



## 22nd October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe that we are already at the end of the first half of term, it seems to have gone by in a flash! This week there have been many highlights from sandwich making and testing in the Bur Oaks, skeletons in Young Oaks, Mighty Oaks learning more about first aid and a very wet football training session and match! However, probably the most exciting event this week has been our Harvest celebration at the church, it has been amazing to be able to take a 'trip' out as a whole school and brilliant to see how enthusiastic our children have been about this. As you know we asked for items for Truro Foodbank this year and we have been blown away by your generosity in supporting those in our wider community who may be falling upon some tougher times.



The singing in the church was **brilliant** and although we didn't have an adult 'audience' we think that people in the area would have heard us from a distance! We have made a short video which you can find [here](#). Where we don't have photo permissions for sharing we have obscured faces.

In the last newsletter of this half term I also wanted to say **thank you to everyone who has taken the time to say hello to me, thank you to all of the staff who work tirelessly everyday and always with the best interests of the children and finally thank you to the children who have made this half term so enjoyable.**

Mr Hick

## Breakfast Club

As you know we have been exploring the possibility of running a breakfast club and we are pleased to say that we think this will be viable for us. We will start this from the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November (second week back) and bookings can be made in the same way as we now do for Chatterbox, through Parent Pay. Bookings will be available from today. The club will run from 7.45am through to the start of the school day and we will provide the children with a drink and a choice of cereal or toast. It will be run by Mrs Dicker and Mr Smith and there will be a session charge of £3.50 per day.



**This will only operate on a trial basis for the half term and at which point we will review to ensure that it is still possible to continue.**

## Clubs

After half term we have changed some clubs to try and increase our offer and to also make it easier with changing (where possible aligning these with PE days). The new timetable is below and you can sign up in the normal way through Parent Pay. As before, we do have to limit club sizes to 20.

Monday	Year 1 & 2	Film club	Mrs Rice
Monday	Years 3 -6	Reading	Mrs Law
Monday	Year 5 & 6	Yoga	Mrs James
Monday	Year 5 & 6	Netball	Miss Laskowski
Tuesday	Year 1 & 2	Yoga	Mrs Morgan
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6	Football <b>Do not need to resign up – same group as before</b>	Mr Hick
Thursday	Year 1 & 2	Making & creating	Mrs Glanville-Thomas
Thursday	Year 3 & 4	Football	Miss Hoare
Friday	Year 3 & 4	Dance club – <b>max of 15</b>	Miss Syrett
Friday	year 5 & 6	Choir (lunch time)	Mrs Fox
Friday	year 5 & 6	Gymnastics	Mr Williams

## Reading



A message from Mrs Morgan:

*Acorns, Seedlings and Buds; if you have any extra reading books at home that belong to school, please can these spare books be returned.*

*Next week, Mrs Morgan will be auditing our phonics books and resources. Excitingly, we will be investing in more books and resources to support your child to learn to read.*

## Mighty Oaks and the British Heart Foundation



The Mighty Oaks have been learning all about the amazing work that the British Heart Foundation do as part of their 'Have a Heart' theme. As a result, they are holding a fundraising event on Thursday 4th November (the week after half term)

To celebrate 60 years of the BHF, Y6 thought that the whole school should complete 60 laps of the playground, with the laps being split between the classes. The children can walk, run, skip, hop, dance... anything that gets their hearts pumping! **In addition, they are invited to come to school wearing something red, white or anything heart related.**

Your support would mean so much to the Mighty Oaks and therefore any donations would be gratefully received. Please go to the Just Giving Link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-james51> where all donations will go straight to the BHF.

## A message from the PTA

Today, we have sent home letters for the disco, Christmas card templates and also the fundraising smarties! We apologise that there is so much at once but as I'm sure you can appreciate, time is not on our side!

All the information needed is on the letters but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Any child with a dairy allergy has been given an empty smarties tube to decorate and fill and a packet of skittles instead so no one misses out.

We thank you for all of your support for these upcoming events and we are so excited to finally be back fundraising for the school.

Please remember that all of these are optional and there is not an expectation that you do everything.

## Pumpkins!

[Details about a competition being held at the bowling club can be found at the end of this newsletter.](#)

## Squid Games

Squid Game is a Korean drama series on Netflix that has become one of the most popular topics on the internet for its unique plot. I am sure you have probably heard of it! The show mimics children's games however it ends with participants being violently killed if they lose.

There have been some concerning reports recently about children and young people 'playing' Squid Game whilst at schools. Squid Game is also being viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and Tik-Tok, and given the popularity of the games in the show, developers have made various mini-games based on Squid Game on Roblox and other gaming platforms.

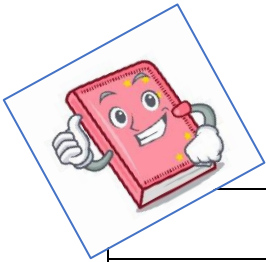
**Parents are advised to be vigilant about what children and young people are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe.**

Useful information on protecting children from harmful content:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>
- <https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/protecting-children-from-harmful-content-on-television-guide-and-resources/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## Free School Meals Vouchers for Half Term

Our local authority has once again provided funding to facilitate Free School Meal provision (for those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals) over the holidays. We have used the WONDE platform and they have been issued electronically via email earlier this week. The vouchers will be valued at £15 per eligible child to cover the half term period.



## Dates For Your Diary

18.10.21	Parent/carer consultation meetings this week. Bookings will be live from Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October.
21.10.21	Harvest – we will be asking for charitable donations for Truro Foodbank.
25.10.21 – 29.10.21	HALF TERM
1.11.21	First day back after half term
4.11.21	British Heart Foundation Mini Marathon
8.11.21	School Photos
11.11.21	DISCO!
13.12.21	Christmas Week (reception and KS1 nativities and key stage 2 carol concerts)
17.12.21	Last day of Autumn Term
4.1.22	First day of Spring term



## GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

ACORNS	Amelia & Patrick
SEEDLINGS	Ivy-Rose & Arthur
BUDS	Ruby & Isla
YOUNG OAKS	Lily-Mae & Kaiden
BUR OAKS	Molly & Courtney
RED OAKS	Teddy & Immy
MIGHTY OAKS	Sophia & Arthur



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



BE HONEST



BE BRILLIANT





# **Pumpkin Competition**

**Enter your carved/decorated pumpkin**

**Saturday 30th October 2021**

**Chacewater Bowling Club**



**Will you dare to enter your carved/decorated pumpkin into our ghastly competition to raise money for The Friends of Royal Cornwall Hospital**

**Enter at your own risk with your pumpkin and donation at 10am. Judging taking part at 11am. 12 – Presentation of ghoulish gifts to the winning pumpkins including a family pass to Flambards.**

**Refreshments and Tombola.**