St Hilary School

## Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your child in the second half of the Summer Term. The class are booked in to attend 6 surfing lessons with **‘Shore Surf’, at the St Ives Bay Holiday Park**.

These sessions aim to provide the children with experience of sea swimming, develop each individuals surfing skills and provide high quality practical ocean safety training. They will be run by a team of professionally qualified instructors (there are enough to support the nervous, teach the basics and stretch the more able). From experience, we are sure that the children will have a great time and that the sessions provide an excellent extension to the swimming lessons they received earlier in their school career - it is amazing to see how their confidence and capability increase over the block of lessons!

The dates for the sessions are below:

* Session 1 – Thursday 6th June (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)
* Session 2 – Thursday 13th June (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)
* Session 3 – Thursday 20th June (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)
* Session 4 – Thursday 27th June (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)
* Session 5 – Thursday 4th July (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)
* Session 6 – Monday 8th July (leave school 9.00, return to school for 12.30pm)

Each session provides the children with two hours learning time. With the school continuing its financial investment in the swimming development of our pupils, we have done everything we can to keep the expense to a minimum. As a result, the cost of the sessions to parents is £40. This cost covers the teaching, equipment hire and transport to and from the surf centre (two school minibuses and a Shore Surf Minibus.

Please can you make your ***payments for these sessions in advance*** ***of the lessons*** via the gateway payment system; advanced payment greatly assists with organisation and administration of the lessons.

Your child will need to bring the following to each lesson:

* Swimming costume / trunks to wear under a wetsuit (this is particularly important if they are borrowing one of the centre’s wetsuits)
* Underwear – often when children wear their swimming costume under their uniform in preparation they forget to pack anything to replace their wet things!
* Towel
* Sun-block – please ensure that it is applied to face, ears, neck before school (really important even on overcast days please!)
* Packed lunch and drink – please let me know if your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like the kitchen to provide this.
* ***Optional*** their own wetsuit (it must be full-length and for the first sessions we would recommend winter weight) - ***please do not rush out and purchase one as the centre provides excellent quality wetsuits for all.***

I am sure you agree that this represents both an exciting and rewarding learning experience.

I will write again soon with further details of camp, transition, the summer term curriculum and end of year leavers activity dates. Thanks for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Rob Hamshar