

WELCOME BACK TO THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

A GREAT START! – Although the children have only been back three days, the teachers have been impressed with how quickly they have got back into routine and settled so well. We have a new group of little Puffins who have amazed us all with the way in which they have taken to going into whole school assembly and eating their lunch in the big dining hall. We have also been joined by several new children further up the school who have all been made to feel very welcome by their new class mates. The summer holiday already seems like a long time ago but we are all looking forward to another exciting and fun filled year of activities with the children.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING – The meetings held by all teachers this week were well attended and we hope they have given you a chance to gain an insight into your child's forthcoming year and to have any questions answered. If you were unable to attend, the class teachers are more than happy to provide you with a print out of the presentation they delivered. Teachers are also happy to discuss any concerns or answer any further questions with you during our Friday morning open door sessions from 8.45am to 9am. For those parents who are new to our school, our Friday morning open door sessions are also designed to enable your child to show you some of the work they have been doing in class during the week and feel proud of.

ATTIRE FOR FABULOUS FRIDAYS – Friday, 23rd September sees the launch day of our newly improved FABULOUS FRIDAYS. We have had so much positive feedback from parents about these forthcoming creative sessions and there is certainly a buzz in the air amongst staff as they have been working together to plan the workshops. Following some feedback from parents on the dress code for these days, we have decided that it would be easier for the children to come into school on these Fridays in non-uniform and to change into their PE kits in school when necessary rather than run the risk of PE kits being in the wrong place at the wrong time. We are awaiting the delivery of the Fabulous Friday T-Shirts for the staff to ensure this day definitely is very different to the rest of the week. Please can we stress that, during these Fridays, the children will be taking part in a range of creative and, quite possibly, messy activities and 'sensible' home clothes will be needed i.e. please avoid coming in dressed as Batman or Cinderella (this also applies to any parent helpers I'm afraid!). Some of the activities will involve the children doing outdoor activities regardless of the weather. For these sessions, the children will be sent home a letter, by the teacher leading the sessions, if waterproof clothing and wellington boots will be needed. The overview of which activities your child's year group will be doing and when they will be taking place throughout the year is attached to this letter. This information is also available on our website under 'curriculum'. We now have several keen parents who have offered to come in on these Fridays to join in with our creative learning. But please don't feel you have missed the boat...there is still time to sign up! Please let the office know, as soon as possible, if you would like to join in the fun and to let us know what you would like to get involved with. Regular helpers may even get to wear the Fabulous Friday T-shirt!

A DEMOCRATIC START TO THE TERM – Our Swifts have started the term by appointing the new Team Captains. Mrs Pallot and Mr Collett were very impressed with the speeches the Year 6 children had been asked to prepare to persuade their class why they would make a good Team Captain. All pupils who chose to put themselves forward for the role of Team Captain presented their views clearly and with confidence. Following a secret ballot the following pupils were elected:

YELLOW TEAM CAPTAIN: **Eleanor Bray**

YELLOW TEAM VICE CAPTAIN: **Ross McKnight**

RED TEAM CAPTAIN: **Lily Roe**

RED TEAM CAPTAIN: **Saul Warr**(received the same number of votes so the Red Team Captain position will be shared)

BLUE TEAM CAPTAIN: **Stanley Cameron**

BLUE TEAM VICE CAPTAIN: **Ned Thomas**

GREEN TEAM CAPTAIN: **Darcy White**

GREEN TEAM VICE CAPTAIN: **Ella Bailey**

Next week, we will see every class involved in electing their school council representative. We will update you on the results of this election next week.

SHINY NEW READING RECORDS – This week your child was issued with a brand new reading record. As these need to last the whole year and show an informative record of how often your child reads and what books they are reading, we have invested in stronger covers which we hope will ensure a longer life. These records are a very important part of your child's daily record of reading and it is expected that they will be looked after with care and brought to school every day where they will be checked by the staff. Any lost reading records will need to be replaced and these can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. For those parents who are new to our school, your child will move up a reading chart in their class every time they have been heard read at home. We award children for being heard read at home every day with team points. Last year, only a very small minority of pupils did not reach the top of the chart each week. This level of support from parents is greatly appreciated and we have seen clear evidence that this aids your child's progress in reading. If you have any further questions about the reading records or the reading charts, your child's class teacher will be happy to help.

CLUBS, CLUBS AND MORE CLUBS! – Mr Teasdale and Mr Collett have been busy planning the many sports clubs with GoActive and there will be quite a range on offer. Letters for these clubs will be sent home next week.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF STAFF – This week, Mrs Elaine Dunn joined our team as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Mrs Dunn will be mainly based in KS2 as an intervention Teaching Assistant and will also be running the cooking and art workshops on Fabulous Fridays. We are delighted to have Mrs Dunn on the team and wish her all the best for an enjoyable and fulfilling role within our school.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! – Over the summer, the school took delivery of a brand new, all singing and dancing, school cooker in preparation for the forthcoming Fabulous Friday workshops. We owe a great deal of thanks to FOPS for kindly agreeing to use funds, raised through many of the successful events, to purchase not only the cooker but also equip our kitchen with a full range of pots, pans and cooking utensils. Mrs Dunn has already planned a wide range of exciting recipes for the children to follow. Fabulous Fridays will now smell good too! Mrs Read and Mrs Heffer have already volunteered to offer their services as official tasters!

POORLY LIBRARY COMPUTER - Although the rest of the school is full of energy and get up and go, our library computer has decided not to grace us with anything more than a continuous beeeep! As a result, we are unable to issue library books using the system and after school library club will not be able to start until the computer is back to its normal self. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Cameron, who has run our library with such enthusiasm for the last few years, including working closely with our librarians. Sadly, due to other commitments, Mrs Cameron has decided to offer this role to another and Mrs Dunn will be taking on the running of the library once the system is back up and running. Our new librarians will be elected next week. I would also like to thank FOPS for their continued support for our wonderful library as they have funded the annual subscription to the online library system, which benefits the whole school.

FIRST FOPS MEETING OF THE YEAR – After yet another very successful fundraising year, we now turn our attention to the Autumn term fund raising events. The AGM will be taking place on **Thursday, 22nd September** which is very likely to include coffee, tea, biscuits and, of course, the sharing of ideas. A must for any fund raising enthusiasts and creative thinkers.....who may also enjoy tea and biscuits! If you are new to our school and would like to get involved with a group of enthusiastic parents, please come along and bring any ideas you may have with you. We look forward to seeing you at **7pm on Thursday, 22nd September at the school.**

A NOTE FROM MRS MARVEN ABOUT THE PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL KING GEORGE PLAYING FIELD - We are delighted to see so many children enjoying the new equipment in the park. We are holding a celebration event on Sunday, 18th September between 2pm and 4pm. There will be fun games, refreshments and the opportunity for you to tell us what else you would like to see. We hope to see as many people there as possible. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM PENRYN COLLEGE TO YEAR 6 PUPILS - It has been brought to our attention that the date and time of our Open Evening has not been published in the County's Admissions Booklet. Penryn College's Open Evening is on **Wednesday 21st September from 5.30 – 8.30pm.** We hope to see you there. Thank you.