



Dear Parents and Carers

Trust and Collaboration

‘How Are We Stronger Together?’

Entering the realm of a story

As this term rapidly draws to a close, we are seeing the outcomes from the children’s learning everywhere around the schools, and more than anything, it has been an enjoyment of the story texts we are exploring which has created a buzz.

Our Tintagel Reception and Yr 1 children have enjoyed a ‘Wild Rumpus’ as they explore the fantastic story ‘Where The Wild Things Are’. Our Delabole Class 1 children have enjoyed exploring ‘Wild’. It has been so lovely to see them learning outside and exploring freedom, music and nature with such enthusiasm. I was roared at several times as I went to look at their Wild Thing crowns. Higher up the school, children have been really enjoying our Orpheus and Eurydice focus. This is a challenging but hugely thought provoking story, but the children are really ‘in it’ through their drama and the Class 3 journey to the Underworld at St Nectan’s Glen.



Our oldest children have the immense challenge of exploring our oldest Anglo Saxon story – Beowulf. The language is rich, the tone is dark and the tension is rising... will Beowulf defeat the hideous Grendel and put an end to the loathsome creature’s reign of terror?

This is just one element of our provision for Reading, which not only prepares children for the rigours of meeting National Expectations at the end of each Key Stage, but also promotes a love of reading for life. We have excelled with last year’s reading outcomes – see below – and results like this can only be achieved when Reading provision is rich, engaging and uncompromising in its expectations. Of course we cannot achieve this without you. Please, above all else, read to and with your child – and if they are still grappling with the early stages of learning to read (and it is a struggle) help them to develop their skills by practising just a little each day. We promise, it will make a difference, and what greater key to success and confidence is there?

Mrs Cox will be available at the late Parent Evenings in each school next week to talk through – and show parents – examples of the end of Key Stage Assessments so that they can see what the expectations and challenges are for the children. Together we can help them achieve more.

Tintagel School KS1 Results 2018 Reading	Working within the end of KS1 expectations and above		Working at a greater depth within the end of KS1 expectations			
	School	National 2018	School	National 2018		
	79%	75%	11%	26%		
Tintagel School KS2 Results 2018 Reading	Working within the end of KS2 expectations and above		Working at a greater depth within the end of KS2 expectations		Average Scaled Score	
	School	National provisional 2018	School	National provisional 2018	School	National provisional 2018
	83%	75%	50%	28%	111	105

5th October 2018

Maths Mastery Development

We have been fortunate enough to have two teachers (Miss Court and Miss Whymer) from across both schools to join the excellent West Devon Maths Hub, who are a group of practitioners leading the way in Maths Mastery. This is a huge commitment from each school with ten days of training and action research linked to developing maths excellence alongside other professionals. We are very excited to be part of this and it will be a key focus for all children next term and moving forward.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, I have now been informed by Mrs Ubyly, that due to complications linked to her pregnancy, she will not now be fit to return to work until after her maternity leave has ended. I am sure your thoughts are with her...she is struggling to let go of work and misses the children as we miss her. We have already started our recruitment drive and will be interviewing for the post before the end of term. It is my hope that the opportunity will present itself to recruit someone for next term. I will keep parents informed.

Round Up Of Events

Cross Country Success

Thank you to all the Tintagel and Delabole children who flew off to a fabulous start at this year's Cross-Country season beneath clear blue skies at Wadebridge. There were stellar performances by everybody who represented our schools. The team comprised both gnarled veterans who have returned for another year of exciting, exhilarating and invigorating running and fabulous novices in their first year of competition. Each child represented themselves and our School Tribes with the utmost distinction. Thank you to Mr. Pritchard and parents for supporting this event.



North Cornwall Book Festival

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic day with their teachers, joining author workshops and exploring the current crop of best sellers in children's literature. Thank you to all who represented the school at this event.

Day of Frenchness

We will be celebrating European Day of Languages this year with a Day of Frenchness in school on Thursday 11th October. Please could children come to school wearing red, white and blue (the Tricolor colours). There will be a pop up French Café in each school organised by Mrs Smith and hopefully some lovely language development. There will also be a change of menu as follows;

Ham and Cheese Baguette or Ratatouille
Crepes with ice cream or Salad de Fruits



Harvest

Don't forget to gather your Harvest donations for the Harvest Celebration at 2:15pm in Tintagel School Hall on 17th October. As always, your generous donations will be circulated to those who need them most.

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Hop, Skip and Cycle.

We are very excited about this and look forward to raising lots of money through this sponsored event for our fabulous Trim Trail. This, alongside our Christmas Fete next term will take us much closer to our total of £10K. Thank you to our PTFA for their enterprise and to all of you for making this great addition to our school environment actually happen.

Parents Evenings

Don't forget to sign up for parents evening next week -Wednesday 10th October 4:00pm till 6:00pm and Thursday 11th October 3:15pm till 5:25pm

After School Clubs

Due to parents evenings Art Club will be cancelled on Wednesday 10th October (Chess and Physical Fun will still take place), and all clubs will be cancelled on Thursday 11th October.

PTFA News

Please speak to Sofie in the office or contact her via email on sofie.lowe@tintagelschool.org if you would like a table or run a workshop at the Christmas Fete on Friday 30th November. This is open to the public so if you know of anyone please spread the word.

Tintagel Cricket Sports and Social Club are holding a Halloween Family Disco on Friday 24th October from 6:30pm. Some of our dedicated PTFA members will be there selling cakes and sweets in aid of raising money for our school. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 17th October in the foyer after drop off.

Camelford Stingers Swimming Club

For the month of November, they are running a recruitment drive, and are offering any new members 4 free swim sessions on the week commencing 29th of October. Anybody interested can contact our chairperson on tintagematt@gmail.com

A Gentle Reminder

In all that we do in school, we try to create a sort of oasis, so that children feel safe and able to focus on the challenges of new learning every day. We understand that things happen at home and beyond the playground, which may impact on school life - such as altercations between parents and crises within families. Sometimes, a parent may want to bring an issue concerning another pupil or family to our attention. It is the role of SLT to always listen, keep the child in focus and deal with issues if they effect school life. For that reason, we would ask that parents come and talk to us - we are almost always available on the gate - rather than taking issues into their own hands and confronting a child or another parent on the playground. An incident of this nature creates potentially unsafe situations and we would have to address this with the strongest response. We hope that you trust us to address your concerns appropriately.

Key Dates this Term

Wednesday 10 th October 4:00pm till 6.00pm Thursday 11 th October 3:15pm till 5:25pm	Parents Evenings
Thursday 11 th October	French Day
Friday 12 th October	Sponsored Hop, Skip and Cycle
Wednesday 17 th October	Harvest Festival 2:15pm
Thursday 18 th October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 th October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 30 th November 3:15pm-5:15pm	Christmas Fete

Best wishes

Sue Cox and the team