



## A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

WELCOME BACK! We all hope you have had a wonderful summer and we can see from the children's eager faces they are all well rested and ready for the new academic year.

What a wonderful first week we have had! We are so very proud of how well our very new and youngest children have settled in along with all our new staff, Mr Head, Mr Anderson, Mr Prendergast and Mrs Kelly, who have been equally as nervous starting afresh in a new school.

LUNCHTIME – we have been thrilled with how quickly the new Puffins have learnt the lunch time routine. With so many children now having hot school dinners, we have brought in additional lunch time help to ensure all the children enjoy their lunch time and have eaten well. This term we will be focusing more closely on healthy lunches and snacks as we are working towards gaining our healthy schools award. Please can I remind parents to ensure all snacks and lunch boxes contain healthy options for your children to enjoy during the day. KS1 pupils still receive free fresh fruit and do not need to bring a snack to school. A huge thank you goes to our two wonderful chefs, Sharon and Helen, who have ensured all food is cooked to a high standard and is served on time.

UNIFORM – it is lovely to see pupils looking so smart in correct school uniform. Please could I remind parents to ensure all items are named, even shoes! Please don't forget to name PE kits and coats too! It does help our staff match the right clothing item to the correct child.

PLAYTIMES – as we have split age classes in KS2, the children are now able to play in all areas within their KS2 playground within the guidelines of our playground rules that apply to certain areas. All staff have been delighted to see the children play with such consideration of others. With the additional benefit of the sun shining, it has been a joy to see them all involved in structured and well organised playtimes. Well done to all!

NEW CLASSROOMS and LIBRARY – this week the children returned to their newly named classrooms which are now proudly displayed on each classroom door. Not only have the Kingfishers adopted their new name but have also moved into their new classroom which has been a great success. It's like they have always been there. The FOPS Library is now fully furnished and looking wonderful, thanks to all the hard work with so many involved in the fundraising. We aim for the children to be able to access the new juniorlibrarian.net facility next week. We are also very excited about launching our after school library sessions for parents and their children to enjoy together. As from the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the library will be open after school from 3pm until 5pm every Wednesday and will be run by Mrs Jo Cameron. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult to attend this session.

CLUBS – you will notice that we are sending home a long list of clubs for your children to choose from. We are pleased to be able to offer a good range that we hope will provide something for everyone. There may be more clubs on offer as the term progresses.

SAMBA – very exciting news! As from next week, all of our KS2 children will receive samba lessons for one session each week. We have this week taken delivery of a large number of rather large and no doubt, very noisy samba instruments. So listen out for some samba beats filtering through the village as from next Thursday!

NEW LAPTOPS – we now have 15 new laptops and 5 standalone computers in school that can be accessed by all classes. Our aim is to purchase more in the near future and we hope that this year's fundraising will focus on continuing to develop IT at our school for all children to enjoy. The first FOPS meeting of this academic year will take place at school, in the new FOPS library on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Last year was a huge success. Please come along and join in the fun and bring your fundraising ideas. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there.

Finally, that just leaves me to say, we all wish you a wonderful term and we look forward to sharing with you your children's many successes.

**Congratulations to Alice Archer Cairns**, the winner of the competition to design a piece of wall art for Pre-School. The competition was very strong and the judges had a tough time choosing a winner. Alice won a £20 Truro Arts Company voucher and her work will be on display outside the pre-school from the autumn.

**Congratulations** to the children that entered Parish Council design and name the play area competition. Every child that entered received a gift. The date for consultations will be advised soon.

**Tempest Photographers** will be here for individual photo's on Wednesday (17th Sept) and parents are welcome to bring younger siblings in from 8.45 a.m. to have family photos taken if they wish you.

**Swimming starts for children in years 3 and 4 on Monday** morning – so please remember to bring in costumes / trunks / towels / swimming hats (or £1 to purchase a new one while at the pool). You are welcome to send in a healthy snack with your child to eat upon their return.

**\*\*\*\* FOPS update \*\*\*\***  
**FRIENDS OF PERRAN - AR - WORTHAL SCHOOL**

Well here we are again! A brand new school year. We trust that you have had a great summer and you are now raring to go. A warm welcome goes out to our 'newbies'. We hope your little ones are settling in ok. For those of you who may not know we are a small and friendly committee of parents, grandparents, carers and friends whose aim is to raise 'extra' funds for the children and the school.

We help to provide (amongst other things)

- \* Treats for the children
  - Ice lollies on sports day.
  - Christmas crackers
- \* Social Events for the children and parents
  - Disco
  - Bingo night
  - Parties in the park
- \* Subsidies towards school trips
  - Christmas panto
- \* Extra Equipment when needed
  - Digital cameras
  - Video cameras
  - Hockey sticks
  - Tea Urn

Most recently we have contributed towards the New School Library. We are always in need of new ideas and enthusiastic helpers to help raise these funds.

Next meeting  
**AGM**  
Thursday 25th September  
7.00p.m At the school

If you feel that this year is 'your time' and would like to stand for the committee please come along to be nominated. If you would just like to offer any ideas or support again please come and join us. We don't bite (much).

Hope to see you there!