just having them all back at school. I'd also like to welcome our new Reception children to the school. I appreciate that the last few months have meant that we haven't been able to run our usual transition opportunities, but we are all looking forward to properly welcoming you to our school in September.

The purpose of this letter is to outline some of the new routines we will have to implement from September to ensure that, as always, school is a happy and safe place for all children, staff and parents.

### Classes

I am really proud of our whole school staff team. It is great to have Mrs Morrall join the team and for us to keep Mrs Rendle on in her teaching role. Our class structure is below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>
<b>Penberth (Rec/Year 1)</b>	Mrs Cross (Mon & Tues) Mrs Kwiatkowska (Weds, Thurs & Fri)	Mrs Forrest (am) Mrs Hosken (pm) Mrs Ginty (Thurs & Fri)
<b>Gwenver (Year 2)</b>	Mrs Morrall (ams) To join with Penberth pms	Mrs Hosken
<b>Nanjizal (Year 3/4)</b>	Mrs King	Mrs Semmens
<b>Porthcurno (Year 5/6)</b>	Mrs Rendle (Mon & Tues) Mrs Wilson (Weds & Thurs) Mr McDonald (Fri)	Mrs Butterfield

We felt it vital that our Year 2 children are given the opportunity to have free flow learning opportunities in the afternoons, especially after missing nearly a term of school as Year 1s.

You may have heard a lot about 'bubbles'. Essentially, these are how children will be grouped to prevent risk. We will have two bubbles: an Early Years/Key Stage 1 bubble and a Key Stage 2 bubble. This ensures that we are still able to stagger timings where appropriate, teach our full curriculum and have manageable numbers in each bubble.

### Curriculum and Timetable

Our timetable will be similar to how it has been previously. We will still be teaching our maths and English in the mornings with lots of cross-curricular links to our topics in the afternoons. Each topic will begin with an essential question to engage the children and we will have opportunities to showcase the children's learning throughout each term. There will be a focus on our maths and English, however we have always prided ourselves on recognising the importance of a full, broad and balanced curriculum; therefore we will still be delivering all subjects to all children.

Throughout the year we will be looking at people who have inspired us and celebrating our heroes.

For the first term (Autumn term), we will not be swimming. We made the judgement that we wanted to ensure that before we swam it was as safe as possible. We are fortunate enough to deliver more swimming lessons than most other primary schools and children will

still be getting their required physical education plus the recommended 30 mins of exercise a day. We will still be providing work online should there be any illnesses, this will be similar to the work in class and will be learning from the curriculum.

### **Uniform**

From September we will be going back to our usual uniform; however, we strongly recommend that all children wear a school polo shirt or summer dress rather than a shirt and tie or blazer. We will be removing the shirt and tie option from our Reception and Key Stage 1 uniform policy. This decision has been made for the benefit of children and parents. Should a Key Stage 2 child wish to wear their shirt and tie still, then they may do so; however, for practicality and ease, the 'summer uniform' would be preferable initially. They will be expected to wear school shoes, no jewellery and any hair accessories should suit our uniform. On Mondays and Wednesdays, which will be our PE days, children may wear their PE kits to school. We advise that that they wear what was known as their previous 'Friday uniform'. Therefore, they may wear a school fleece, jumper or cardigan with their white PE shirt. Shorts must be dark blue or black; they may wish to wear jogging bottoms to school on these days, again these must be dark blue or black in colour. The reason for this is to limit any changing time. Children may also wear trainers on these days. We also ask that, as often as possible, children are wearing fresh, clean uniform. We would also be very grateful if you were able to supply an old, oversized t-shirt for your child to keep in school for any art that we may do. Thank you.

You can visit the school website for an updated uniform policy.

### **Drop-off and collection**

We recognise that drop-off and collection times are a vital part of the school day for many reasons. We have worked hard to ensure that drop-offs are safe for all as well as welcoming. From September we will continue with staggered start times and finish times and we are grateful on your co-operation with this.

Key Stage 2 children should arrive at school at 8.45am and should go straight to their classrooms, entering through the playground gate.

Key Stage 1 children should arrive at 8.55am and will go onto the playground at this time, where they will be supervised.

Parents will not be allowed on the playground and should not go past the clearly marked yellow line in the drop-off area.

At the end of the day, children will be taken out to this area to be dismissed. The finish time for Key Stage 1 is 3.10pm and for Key Stage 2 is 3.15pm.

Should you have children in both Key Stages we ask that you wait by the bench between times.

Please ensure that you arrive on time and that you are not staying after the designated drop-off or collection time.

Teachers will be at the gate and will be available in the morning or afternoon should you need to notify them of anything, but we do ask that if you need to speak to a member of staff concerning anything, that you ring or email ahead so that we can arrange a meeting. This should be done through Mrs Care, our parent liaison officer.

The bottom gate will remain locked, so we will only be using the main entrance for access.

Unless otherwise agreed, there shall not be any access to the school building. Any payments should be in a clearly marked envelope which will be collected by your child's teacher or TA; alternatively you may pay via BACS – our payment details are available upon request.

### **Wrap around care and clubs**

From September we will not be running 'Activities R Us'. This decision was made for a variety of reasons but we hope to open our new afternoon wrap-around care after October half term.

We will be running our Breakfast Club from 8.00am until the start of the school day. The price of this is £1.50 per session and we would ask for payment to be made in advance or on the day. So that we can cater for numbers we would ask that days are booked in advance – there will be a link to the booking form on our school website. We will not be supplying food at Breakfast Club to begin with but children will be welcome to bring something suitable to eat. For children arriving before 8.30am, parents may drop off to the hall door. Those arriving after that time will be taken to Breakfast Club from the gate.

We will be running after-school clubs led by teachers. To help cover basic costs we are asking for a £1 voluntary donation each week your child attends a club. This is not £1 per a club, but they may attend as many clubs in that week as they can.

Clubs will be restricted to 'bubbles'. For example, one night we will run a Rec/Key Stage 1 sports club, the other we will run a Key Stage 2 sports club.

We will let you know what clubs are taking place and on which afternoons; they will commence from 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Other bits and pieces**

In school we will be operating as normally as possible. Bubbles will distance from other bubbles and social distancing will be encouraged between children, but we are realists and nurturing too.

The school corridors will not have distancing markers in them, but awareness of personal space will be promoted and different bubbles will not be accessing the same corridors at the same times.

Break times and lunch times will be staggered so that bubbles have more space to eat in and areas to play in.

We invite children in Key Stage 2 to bring their own fruit for snack time; Key Stage 1 will still have their snack provided through funding.

We appreciate that school may look a little bit different to begin with. However, we are all extremely confident that we will continue to deliver a safe and happy school environment. We are grateful for your understanding and co-operation in working alongside us as always.

Lastly, as this is likely to be one of our final communications this term, I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support towards St Buryan Academy. It has been a tricky and testing last few months and I would like to thank you for all you have done at home with your children. A huge thank you to the children as well for their resilience and great attitudes – it hasn't been easy for them and I think their positive mind-sets and how they

have carried themselves really needs to be recognised and praised. Finally, thank you to all of the staff at St Buryan Academy. Always, but particularly in recent months: the amount of work they have done in and out of school, for taking on different and unexpected roles and for always being there for the children of St Buryan Academy!

Enjoy your summer!

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