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### Term 3 Issue #1 (21.04.23)

#### Welcome back.

We hope you have had a fantastic break during the Easter holidays with lots of fun and family time and plenty of chocolate too!

The summer term is a favourite for many and is always jam packed with activities. We add in as many fun activities as we can this term, so the children get some downtime as this term is also full of end of year assessments. We will be starting our assessments from next week so, if possible, please make sure your child is in school every day. We use the scores from the assessments to plan the teaching and learning activities for your child for the following year, so if they miss the tests, their learning journey will not be as personalised as it could be. Missed tests cannot be repeated on another day due to time constraints so please do your best to have your child in school everyday.

#### Green fingers?

You may have seen our post on Facebook this week seeking gardeners to come and help us in school. Mr Porter does a great job keeping the school clean and tidy, but he is on his own and we could do with some helpers to keep our garden boat, allotments, pots and gardens weeded and planted. The Eco team are going to be working on these too. If you are interested in gardening, or know someone who is, ring the school office to let us know. We would love to see some of our community members around the school.

#### Upcoming Strike Action

You will have heard from the news that the teaching unions are planning to strike on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. As all of our teaching staff are affected by this, we will not be able to open the school for children on this day.

We have now been informed that Unite the Union action that was due to be held next week, has now been called off.

We will keep you posted if there are any further strike actions that may affect you.

#### School Council update

The school council were delighted to be able to spend some of the money they have raised. Their first choice was to update the furniture in the KS2 classrooms, so they have ordered new chairs for P5, P6 and P7. They have also requested that some of their bathrooms are updated. What a sensible bunch of councillors we have – maybe they should run in the local elections!

They have some money left over and have asked the rest of the children to consider playtime equipment that they would like. We are looking forward to seeing what ideas the children come up with! To increase their pot a little, they will be holding another non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The theme this time is to be bright. If your child would like to, they are welcome to come to school in bright colours on the day provided they bring a donation (suggested amount of £1) for the school council.

#### Coming Up

- 24<sup>th</sup> April – School nurse visiting P1 pupils
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – KS2 scooter skills
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – **School closed** – teacher strike
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – new P1 notifications of places
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – non uniform 'be bright' day
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – **School closed** – Bank Holiday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School photograph day
  - Football team trials
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Kings Coronation Party Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – **School Closed** – Kings Coronation
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Ditch the Stabilisers
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Glaxty tournament
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – Portavogie tournament
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – **School closed** – polling station
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Shorts n Shades non-uniform day
  - Parents meeting for residential trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – **School closed** – half term long weekend
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – **School closed** – Bank holiday
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – Sports Day (weather permitting)
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – House team challenge day
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Greenhill residential trip
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Prize Giving Assembly
  - PFA Summer Fair
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – School Play
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – House Team celebration day
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leavers assembly and last day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – transition day
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – half day and end of term