

# TREGOLLS ACADEMY

12th June 2020

## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Back to the rain again...I hope you are managing to keep your spirits up even though the weather has taken a turn for the worse.

This week we have seen the U turn from government on their plan to bring all primary children back before September. We knew this was not going to be possible with social distancing at 2 metres and would be very tricky indeed even if the distance was lowered to 1 metre. We have our plan that takes us up to the end of the summer term and I am confident we have made the right decisions to keep children and staff safe at school.

Although we have not yet had ANY guidance on what September might look like, here at Tregolls we don't like to leave these things to chance or wait to the government to eventually give us some information, and are very busy looking at how we can plan for September! I just want you to know that we are doing all we can to see how we make it work!

I know we have told you already, but just a recap on how school will look between now and the summer holiday. Next week we are opening another "bubble" for reception and nursery children, these parents have been contacted and will know the details of the plan! From June 29th we will be opening another bubble for Yr 1. Again, these parents have been told the details and know their child will be attending. We hope to invite the year 6 children, whose parents have requested a place, in for the last week of term. Please do not come to school unless you have been contacted. If you are attending please be on time.

Moving onto another very important global issue, I would like to write to you regarding the Black Lives Matter movement and Tregolls' reaction to current events. Today I have placed a statement on the website as follows:

### **Tregolls School, an Academy Statement - Black Lives Matter**

Following the killing of George Floyd and the ensuing global protests, we at Tregolls School, an Academy are issuing a statement that rejects racism in all forms, reflects on what we have done so far and looks to the future as to how we will do more.

As a school, and in support of the principles behind the Black Lives Matter movement, we recognise we have a role to play in sending a message that racism in all its forms can never be tolerated. Overt and covert racism exists and persists in society and we intend to play our part as best we can in changing this. To stand against racism means that all members of our community must be confident and bold enough to challenge racism and that we also continue to reflect on our own actions and behaviours.

#### **We:**

- Do not tolerate racism
- Adopt and act on anti-racist policies that form part of our school rule of "Respect"
- Encourage all members of our community to discuss ways we can eradicate racism
- Promote listening, reasoned engagement, and positive action in response to injustice, while condemning aggression and violence in all its forms
- Are an Equal Opportunities employer and do not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment in our workplace

#### **We will:**

- Consider ways in which we can further educate our community so that its members are empowered to act against racism
- Engage further with those inside and beyond our community to understand their views and those of others on this topic
- Consider how we can amend our approach to further reflect our support for eradicating racial injustice

We ask all in our community to join us in challenging racism and holding ourselves and others to account. Our ethos of "Life Ready, Live Happy" and our one word school rule of "Respect" encompass all of the above aims and objectives.

We are reviewing our curriculum and I am working with the council on developing resources for the county to support the teaching of Black history in Cornwall.