



## ST. DAY & CARHARRACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of an eventful school year! Thank you to all our families for supporting us in so many ways to ensure our school improvement journey moves apace and all the children in our care receive the very best education every day. Thank you to our amazing children for having the courage to try many new things over this last year and take a greater responsibility for their learning behaviours. And huge thanks to a brilliant school team – all staff and governors- for undergoing change so positively and giving freely of their time - beyond the school day. We are extremely grateful and would like to thank you all for being part of the change to make our school a great place to be. There is still a lot to achieve, there always will be but we are certainly on the road to success as evidenced by the many monitoring visits we have undergone this last year. We hope you enjoyed receiving your child's report. Our staff have put many evenings and weekends into completing these. Staff would really appreciate the return of the feedback comments sheet and any suggestions for improvement – thank you.

We have given special thanks to the members of staff who will be leaving us. Mrs Manley has officially retired after a magnificent thirty-four years of dedicated service! We wish Mrs Westland and Mr Nurton all the very best in the future and thank them for their commitment and dedication over the last few years. They will all be greatly missed.

Our Yr 6 children have had an amazing final year and we are so proud of all of them. As we prepare to send our talented Yr 6 children off to continue their adventures at secondary school, we welcome our new Reception children and families. We are looking forward to all the new children joining us in September.

Please refer to the school website for all changes, recent newsletters and the online calendar for INSET days. As already stated last month, the children return to school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Please note that we have an early INSET training day on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** so the school will be closed to children. All INSET days are on the website calendar – a good opportunity to book a mini break rather than booking holidays during the school term. Please remember that we can only authorise term-time absence in exceptional circumstances.

### Changes from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### Playground 8.45-8.55

During the summer, extensive safeguarding work will start on the school grounds, which will run through until the middle of September. Please bear with us when you return in September and realise that there will be changes to how you enter the school grounds. The playground will have a new security fence and entry to Breakfast club will be secure. This necessary work enables us to fulfil our safeguarding duty and keep your children safe in addition to monitoring who enters the grounds. If all goes according to plan, we will be able to organise overnight camping on our beautiful field over the next year!

From the first day back, all children (including Yr1 and Yr2) will need to be dropped off in the school playground. Please say your goodbyes in the playground and staff will be available to support with collecting your children and establishing new routines to support a safe and independent start to the school day. Our children are aware of the changes and walk in off the playground every day after playtimes, so please do not worry about this change. If you have an important message for the class teacher at the start of the day, then please contact the school office

to pass it on or arrange an early morning appointment. Teachers will also be available at the end of the day when they bring your children out to the playground.

I'm afraid the following information relates to increased costs and I appreciate this is a difficult time for some of our families. If your family circumstances change, do let us know as sometimes we can provide additional support or see if you are entitled to pupil premium funding. This funding can be used creatively to ensure your child can access additional opportunities in and out of school.

### **FUNZONE/Breakfast Club – changes to costs from 5<sup>th</sup> September**

We would like to continue to offer this facility to support working families but it is proving difficult to finance. It is with regret that we are forced to increase prices in an attempt to cover our costs. Our prices remain competitive, with an incentive to encourage families to pay online. We are not aiming to make a profit but do need to be able to cover costs. You can support us by paying online, paying outstanding debts and informing us in advance by booking a place before 4pm on the previous day. This will enable us to book the right number of staff by the hour. Please see below, as charges will tip into the next hour payment at 4.00pm or 5.00pm.

#### **Breakfast/Childcare Club - £2.00 per child**

Breakfast is served between 8am & 8.30am (if you arrive after 8.30am you will not be able to have breakfast but can still attend for childcare)

#### **FUNZONE**

After school childcare club finishes at 6pm.

**If booked and paid in advance online – (by 4pm on the previous day) costs are as follows:**

3.10pm - 4.00pm - £3.00

4.00pm - 5.00pm - £3.00

5.00pm - 6.00pm - £3.00

**If paid on the day costs are as follows:**

Up until 4pm - £4.00

£3.00 per additional hour up to 6pm

All payments need to be paid prior to or on the day of the service required.

### **Lunchtime - Price increase from 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Caterlink have informed us that they will be increasing the cost of a lunch to £2.41. The current menu runs until the end of October so a new one will not be coming home at the start of next term. Spare copies are available at the office and on the website.

### **Outstanding debts**

The kitchen staff would appreciate all payments for lunches to be completely up to date by the end of tomorrow. Please ensure that all money owing is paid by **Thursday morning** so that our finance systems can be closed down for this school year. This includes outstanding debts for swimming, music lessons, breakfast club, trips, and school dinners. **Please check your school money account, which will tell you if anything remains to be paid.** If you cannot get onto your account, please contact the office who will help you or let you know if anything is owing.

## **Medicine and asthma pumps**

In line with guidelines set out by the school nursing team, before every summer holiday we will be returning all medicines and asthma pumps to parents. If there is anything in school that we hold for your child it will be sent home with your child before the end of term. If they need it again in September, please ensure that it is returned, clearly labelled and an asthma form is completed once term begins.

## **Lost property**

Once again, the lost property box is overflowing with lots of clothing including coats and footwear. If you are missing anything, please check the box before and after school. Please help us by clearly naming ALL items of clothing for September. If it is named it is always returned. Any un-named items will be given away from September.

Please remember to check out your local library and take part in the 'Summer Reading Challenge.' Reading every day over the summer will support your child to keep everything ticking over and give them a gift for life!

## **10 Benefits of Reading**

### **1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.**

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

### **2. Reading exercises our brain.**

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

### **3. Reading improves concentration.**

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

### **4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.**

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

### **5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.**

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

### **6. Reading develops a child's imagination.**

As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story, we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

### **7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.**

As children develop, they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

### **8. Reading is a fun.**

A book or an e-reader does not take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

### **9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.**

Reading together, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

### **10. Children who read achieve better in school.**

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

We wish all our families a fabulous summer break and already look forward to your safe return in September!

Yours sincerely

Susannah Storey, Headteacher and the St Day and Carharrack Team.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS



### Opal class

**Florence** for actively demonstrating how to make fair decisions based on the Golden Rules and supporting other pupils in class.

**Jessica** for always welcoming new challenges and for being a successful learner throughout the year. She is understanding, independent, positive and motivated. A true ray of sunshine!

### Jade Class

**Lowen** for great effort to improve the presentation of his work.

**Zachari** for working towards following our Golden Rules and having a positive time in school.

### Amber Class

**David** for showing a mature attitude and being responsible.

**Phoebe** for blossoming into a wonderful, focused learner and being a good friend to others.

### Topaz Class

**Finley** for some excellent and improved pieces of work recently such as an anti-smoking poster for adventure learning week and a Cornwall leaflet.

**Jacob** for being a wonderful role model to others around him and being one of our great pupil councillors this year.

### Emerald Class

**James** for being a kind, enthusiastic and motivated member of class.

**Cody** for an amazing piece of writing!

### Sapphire Class

**Ellie-Rose** for making positive changes that have stuck!

**Violet** for showing a real commitment to her learning including taking risks during whole class discussions. Well done, Violet!

### Turquoise Class

**Evie** for inspiring others and being a role model to all.

**Phoebe** for showing great courage on camp!

*We are very proud of ALL our children and their many achievements over the year.*

*You have all amazed us!*

*Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer break!*

