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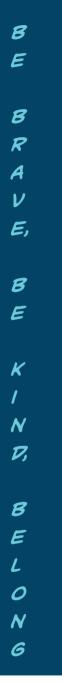
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### July Newsletter Summer 2024



# Diary Dates

### <u>July</u>

22nd Leavers assembly at 1.30pm followed by Year 6 BBQ 23rd 3pm Clapping Out 23rd Term Ends

### <u>September</u>

3rd Non-pupil day 4th Non-pupil day 5th Children return - first day of school year



### Head of School Welcome



Dear Parents/Carers,

well it is very nearly the time to say farewell and to wish everyone in Team St Minver the happiest of summer holidays.

'St Minver School' is a very special community and it has been my honour to be the Head of School these last six years. I am glad and sad in equal measure to be leaving, but I am taking very many happy memories with me.

I am excited for Mrs Warren and the Team as she steps now into the Head of School role, to guide the school through its next stage. Change is good and I know Team St Minver is ready to continue its learning journey with Mrs Warren at the helm. I will be an avid Facebook follower and can't wait to see what learning adventures all your children are taking part in.

I have been lucky to work with a wonderful team of talented and generous teachers, caring and enthusiastic support staff and not forgetting the one who keeps us all sane and in order, Miss Martin! I am so grateful to them all.

Most importantly I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the children past and present, who each and every day have reminded me that I chose the right career path for me. What a privilege to spend my working days with your precious people - thank you for lending them and for supporting us in so many ways!

We look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday for our traditional 'clapping out' - I'll be the one with the big sunglasses on!

Farewell to all leavers - remember to 'Be brave, be kind, belong' ... always! #TeamStMinverforever

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Children come back to school on Thursday 5th September.

Mrs J Rodwell Head of School

### Stars of the week

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



#### Cowrie Class

For his passion and enthusiasm towards learning.

For being such a kind and caring friend.

For always doing her best and giving everything 100%.



#### Daymer Class

The whole class for working so hard in Year I and doing us proud!



#### Greenaway Class

All of Year 2 for a fantastic year of learning in Greenaway Class.

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## House Points

Throughout the week, pupils are awarded house points for demonstrating our school values, progress in learning, fantastic effort in different challenges and for contributing to the life of the school. Each week house points are tallied up and the total shared with the children in our celebrations assembly.

Here are the final scores from February half term, it was very close! So an extra play next week for everyone ... and an extra, extra play for everyone in St Enodoc Team!



### Out and About with Team St Minver!



Little Cowries enjoyed matching number to quantity outside in the sunshine. The Big Cowries loved every minute of their surfing session with George's Surf School! They are all now absolutely hooked on catching the waves! Thank you George for this amazing opportunity!



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Lundy class enjoyed a musical extravaganza today. They experienced music from around the globe including playing taiko drums from Japan and digeridoos from Australia. They also met the incredible beatbox artist Beatfox, who wowed them with his talents. Finally, they enjoyed the sonds of a samba band where they kept a rhythm superbly. What a marvellous day, where the children showed us their musical talents in abundance.





Lundy Class have created their own textile artwork using a range of techniques including planning, fabric painting and sewing. They have created beautiful finished pieces based on the natural world, which were inspired by the artist Hannah Rae.

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Y6 have a super Enterprise Day and raised over £450! The children worked so hard on their businesses and all of the children had a wonderful day! Thank you to everyone for all your help and support.



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# Out and About with Team St Minver!



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We have had a busy few weeks in Greenaway Class. During our maths lessons, we have been learning to represent data in different ways. We enjoyed carrying out an investigation to find out which was the most popular number rolled on a dice and used a tally chart to record our findings. In English, we used our VIPERS skills to help us match descriptions from the book 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris to the different dragons in her book. We enjoyed pretending to be Normans and Saxons during our PE session to act out the Battle of Hastings during an invasion game. Finally, thank you very much for the lovely baby photos that were sent in. The children had great fun playing a game of 'Guess Who?' and it helped us to really think about how we have changed since we were a baby. We recognised some of the baby photos straight away but some were rather tricky!



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Porthilly Class have been busy designing and making wallets and purses. We have learnt how to do a back, running and blanket stitch and consider the purpose of our design.



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Daymer class have been celebrating the end of Year I with a teddy bear's picnic. The children have been so busy all week, planning picnic food and making sandwiches and decorations. Today we got outside in the glorious sunshine with our teddy bears and had an amazing picnic!



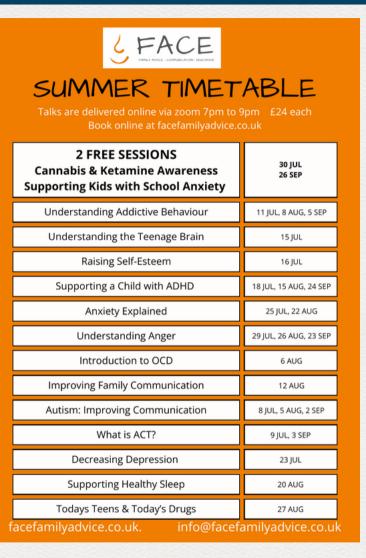


### SEND Information: Mrs Hewitt



Our SENDCO is Mrs Hewitt. Mrs Hewitt works at St Minver on Tuesdays and also on Thursdays and Fridays when she teaches Porthilly Class.

If you would like to contact Mrs Hewitt about your child's additional needs please email hello@stminver.org, telephone or call into the school office to make an appointment.



Along with all the lovely things that

summer entails, there are some sensory challenges posed by the change in weather, daylight hours,

breaks from school routines, eating

outdoors, travelling and staying in holiday accommodation. The link below will take you to a PDF which will provide you with practical tips

and suggestions to help those experiencing sensory integration or

sensory processing differences better

manage the sensory challenges of

summer.



## Attendance

Children from Team St Minver have missed 178 days of learning due to holidays taken in term time, for the spring term 2024.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As of 19th August 2024, the government's new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence (including unauthorised holidays) comes into effect.

#### \*This affects when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall\*

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period

A parent will no longer be able to take their child out of school for one week's holiday without a potential penalty notice being issued.

There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160, if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available. This may include prosecution for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

### **Reporting Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return.

You may either phone the office on 01208 862496 and leave a message or alternatively send an email to hello@stminver.org.

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g
- sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return

### Leave of Absence



We recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head of School using the school's request form.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold set Aspire Academy Trust. For all Aspire schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

#### POP-UP KIDS CINEMA AFTERNOON WITH PIZZA - THE LION KING! (U)

Join us at Pengenna Manor for our next kid's cinema event, held in the gorgeous surroundings of our historic Cowyard Barn, with specially created delicious mini pizzas from Lostwithiel's own Kernowforno. Come and let the kids run around in our beautiful grounds whilst the team at Kernowforno prepare your super fresh pizza made to order, and then settle down to watch Disney's original Lion King on our big 120 inch cinema screen!

Wednesday 7th August 2024 Open from 3pm Film starts 4pm £10 per child which includes entrance to the film showing, one small freshly-made wood-fired pizza, and FREE entry for one adult.

#### Extra adult tickets £6. Adult pizzas available to order on the day priced between £7 and £10.

The kids pizza menu:

- Cheesy Garlic Bread
- Margherita
- Ham and Mushroom or Pineapple
- Pepperoni
- Veggie mix 2 choices out of onions, mushrooms, sweetcorn, peppers and courgette

WE'RE OFFERING PUPILS OF ST MINVER SCHOOL A SPECIAL LOCALS DISCOUNT. USE CODE 'STMINVERCINEMA' TO GET 20% OFF! TO BOOK VISIT OUR WEBSITE

AT www.pengennamanor.co.uk/public-events



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# Summer Reading Challenge

#### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence - last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

#### Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- · The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- · Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- · Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations. Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency https://readingagency.org.uk/ and delivered in partnership with the public library network. <u>https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone</u>

#### How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local Cornwall Library and sign up. Your child will:

- · Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- · Receive a Challenge booklet and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.
- Online. Take part online. Sign up on the https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/
- · Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- · Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

The Challenge will launch on 6 July. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact lib.comms@cornwall.gov.uk

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### Summer Sports

### **Activity Sessions**



Our summer holiday activity sessions are packed with exciting and engaging activities including: dodgeball, tennis, archery, fencing, kin ball, golf, frisbee golf, basketball, netball, football, dance, gymnastics, cricket, rounders, badminton, volleyball and lots more.

The sessions are designed to fuel imaginations, encourage learning, team building, confidence boosting and resilience - all while making new friends and keeping active.



### Bikeability Summer Holiday Sessions

- Between Monday 29th July and Wednesday 24th August
- At the Sports Centre, Callington Community College PL17 8PJ
- Please bring a bike without stabilisers and safety helmet

 For more information on each Bikeability programme and how to check your bike is road worthy Scan Here

### Free Learn To Ride - Scan To Book

- Ages 4-16
- Sessions are one hour, most children only require one session
- From balancing to pedalling

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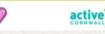
Scan To Book - Level 1 and 2 Ages 9-16 years old

- 0930 to 1400 includes a hot meal
- Level 1 is taught off road building

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confidence and skills needed for Level 2

Free to FSM pupils or £10 per session



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Bodmin / Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter

The Point at Polzeath is teaming up with Archie's London to host a fantastic summer kids club this August.

Dates: July 29th to August 31st, Monday to Saturday Activities: Survival games, beach olympics, coasteering, tennis, tshirt tie-die and more

Options: Full week, single day or half day sessions (lunch not included for half-day bookings)

Bookings can only be made via Archie's London using the link below

https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/archies-the-point-atpolzeath-summer-camp-wadebridge-129fb986-c3dc-4e8d-98bf-61a8073973d0

Find out more about Archie's London <u>https://www.archies-uk.com/camps</u>



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### **SUMMER CLUBS**



#### SHAKESPEARE SHENANIGANS

Tuesday 30 July 10-3pm For 9-11 years

#### £20 or bursaries available

Discover what makes a great story, how to create and use shadow puppetry to bring that story to life!

#### STORY ADVENTURERS

Tuesday 6 August 10-3pm For 6-8 years

#### £20 or bursaries available

The Story Adventurers take a well-known

story and let it run loose in different directions with making, craft, reading and writing.

Book: www.thewritersblock.org.uk/events

### This summer, The Writers' Block are excited to offer two fantastic clubs for children to explore their creativity, uncover their talents, and have a blast!

Shakespeare Shenanigans 10-3pm Tues 30 July Kresen Kernow, Little Vauxhall, Redruth TR15 1AS Tickets: £20 (bursaries available)

Join The Writers Block for a fun packed day of shenanigans, exploring one of Shakespeare's most popular plays - A Midsummer Night's Dream. Led by playwright Sarah Connors, revel in the mischief of the forest as we re-enact this magical story through creative writing, art and performance. This workshop is suggested for 9-11s, however all children interested are welcome.

Story Adventurers Tuesday 6 August 10-3pm Kresen Kernow, Little Vauxhall, Redruth TR15 1AS Tickets: £20 (bursary spaces available)

Join us for an interactive session of story, making and doing workshop with Jo Lumber. The Story Adventurers take a well-known story and let it run loose in different directions with making, craft, reading and writing. Bring your ideas and imagination! We suggest this workshop is suitable for 6-8s, however all children are welcome.

Please note, parents are to drop off children and children are to bring own lunch. \* We can offer 5 fully funded places for children in receipt of Free School Meals or income related JSA. To apply for a free place, please email grace.davies@keap.org.uk for the code.

Bookings: https://thelittleboxoffice.com/thewritersblock

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# Safeguarding - E Safety

### Talking to your child about online safety



Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed.

It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

But it's easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

### Age-appropriate conversations

Considering your children's age and ability will help you decide how to speak to them.

For under-IIs

- Resources like Talk PANTS will help
- Make sure you're using language they can understand.
- If you suspect grooming or exploitation, you can report this directly to CEOP.

For older children and teenagers

Their needs and behaviour will be changing and they may find talking to you about difficult topics embarrassing.

They will still look to you for support, so it's worth continuing to check in with them regularly, even if there's nothing they want to talk about.

There are some tips on our <u>Positive Parenting guide</u> and on our page on <u>talking about difficult topics</u>.

Information from the NSPCC website - <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/</u>

If you would like any support with e-safety at home, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

# Safeguarding - E Safety

### Internet Safety for Parents & Carers

Helping you make informed choices on what content your child accesses through internetconnected devices

# www.aspireacademytrust.org/esafety

If you would like any support with e-safety at home, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

# Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the physical or mental welfare of a child or young person and you wish to speak to someone about it, you can contact the MARU (Multi-agency Referral Unit) on the following numbers:

Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm: 0300 123 1116 Evenings & weekends: 01208 251300

Police (Non-emergency): 101

Internet Safety

If you are searching for support and are worried about this being tracked by an abuser in the home, please use a **private or incognito tab** when browsing as this **will not save on your search history**.

Domestic Abuse advise - First Light: 0300 777 4777

Support in your area

You can walk into a local BOOTS pharmacy and ask for **`ANI'** (Say, "I'm asking for Annie") or ask to access their **`Safe Spaces'** where you will get support with domestic abuse. There will be a trained member of staff.

You can also download and access the Bright Sky app safely. This will give you access to a directory of support agencies and help lines.

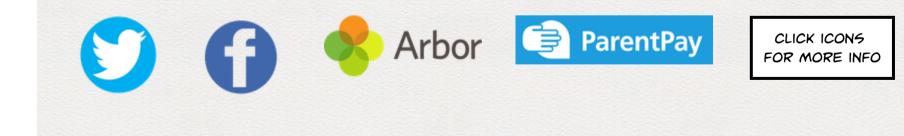
<u>Our designated safeguarding leads are, Mrs Rodwell, Mrs Warren, Mrs Cray and Miss</u> <u>Martin</u>

# Staying in Touch



### Notifying change of circumstances

Please tell us of any changes to you or your child's personal details (i.e name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical details, email address or relationship change). Certain changes may be updated directly via the Arbor Parent Portal, however if you have any difficulty please email the school office at: hello@stminver.org or call 01208 862496.





### Thank you for reading!