

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well and that you had a lovely Christmas! The children have settled back into the school routine quickly and have had a busy first four days.



Year 1 have been settling in with their new teacher, Miss Pedlar, and have been focusing on different ways of making 10, using cubes, numicon, part whole models and ten frames. The children have enjoyed exploring the new layout of the classroom and particularly the new shop, which has enhanced their maths learning.



Chance to Shine Cricket

The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the Chance to Shine programme this term. The focus on participation and high levels of activity throughout the course has engaged our learners. The children have had great fun as cricket created a buzz every week throughout the school. Staff have enjoyed high quality CPD and will use the games and drills in their PE lessons supported by the lesson plans on the portal. Piran has been amazing and given a boost to our PE provision. We are looking forward to fielding some teams in the competitions linked to the skills we have learned next year with our new equipment which we were presented with for being recognised as school of the term.

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Aspire Admission Arrangements 2023-24 Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2021, the Directors of Aspire Academy Trust (AAT) are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2023/24 school year with regard to the academies within the Trust. Information on the consultation can be viewed on our School website under links and downloads or Aspire Academy Trust website (www.aspireacademytrust.org) under school admissions.

Aspire Covid-19 Information Page

As of Tuesday 11th January 2021, anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. This change has happened since the letter from the Aspire CEO, Vanessa Bragg, was written, which is accurate up to Monday 10th January 2022. To keep more up-to-date parents/carers can refer to the Aspire web page using the link below

<https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

Starting School – September 2022

A reminder that if you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you need to apply for a place in a reception class. The deadline for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.



Starting school
September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school or a local nursery or pre-school does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?
Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191

www.cornwall.gov.uk

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2022

Applying for a reception class place for September 2022

Special Educational Needs
If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information. Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

- 1 Decide on your preferred schools**
You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...
...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.
...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.
...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.
...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.
- 2 Submit your application by 15 January 2022**
Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
- 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**
If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 19 April 2022.** Apply on time! Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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The Minack Theatre – Drama Group

As part of their Outreach programme, The Minack Theatre are starting a new drama group for children who have experienced trauma in their lives. The group will run weekly on Thursday's from 5:00pm – 6:30pm at the Humphry Davy School Drama room and is free of charge. During the sessions, the children will have the opportunity to check in with the two group leaders who are both very highly trained and experienced in trauma and mental health.

Please see letter with full details below for any parent/carer who feels their child/children would benefit. Spaces are very limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis. The group sizes will be kept small to ensure each child's names are met.



New drama group for young people who are/ have experienced adversity, loss, or challenge in their lives

As part of The Minack Theatre's outreach programme we are looking to set up a new Penzance based weekly performing arts group. This would be initially aimed at young people of primary school age who have experienced adversity and are disadvantaged in some way. Whose learning and resilience would be particularly served by involvement in creative play and drama activities. Entry to this group will be based on a referral from a professional who is working with the child or their family.

Drama: Through games, role play, acting, puppetry, movement, and music:

- Builds confidence, creativity, and imaginative play.
- Encourages, cooperation, teamwork, and social interaction.
- Helps with language and communication skills
- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops empathy
- Gives opportunities to practice for life through role play and storytelling.
- Gives opportunities to practice decision making and problem-solving skills (critical thinking)
- Develops emotional intelligence and resilience
- Enables taking 'risks' in a safe and supported environment.
- Works within clear rules and boundaries.
- It is above all **FUN!!**

The group will be kept to a small number and led by Tori Cannell and Pam Stirrat. Tori has a BA Hons in youth and community work, a PG cert in mentoring and coaching and is a Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools practitioner, as well as a Mental Health First Aider. She has over 30 years' experience of working creatively with children and young people who have experienced adversity. This includes her recent employment of 10 years at Carefree Cornwall, working with young people in and leaving care, where she was also designated safeguarding lead. Pam has a degree in Psychology and has training in person-centered counselling. She has an interest in attachment theory through voluntary work with adopted children and helping to establish a support group for their adoptive parents. Pam has been a school governor for 12 years at both a local primary and secondary school with a particular focus on SEN and Safeguarding.

The Minack Theatre Trust CIO
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The content of the programme will be driven by the needs, interests and aspirations of the group and developed with them through discussion and reflection on their experience in the sessions.

We are aiming for the group to start on 20th January as a twilight session running after school, 5-6.30pm in the Humphry Davy School, Drama room. We will provide snacks and refreshments for the beginning of the session and an opportunity to 'check-in' about their day before we move into the activities.

For more information and or a referral form please contact: Education@minack.com

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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.5 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 1	99.0 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 6	99.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	98.6 %

Congratulations to all our classes this week who all reached above our target attendance of 96%.

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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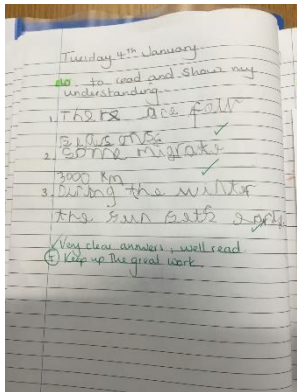
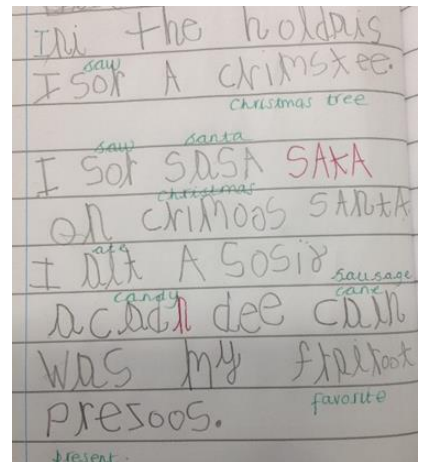


Year R – George

For roleplaying '5 Currant Buns' during maths, practising his subtraction abilities with confidence and skill. Well done George!

Year 1 – Miriam

For a fantastic independent write about her Christmas holidays, using her phonics skills to help her spell some tricky words and showing lovely, neat handwriting. Well done Miriam!

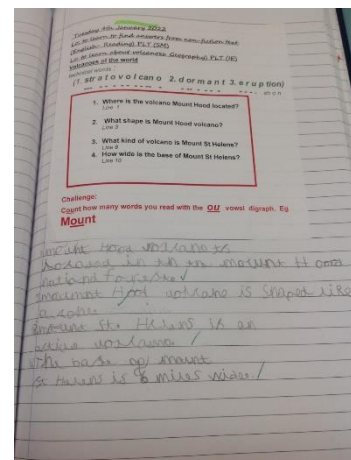


Year 2 – Henry

For coming back from the Christmas holidays with an amazing work ethic and completing some fantastic pieces of work in all subjects. Well done Henry – keep it up!

Year 3 – Archie

For his super effort in maths and reading new vocabulary in comprehension about volcanoes. Well done Archie!



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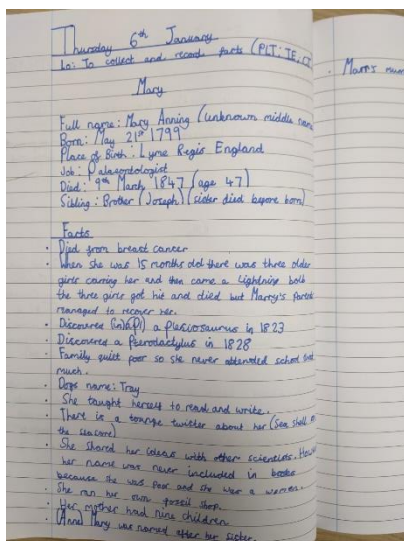
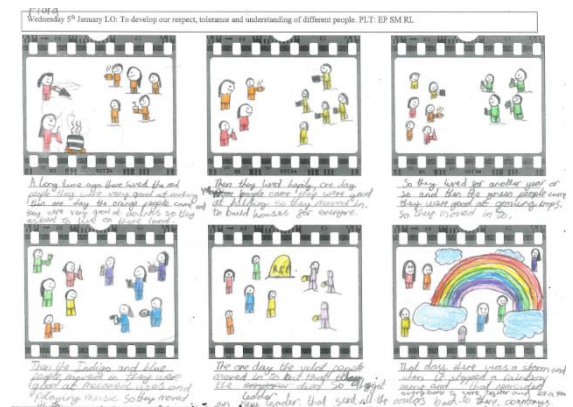
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Year 4 – Amelia H

For her enthusiasm, great co-operation and imaginative dance moves in PE this week. Well done Amelia!

Year 5 – Flora

For her amazing film strip of the Land of the Red People as part of our SCARF topic about developing respect, tolerance and understanding of different people.



Year 6 – Lexie

For her marvellous work during our literacy lessons. Lexie listens carefully and shares her ideas with growing confidence. Well done Lexie!

Kind Regards,

J. Eddy

Mrs Eddy
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