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Happy New Year and welcome to the term of Spring 2020!

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that some of those New Year resolutions are still hanging in there. It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday rested, smiling and ready for the term ahead!

This term we shall be continuing to develop our curriculum alongside our partner 'Leading Edge' schools. At the end of last term subject leaders met with leaders from the other schools and looked at the key concepts which children should learn for each subject. This was also a great opportunity for professionals to reflect on their subjects and consider how these could be developed further.

Over the term, we shall be developing subject/project 'knowledge organisers' which aim to give a really clear picture of the knowledge that each child will learn in each subject - we look forward to introducing these to you as they develop.

Clubs begin next week and hopefully you will have received an email earlier in the week to explain our new club booking system. Apart from a couple of technical hitches, it seems to have worked well but please do get in touch if you are having issues with it. Hopefully this will be a successful way of communicating which dates the clubs are running and allow us to improve our registering and monitoring systems. We do encourage children (particularly in Years 3-6) to attend at least 1 activity per week. We also try to provide a good range of clubs and we are really grateful to the teachers and volunteer helpers as without them putting in this time, there simply wouldn't be the opportunities available.

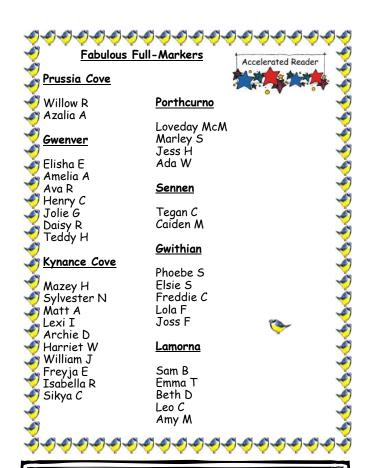
Please could I also take this opportunity to remind people of our stance regarding late arrival at school as unfortunately we do have a number of children arriving late on a daily basis. Children who do arrive late to school miss out on the 'social' aspect of the beginning of the day and often feel 'flustered' when they arrive which does not get their day off to a good start. Teachers work hard to prepare 'morning settling activities' which often recap on previous learning or practise essential skills and children who arrive late miss out on this learning.

If children do arrive late to school, then we have a legal responsibility to mark this as an **unauthorised absence**. Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis and if absence and lateness is at an unacceptable level (below 91%) then this will lead to reporting to our Education Welfare Officer who will then pick up individual cases and can ultimately lead to prosecution.

On Monday we are looking forward to our new minibus arriving! We are extremely grateful to our PTA and all who have supported our fundraising events to make this happen. Initially the new bus will be without sign writing but this will be done over the next few weeks. Exciting!

We look forward to continuing to work with you this term and as always, if you have any queries or comments then please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Kelley Butcher



MATHS SHED

Mathstronaut - Isabella R Top Class - Kynance Cove



SPELLING SHED

Speller of the Week - Malia W Top Class - Gwenver

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Kynance Cove with 98.8% Well done all.



TERM DATES 2020

SPRING TERM - 6th January 2020 - 27th March 2020

Half Term - w/c 17th February 2020

End of Term - 27th March 2020

SUMMER TERM - 14th April 2020 - 23rd July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday - 8th May 2020

Half Term - w/c 25th May 2020

Training Day - 1st June 2020

End of term - 21st July 2020

AUTUMN TERM - 3rd September 2020 - 18th December

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Half Term - w/c 26th October 2020

End of Term - 18th December 2020





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We have had what looks like a Fit-bit handed in to school, so if you have lost one then please come in and enquire at the school office.

FUNZONE Please could any parents who wish to book their child(ren) in to Funzone do this via the school office and not in the planners or via class teachers. Also if you have booked your child(ren) in and then find you are able to collect or have someone else collect at the normal time, please ring and cancel the booking to free up the space for other parents. Thank you.

