



Dear Parents and Carers

A huge warm welcome back, I hope all families managed to get some time together and had a lovely summer break. I can't believe we find ourselves here at the start of the Autumn Term so soon.

The school has been spruced up and the adults and classrooms are ready and excited for a new academic year of learning. We will be wasting no time and the children have already got stuck into their first week with some lovely memorable learning experiences. It has been so lovely to see them all back looking smart and eager to participate and see their friends.

Our value for this term is '**Belonging**' under the umbrella Enquiry of '**Home is Where The Heart Is.**' We always enjoy this Enquiry as it links directly to our local area and the children will be learning more about Tintagel and its history through different lenses – depending on their Class. There will be opportunities to explore the village this half term and if you have any artifacts/photographs/information on Tintagel or more specifically the Old Post Office, then please do let your child's class teacher know.

Staffing

We are delighted to be welcoming back both Mrs Sharp and Miss Williams who have returned from their maternity leave but we are also saying goodbye to Miss Smith. Miss Smith is continuing her journey in Education and we wish her well in her future endeavors - and thank her for all she has done for the school whilst she has been working with us.



Current Staffing Structure:

Class 1: Mrs Sharp, Miss Wheldon and Mrs Taylor (Wed-Fri)

Class 2: Ms Thorpe, Mrs Gabriel and Miss Williams (Wed-Fri)

Class 3 Mrs Kirkman (Mon and Tue am), Miss Thomas (Wed, Thur and Fri) and Mrs White

Class 4: Miss Court, Mr Doman and Mrs Reynolds (Tue-Fri).

Miss Williams and Mrs Turner will be supporting Mrs Dingle as SENDCo with intervention support with small groups and individuals.

Mrs Dingle will be in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday if you would like to speak with her about all things SEN. Please book an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Cox is working in her role as Strategic Partner across several Aspire Schools and continues to work closely with the School Leadership Team in helping to shape the schools moving forwards. She will be in school on a Friday when Mrs Kirkman isn't in. Mrs Kirkman has taken up the full Head of School role and is available Monday – Thursday with Miss Thomas taking up three full days teaching in Class 3. We continue to have the lovely Mrs Lowe in the office who will be able to help you with any questions/worries/information you might have or need. Mrs Bosley will be based at Tintagel but has taken up a different post, working for the Aspire Finance Team.

Wraparound

Our wraparound childcare club is continuing this half term. Breakfast Club starts from 8am and after school club is until 5pm. We are still reviewing this service and the timings so please do give us some feedback and as long as there is a need, we will try and accommodate families as much as we can. Please book and pay for this through ParentPay. If you have any queries, please contact the office for more information.



Covid

I really hope that this year is more settled, however we will continue to keep you updated with our protocols in line with government policy. Currently we are not operating in 'Bubbles' and children are free to mix at playtime and lunchtime. We are continuing to promote good handwashing as this is good practice anyway. If there is a positive case in your family, please follow the government guidelines on isolating and do please ensure you let the school know. We currently do not have to close classes, but further actions may be put in place if there is a local outbreak. We are no longer asking you to wear a mask at drop off and pick up, however you are welcome to continue to do so. If you need to come into the school building, could you please ensure you do wear a mask. Thank you. If you have any queries or questions, do talk to us and we can hopefully reassure you.

Meet and Greets

We would like to welcome you in for a class meet and greet in the school where your child's class teacher can share any information about the learning within the class and answer any questions you may have. These have worked really well in the past. These will take place the week beginning 20th September. We will send more details next week when we know the exact date and time for each class.

Clubs

Thank you to all the children that have signed up to clubs. we have had an overwhelming response this time around which has made us look into the way clubs are allocated. We will do this slightly differently next time. In the meantime, if you have a space that you no longer need, please let the office know as we have a waiting list for most clubs. Many thanks.

Permissions & Information

We will be sending out an electronic form next week to update our records for permissions, walk home alone authorities and collection arrangements. This will also include the Annual Medical Declaration; this is an important document that needs to be completed even if it is to show a nil return.

This year we will not be sending out the Data Collection sheets for you to check and return. Therefore, please could you log in to Arbor and check the information we have on file is up-to-date, if you need to make any amendments please do so.

School Photography

The School Photographer will be coming in to take our annual individual photographs in the afternoon of Thursday 23rd September.

School Uniform

The children looked fantastic in their smart new uniform this week, thank you. To help us keep control of lost property, please name everything. A particular thank you for all those parents who ensure their children have the correct PE Kit.

Important information about drop off and pick up

In our absolute commitment to the highest standards of safeguarding, could we please remind parents that we are unable to hand children over to adults at the end of the day, unless they are named on the contact sheet or we have had a message directly from a parent giving permission for a last minute change. Children will always be handed to an adult when eye contact is made. It helps us if parents can stand back a little so we can see who is who. Clubs are released from the front of the school, please wait behind the school gate.

Communication

Schools are under huge financial pressure at the moment and we are constantly seeking out ways to save money and work in a more sustainable way. For that reason, in order to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce paper usage, our main method of communication will be via the Arbor App and email. Therefore please ensure that you check your emails regularly for vital updates.

**Swimming**

Class 3 and 4 will be swimming next week, please ensure that you have confirmed your consent and made payment on ParentPay by Monday please.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2021	
Wednesday 15 th September	Weekly swimming lessons start for Class 3 & 4
Thursday 23 rd September	Individual School Photos
Monday 27 th September	Last day for Bag2School collection
Thursday 7 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 22 nd October	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half-Term

I'm sure it will be another busy and productive term and we are really excited to get stuck in and back into a routine.

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Best wishes

Lou Kirkman and the team