



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and weathered the storm this week.

### *Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2- Dolphin and Puffin Class*

Our re-organisation of the library is almost complete and all children in Puffin and Dolphin Classes have taken a star reader test to assess their reading ability. This system provides us with a wealth of information as your child reads and quizzes on their books and we will be sharing your child's progress at the upcoming parents meetings in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Research has shown that children who read regularly tend to have improved cognitive and language development, better comprehension skills, and excel academically. But reading is not just about academic success; it opens up a world of opportunities and experiences.

To promote a reading culture within our school, we have several initiatives in place:

**Library Resources:** Our school library has been re-organised according to the accelerated reader level system so that children can read a book that matches their ability. We aim to make our library a place stocked with a wide variety of books for all ages and interests. Children are encouraged to visit the library regularly to borrow books that pique their curiosity.

**Reading Rewards:** Your child has a bookmark on which they can earn a 'holepunch' for each successful quiz passed. 10 successful quizzes earns them a prize.

**Reading Buddies:** Every Wednesday children take part in Buddy reading. We pair older children with younger ones as "Reading Buddies". This not only helps younger children develop their reading skills but also fosters a sense of responsibility and mentorship among older children.

**Author Visits:** We invite authors to visit our school to inspire our students with their stories and experiences. These visits provide insight into the world of writing and encourage students to explore their creative sides.

### *How can you support your child's reading?*

Here are some simple ways to encourage your child to read at home:

- Set aside dedicated time for reading each day, but a minimum of 3 times a week.
- Discuss the books your child is reading, ask questions, and show genuine interest in their choices.
- Be a reading role model by reading yourself and discussing books.
- Visit the local library with your child.

*Accelerated Reader Parent Information Meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 2:45pm*

I would like to invite you to a parent meeting to learn about how your child uses Accelerated Reader on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm in the school hall.



## Celebration Assembly

You will notice that the awards for each class have changed slightly. Each week there will be 3 certificates awarded in each class.

### Congratulations to our certificate winners this week...

Seal Class	Star of the Week	Billie
	English Star	Ellen
	Maths Star	Evie
Puffin Class	Star of the Week	Josie
	English Star	Sienna
	Maths Star	Mia
Dolphin Class	Star of the Week	Barney
	English Star	Willow
	Maths Star	Eva

Kind Regards,

Emma Williams  
Headteacher

### Whole School Attendance this week 94.7%

For all CELT schools the attendance threshold is set at 96% in line with national attendance data.

Seals	Puffins	Dolphins
<b>94.5%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>

### \*\*\*ART PROJECT: WE NEED PLASTIC DRINKS BOTTLES\*\*\*

As part of the Port Isaac Lights Parade the children will be making lanterns to carry in the procession. Please can you send in any empty 2 litre plastic drinks bottles to use in our 'make'.

Many Thanks



## Friends of the School: Non uniform days for the Christmas Fair

Thanks to Friends of the School who organised and ran the school disco earlier this week. Great fun was had by all and there were amazing costumes. They made £81, which goes into the pot to benefit all children by contributing towards or paying for resources and events/trips.

We have 3 upcoming non-uniform days:

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	FOS non-uniform day. Bring an item for the Tombola or Toiletries for the raffle
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	FOS non-uniform day. Bring a bottle of something or box of chocolates, biscuits for the raffle.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOS non-uniform day. Bring an item for the Christmas Hamper. (list to be posted nearer the date)

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend so please come along.

## Bag2School

Start saving your clothing, shoes, textiles etc ready for collection on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** (just in time for a pre-Christmas clear out!).

We accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



## What's On?

We will add important dates to the newsletter and school calendar.

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	FOS meeting 2.00 pm in school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	FOS non-uniform day. Bring an item for the Tombola or Toiletries for the raffle
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Accelerated Reader Meeting @ 2:45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	FOS non-uniform day. Bring a bottle of something or box of chocolates, biscuits for the raffle.
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents meetings. Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Puffins ~Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Dolphins~ Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Seals
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y1 Hearing Screening- details to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & Family School Photographs
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOS non-uniform day. Bring an item for the Christmas Hamper. (list to be posted nearer the date)
	FOS Christmas Quiz sheets will be available from School, the Co-op or The Peapod
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Event: Port Isaac Lights Parade- children are creating lantern artwork in school for the parade and families are invited to join the procession. Details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening Church Service- details to be confirmed
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Festive Dress Day Christmas Dinner in school.
	FOS Secret Santa – details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Autumn Term
16 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term