



Newsletter 11th September



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Happy new year!

And so we come to the end of our first week back at school and what an absolute joy and huge relief it feels to me to have Team St Minver back together. I do hope you feel that way too. Your children are marvellous and staff have remarked at how all year groups have thrown themselves back into school life as if they've never been away! Teachers are busy assessing the children across skills and knowledge to see where they all are and lessons include catch-ups and recaps. Teachers will let you know where you can help at home to support your child to fill particular gaps. Thank you in advance.

A special welcome to Team St Minver to our thirty new reception children and their families. The children have had their first morning altogether today and already they have learnt so much about new school routines.



It feels strange not being able to have lots of informal chats with parents due to social distancing. Please note that our email address homelearning@stminver.org is still live and do please use this if a word at the door isn't possible and you need to ask a question or request a call back about teaching and learning in relation to your child.

A reminder please that all children with longer hair—both boys and girls—should have their hair tied up if it is long enough to do so. Thank you.

Hayley and Paddy Carter have asked me to pass on their thanks from the whole family to all those who sent good wishes, support, gifts and cards during their time in Bristol Hospital. I know Year 4 have been delighted to have Ayla back with them, too.

Today, all children in Year 1 to 6 will come home with a paper copy of the curriculum overview for this half term. This document will also be on class pages on the website. Class R will continue to receive a weekly letter from Mrs Warren and don't forget to check in regularly with both Tapestry and the website to see what that learning journey looks like in practice.

We hope that all families will continue to check in regularly with both our website and Facebook communications and respectfully ask that any general questions or queries are sent to hello@stminver.org so that they can be responded to promptly. We will not be replying via Facebook.

It's been a long first week at school—I hope you enjoy a restful weekend together.

Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

Dates

01/10/20—Individual School Photos (provisional date)

12/10/19—Whole School Flu immunisations

26/10/20-30/10/20—Half Term Holiday

02/11/20—School Closed (Training day) Please note this an additional date and the website calendar has been updated

21/12/20-3/1/21—Christmas Holiday

4/1/21—School Closed (Training day)

5/1/21—First day Spring Term

On Wednesday this week a link to the annual medical declaration was emailed to all parents via Arbor. Please ensure that you complete this for all St Minver children by Friday 18th September.

Please note that we will no longer be sending home paper copies of the newsletter. Please ensure that you have installed the Arbor app on your phone.

The newsletter is circulated via Arbor and is also available on the school website as well as being shared on Facebook.

Next week we will begin to serve some hot school meals from the servery. This is the plan:

- **Year 1 & Year 2 children. Menu week 2 plus the option of a hot jacket potato on Wednesday (the jacket potato option for a Wednesday is just for this week ONLY)**
- **Reception children (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday lunchtime). Menu week 2 plus the option of a hot jacket potato on Wednesday (the jacket potato option for a Wednesday is just for this week ONLY)**
- **KS2 children. Packed lunch option only (for this week), ham, cheese or tuna sandwich with fruit, yoghurt & a savoury snack**

The school menu for this term is attached to this newsletter and also available on the school website. Please note the new price is £2.35 per meal (KS2 only)

We intend to be able to provide a hot meal for KS2 children as soon as we can.



Stars of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: The Whole Class—A great start to school

Class 1: Finley Davies—Making such a brave start to Year 1 and Amy Thomas—Excellent behaviour and for always doing her best

Class 2: Alfie Hunt—Wonderful enthusiasm he shows in everything he does and Ava Bolton—Being a kind and caring friend and making a super start to year 2

Class 3: Oscar French—Being so kind and smiley and starting back so well and Lexi Couch—Being so focused and keen to work

Class 4: Bohdi Eilllott—Expressing his thoughts and ideas brilliantly and Taya Hunt—A wonderful attitude to her work

Class 5: Maisie Cawte & Poppy Rush—Settling in so well and already being excellent examples of what a St Minver Y5 pupil should be. Awesome!

Class 6: Maisey Cooper—Settling into Year 6 with such confidence and maturity and Tyler Wearne—beginning Year 6 with such effort



Important!

At St Minver School we currently have pupils who are immunocompromised meaning they are unable to fight off infections. This puts the child at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against it. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school know immediately.

They are also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect your child has chicken pox.

It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupils with immunocompromise may be at serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all parents/Carers and know we can rely on your help.

Flu immunisations

On Monday 12th October the NHS School Immunisation team will be in school to deliver the Flu immunisations.

Please see the attached letter which clearly communicates the site to access and the unique school reference.

If you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation please log into the site on the link provided and log that you do NOT consent.

Any queries, please contact the school office.



Mathletics!

New Mathletics logins will be coming home in your child's reading record next week.

Please keep a note of the login so that your child can get going on Mathletics at home.

Mathletics is a brilliant quick maths learning resource for children of all ages. Do encourage your children to have a go.

As always we will celebrate the Mathletes of the week here in the weekly newsletter.

If you have any queries do pop into the office.



Priceless Playtimes!

The following children have been great ambassadors for our school values "Be brave, be kind, belong" while at play this week.

A huge well done to:

Nessa Dudley in Year 1—Being brave when she took a tumble at lunchtime

And

Both KS 1 & KS2—Returning to school showing resilience and upholding our school motto of Be Brave, Be Kind, Belong.

Online parenting courses

The Cornwall Council "Together for families" team are offering free online parenting courses—The Solihull Approach.

If you are interested in :

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and you baby
- Understanding you baby
- Understanding you child 0-19 yrs
- Understanding your teenagers brain

Please contact 0300 1234 101 or email

togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk for more details