



15th October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Another week that has absolutely whizzed by. This has been a week where we have been thinking about kindness and how we can show kindness within our community. With this in mind we were really grateful to be visited by Simon from Truro Foodbank at the beginning of the week who told us all about how the Foodbank supports families in need. We were surprised by how heavy a normal package from the Foodbank could be - Tate and Harry struggled to lift it! Later in this newsletter we have some information about our Harvest celebration next week and how we hope to support Truro Foodbank.

As always at Chacewater there has been some brilliant learning taking place:

- **Acorns** - had a lovely week learning some new sounds. The sound of the week yesterday was K and the children made their own kites to represent the sound.
- **Seedlings** – have been enjoying the story of The Three Little Pigs as part of their 'Big Build' focus. The children have explored Wolf-proof materials in science, made aerial maps of a Pig Town for Geography, and mixed paint to make secondary colours for our wolf masks. Of course, they are becoming master storytellers too - especially with the StoryMaker hat on!
- **Buds** – have been learning all about 2D shapes this week and noticing them in the environment.
- **Young Oaks** - labelled bones and muscles. The children showed fantastic knowledge by working in teams to label the skeleton outline.
- **Bur Oaks** – have been busy grappling with column addition and exchanging.
- **Red Oaks** – writing like professional authors! Creating their own story using a class text, A Waiting Game, as inspiration.
- **Mighty Oaks** - did an experiment this week to explain how nutrients are transported around the body, by observing what happens to skittles on a plate when water is added. We compared the colours in the skittles to nutrients.

Teachers have also been busy learning. We have been looking at how we can better support early reading and inspire a love of reading in all of our children. Over the rest of this term Mrs Law and Mrs Morgan are developing our school strategy for the teaching of phonics and ensuring that everyone at Chacewater can be a reading expert! Look out for more information soon but in the meantime please do 'read, read and read' as much as possible with your children – it does make a real difference!

As always, I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Mr Hick



Kite Flying!



Parental/Carer Consultations

Next week we are really looking forward to our parent consultation meetings, either by phone or in person, and having the opportunity to share some of the successes your child/children have already had. These are really important opportunities to speak to class teachers **and if you haven't signed up then please do.**

Clubs

Due to parent consultations next week there will be no clubs next week except for Mr Hick's football club on Tuesday which will run as usual. We also have a football match following training for our Y6s and those taking part have been given a letter to confirm availability.

Harvest

The school has been lit up with singing this week as we prepare for our Harvest Celebration next week at Chacewater Church. This is only for our children but both KS2 and KS1 are



excited to share with each other the songs that they have been learning. This will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 21st and we will be walking up to the church. This year, as you know, we would like to support Truro Foodbank and we invite you to give something which we can give to the Foodbank. They

are particularly keen for tinned goods, cereals and products which have a long shelf life.

Children can bring these with them into school on the morning of the 21st and the Foodbank will collect at the end of the week.

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.



Dogs!



We have seen an increase in dogs coming onto the school site at the beginning and end of the day. Although these have been very well behaved and under control, there are still a number of our children who can be quite wary of unknow dogs. We have reviewed our risk assessment and I am afraid that we can not allow dogs on the school grounds during drop off and pick up. We thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Chacewater School PTA Information – A message from Rachael Brown

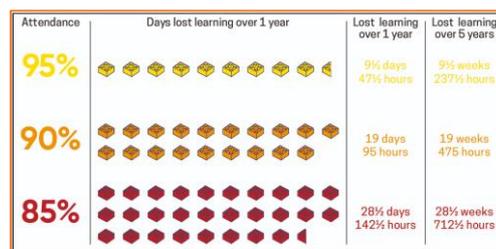
The PTA has formed a new committee and is hard at work arranging lots of fundraising events over the coming months. We've really missed being able to hold events and are thrilled that we are now able to finally hold some again.

Next Friday (22nd) the children will be coming home with a tube of smarties (or alternative for allergies) for the Smarties firework challenge. For those who haven't heard of this before, don't worry a letter will accompany them explaining everything! We will also be sending home letters about the upcoming disco which will need to be returned after half term.

Thank you for your continued support.
Rachael.

Attendance

Good and punctual attendance at school is key to doing well at school. Children's life chances are greatly improved, if they have a good education both socially and emotionally. We regularly track attendance and work closely with the Education Welfare Officer to act where necessary.

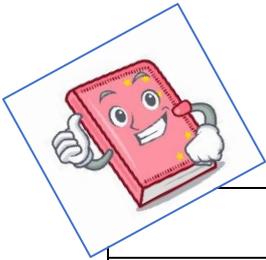


I am afraid that in the vast majority of cases the school is unable to authorise absence for holidays.

Young Oaks

Young Oaks have been **brilliant** scientists this week and were desperate to share some of their learning where they worked in teams to label bones and muscles:





Dates For Your Diary

18.10.21	Parent/carer consultation meetings this week. Bookings will be live from Monday 4 th 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	Evie & Holly
SEEDLINGS	Jenny & Caleb
BUDS	The Whole Class
YOUNG OAKS	Harry & Jake
BUR OAKS	Charlie & Ella
RED OAKS	Jacob & Jacob
MIGHTY OAKS	Ella & Jack



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



BE HONEST



BE BRILLIANT





**Free Online Award in Supporting Teaching & Learning

Date **17.11.21** Time **7 – 9 pm** Course Code **NNQ1028**

Course description: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Fancy a career change? Are you looking for employment that fits with family needs? Then this qualification may be just for you, and will enable you to apply for teaching assistant, learning support and special needs assistant jobs.

With a reported local shortage of teaching assistants, this could be the **PERFECT** time for you to embark on a new career path and gain the necessary qualification.

This course will be funded for those eligible, as part of the European Social Funded “*Widening Participation through Skills Project*” (number 05S16P00538)