



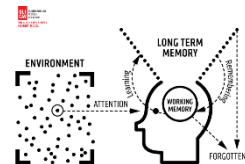
St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 8th November 2024

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. It has been great to welcome the children back to school for the second half of the autumn term; we have a busy time ahead leading up to Christmas but it's such a special time of year and one we will enjoy together along the way. It was also fantastic to see so many of you at the fireworks display arranged by our wonderful PTA last night. We're privileged to be immersed in such bright community spirit; all raising money to support our brilliant school. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organising and delivery and to those of you who supported the event. The amount raised has blown us away: £2241.50! Just wow!

Head's Assembly I meet with the children every Tuesday morning and this half term we are continuing to delve into the 'Be Brave' part of our school motto. Being committed to our learning takes bravery and courage and over the course of the next few weeks we will be looking at what it means to be committed to our learning and how we can demonstrate this commitment.



One of the interesting ideas that we will be exploring together is The Cognitive Load Theory. The teachers and the children are going to be finding ways to reduce cognitive load so that they can commit more useful information to our memories (in other words, how we can learn more). This week I shared the Willingham's Simple Memory Model with the children, and we discussed how our environment can play a part in overloading our brain. Which leads me to our **weekly challenge** ...



Our challenge this week involves keeping our classrooms tidy with space for the things we really need to support our learning. Of course, children who require additional tools and resources will keep these things close by, but the challenge is to take note of what's around you and decide what you really need and what is taking up valuable space on our desks and in our brains.

Clubs: New club information is attached to this email and places will be available to book from 6pm this evening.

Children in Need, Friday 15th November: We will be raising money for Children in Need by inviting the children to wear non-school uniform, bring in their pennies to place on Pudsey and by holding a cake sale. Donations for wearing non-uniform will be via ParentPay and please support the cake sale by donating your bakes on the morning of the 15th through the school office. The cake sale will be at the front of school at 3.15pm.

Ordering Lunches via ParentPay: As we expected, there have been some glitches with moving over to the system of ordering the children's lunches at home. ParentPay have assured us that they are working on this and the issues should be rectified very soon!

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School Council: I'm delighted to announce our newly elected school council members for this academic year. Well done to: **Freya** and **Skye** (Daymer Class), **Bow, Ned** and **Billie** (Greenaway Class), **Olive, Louis** and **Lillie-Mae** (Lundy Class), **Jemima** and **Freddie** (Polzeath Class), **Connie** and **Digory** (Yr 5) and **Finlay** and **Izzy** (Yr 6) (Rock Class). I am really looking forward to working with you all! School council meetings take place on **Mondays 3.15pm – 4pm**.

Christmas Fair Following on from a successful school Christmas Fair last year we will be holding this year's event on **Tuesday 10th December**. Each class will have crafts to sell and a game to play. We would also like to offer the opportunity for our school families to be involved and sell or promote their businesses. The wonderful Mordros Designs and Senna's Scents by Steph Simms will be joining us with their fabulous wares. Please get in touch if you would also like to take part in this opportunity with a small percentage of your takings being donated to St Minver School.

Upcoming dates...

- Monday 11th November – New clubs start this week**
- Tuesday 12th November – Nasal Flu Immunisations**
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need (non-uniform day)**
- Thursday 21st November – Cornish Parliament Day – County Hall (selected School Council members)**
- Monday 25th November – KS2 Cross Country Event**
- Wednesday 27th November – Reception children vision screening**
- Fridays throughout December – Wear your Christmas jumper!**
- Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Fair**
- Wednesday 11th December – Cowrie Christmas Celebration 9am-10am**
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas Lunch**
- Friday 13th December – Secret Room**
- Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Plays (KS1 pm, KS2 pm, KS2 eve)**
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Play (KS1 – eve)**
- Friday 20th December – Christmas term ends**

Please share dates to class WhatsApp groups as I am aware that not everyone has a chance to read the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to pop in to see me if you need to.

Kind regards,

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Stars of the Week



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| Daymer | Bodhi For making a fantastic start to life at St Minver and showing us straight away that he's a great learner. Purdey For her consistent positivity and enthusiasm, and for showing impressive commitment to her learning. Eloise For trying her best to listen carefully. |
| Greenaway | Finn For answering questions and working hard to increase the amount of work completed in a lesson. Lenny For excellent maths work. |
| Lundy | Myles For enthusiastic extra home learning. Xander For super setting description writing |
| Polzeath | Noah For using super expanded noun phrases in his writing about Thespina and the Scorpion. Harry For making great progress in maths and showing how accurately he can use column subtraction. |
| Rock | Digory For some wonderful descriptive sentences. Ava For showing such commitment and determination in every aspect of her learning |

Special Mentions

Thank you to ... **Ollie B, Heidi and Maddox (Polzeath Class)** for the kindness and inclusivity they demonstrate in their play during breaktimes.

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