



School Bulletin Friday 6th October 2023

This week has been incredibly busy with several visitors from outside of the school working with our staff to ensure your children get the very best opportunities to learn. We had an entire day with our RWI support team on Monday and they spoke very highly about the skill of our staff and the behaviours for learning shown by your children. On Thursday I had a visit from our school improvement partner who is an ex headteacher and OFSTED inspector and acts as a critical friend to us all. He was also very positive about the school atmosphere and our pupils whilst also giving us a few new things to work on. I am very keen for us not to rest on our laurels after our OFSTED inspection which was almost a year ago now.

School trips

Oak class had the pleasure of meeting author Maz Evans this week who gave a very inspiring talk to our year 5 and 6 pupils and took the time to sign books. It is very important for our pupils to meet successful people from all walks of life. Oak class also visited Fowey secondary school on Thursday as they consider the schools they will be attending on the next part of their educational journeys.

Pupil Premium

If you believe your child qualifies to receive the pupil premium please come into school and talk to the office as you may be entitled to free school meals and reduced prices for school events. Also, the school receives additional funding for any children in receipt.

Holiday Requests

A polite reminder that we are **unable** to authorise holiday requests during term times unless they are for exceptional circumstances. We are very aware that holiday companies increase their prices during school holidays as of course there is an affect for our staff too. If your child has low attendance this will be investigated by the Educational Welfare team and school attendance team and may result in a fine. The decision to fine is **not** solely a school decision.

Residential Trips - Reminder

We now have final bookings and confirmation in place for 3 different residential trips next summer. I am very aware of the need to budget and plan payments and we think very carefully about the financial impact of catering for multiple children in school. As with all trips there will be a discount for pupil premium children.

Year 5 & 6 – London – June 11th to 13th 2024 – We have had **20 positive responses** to initial interest which is an amazing achievement and highlights the support you give to these events which in turn allows us to continue to offer them. We are aware that the price is the most expensive residential we offer (around £400) but still represents great value for money. We should be able to reclaim around £80 in travel costs pp. We will hold a parent/carer meeting soon.

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Year 3 & 4 – Porthpean – June 19th – 21st – After investigating a city break option for this year group we took the decision to move to an activity residential to provide better value. This will be a 2 night and 3-day activity based trip to Porthpean which is of course local. The projected price is £195 pp.

Year 2 – Canna Farm Campsite – June 27th – We are very pleased to be able to extend our offer to include year 2 with a 1-night camping trip to a local site, Canna Farm. The projected price is £15 pp.

Harvest Assembly

A massive thanks to everybody who collected food items for our harvest assembly this week. You managed to fill 2 tables! The foodbank are coming to collect everything next Wednesday when our house captains will hand over your donations.

Parents Forum – November 1st

After our very well attended parent forum in September please add to your diary the date of our next parent forum.

Key details are:

Start time of 3:30pm for 45 minutes to 1 hour

Refreshments

Childcare provided **free of charge**

Speakers include Chartwells (school caterers) who will be providing cake!

Meet the teacher time

We look forward to a packed hall again.

Attendance 2nd October – 6th October 2023 Whole School 96.8%

For all CELT schools this attendance threshold is set at 96% in line with national attendance data.

Ash	Beech	Sycamore	Oak
100%	95.3%	95.9%	97.5%

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring your children are in school regularly and therefore making the most of their educational opportunities. It is great to see us back over the national standard again.

Congratulations to **ASH** class.

I hope you get the chance to spend some time outdoors this weekend as the weather forecast looks fantastic.

Best Wishes,

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Congratulations to our Celebration Award Winners

Ash	Star of the week – Louie GLEE - Max Maths – Roan
Beech	Star of the week – Isla GLEE – Jude Maths – Jasmine
Sycamore	Star of the week – Amy GLEE – Harry Maths – Jude
Oak	Star of the week – Izzy GLEE – Alex Maths – Jayden

Dates For Your Diary

13 th September	Parent/carer Forum – 3:30pm
18 th September	Clubs start
29 th September	Individual & sibling photos
3 rd October	Harvest assembly
4 th October	Oak Class trip to White River Cinema – author talk
6 th October	School council announced
10 th October	Ash class trip to Heligan
16 th October	Half term
30 th October	Autumn Term 2 begins
1 st November	Parent forum – childcare provided
8 th November	Flu immunisation programme
13 th November	Parent/carer consultations
27 th November	KS2 assessment week
7 th December	Christmas Fayre
12 th December	Ash class Nativity
13 th December	Carol service
14 th December	Whole school Pantomime @ HFC
15 th December	Last day of term – Christmas sing-a-long