

Message from Mrs Mead

Hi Everyone

I hope you enjoy this round up of September and the news about lots of things happening for the rest of term.

Unfortunately, the weather does seem to be turning for the worse so please can I remind everyone that they need to bring a coat to school with them each day so that we can still get outside as much as possible. Also, please can you put names on all your belongings - especially school jumpers and fleeces.

Take Care

Mrs Mead x



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

☆ BE KIND ☆ FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

☆ RESPECT OUR RESOURCES

Golden Promise Awards have been won this month by: Arthur, Rio and Isla [S]
Austin, Oscar and Sol [B]
Freya, Cassius and Kane [O]

Headteacher Awards were given to:
Our New Reception Children, Woden and Rufus [S]
Tristan, Aiden and Louis [B]
Jose, Megan and Alfie [O]

HOUSE CUP

As of Friday 27th October, house points stand at:

Chestnuts	Sycamores	Oaks
184	240	216

ATTENDANCE CUP

Attendance this term so far has been really encouraging so please keep it up!

	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
04/09 - 12/09	92.73	96.89	100
13/09 - 19/09	100	92.73	100
20/09 - 26/09	95.73	95.28	95.12

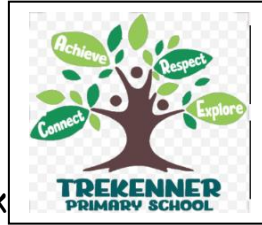
SCHOOL CENSUS and PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

This Thursday 3rd October is school census day when we have to submit certain figures to the Local Authority, and which determines our funding for the 2025-26 school year.

One of the things they take into consideration is the number of children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. PPG itself is based mainly on eligibility for Free School Meals. Since all Reception and KS1 children receive free school meals anyway many families do not know they are eligible for free school meals or don't apply but you need to do this for the school to receive the PPG - even if they don't have a free school meal. In order to ensure we are getting all the funding available to us we are asking all our families to check their eligibility by following this link and letting us know so we can record this on the census. Thank you

[School meals - Cornwall Council](#)

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MONITORING VISIT



We had a visit from two School Effectiveness Cornwall officers last week to check how well our improvement journey since our Ofsted inspection in March, is going.

Overall, they were pleased to see the progress we have made and have given us some advice on how we can continue this to ensure that we can secure our good rating again as soon as possible.

In response to this advice, we are going to stop 'streaming' the pupils in English and Maths in the morning and put the children back into the three morning classes with their peers, full time. We will be using a more targeted intervention approach moving forward and if your child is involved with this, we will let you know individually. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

STAFF UPDATE

We were also sad to see Katie [Miss Mead] leave us last week to go back to studying her passion - music - at university. However, we wish her well and she has promised to come back often during her holidays. To replace her and to support in Badgers in the mornings and Squirrels in the afternoons we welcome Annabelle [Miss Jeffery], who is one of the team already.

SOME HOUSEKEEPING

Breakfast Club

This is available every morning for all children from 8am at a cost of £3.00 a session. If you would like your child to attend, please email Mrs Hancock and reserve a place. If your child already attends regularly you don't have to do this again, but if you wish to change or add to your regular days or if you wish to use the facility for a one-off or special reason then please try and let us know in advance so that we can ensure adequate staffing is in place. Could we also remind you that your child should not be left until 8am when we can guarantee 2 members of staff will be on site. If you need to leave your child earlier on the odd day, then please let us know in advance [at least the day before] so that we can accommodate this.

Parking and Dropping Off/Picking Up

The governors are in the process of trying to get the yellow **NO STOPPING** signs repainted at the front entrance of the school but in the meantime, can we politely remind you that you should not be stopping your car at the school entrance to drop off or pick up for safety reasons. There is an exception made for the taxi but otherwise please park your car in a safe area and walk your child to the gate. Thank you.

Reception and Explorers [Y1-3] Swimming

Just a reminder that the younger children will be swimming during the week of the 14-19th October. Letters with more details will come home at the end of this week.

HEAD'S UP - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th October

Harvest Festival in St Briochus' Church

We will be walking to the church with staff for the service to start at 2:15pm. Parents and families are invited to join us and if you wish to make a donation of food for the Foodbank, please bring these into school and leave in the library from tomorrow, Tuesday, 1-10-24. If you are unable to attend, please collect your child from the Church at 3pm.

Monday 7th October

Individual School Photos with MaddiLili Photography

The Photographer will be set up from 8:30am to take photos of any family groups including younger siblings not at school or pre-school. Please come to the office then form an orderly queue! All the children will then be photographed individually, class by class.

FOTS [Friends of Trekenner School] AGM in school @3:30pm

Saturday 12th October

Launceston Carnival

We hope you will join us in our 'walking float' as part of the carnival procession. The children will be able to wear their costumes from last summers' school performance. More details to follow later this week.

Monday 14th - Friday 18th October

Reception and Explorers [Y1-3] swimming week

Monday 4th - Friday 15th November

Children's Remembrance Art on display in St Briochus' Church

Friday 8th November

Open Morning for prospective 2025-26 Reception children

Open [Food Technology] Afternoon for Parents

Tuesday 26th November

Bags-to-School Collection [9am]

Wednesday 8th December

Christingle Service in Sy Briochus' Church @5pm

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Fayre

Issue: #2 Term: Autumn 1 Date: 30th September 2024

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Wraparound Care

We have been given the opportunity to bid for some funding to extend our before and after school care provision and will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to ask you what you would like to see us provide and how much you would be prepared to spend. Please take the time to complete this so that we can meet the needs of our community moving forward.

Residential Trip - Summer 2025

After the huge success of last summer's residential trip to Porthpean we are keen to do another trip this summer for all of our KS2 [Y3-6] children. I have discussed this with the children at assembly and our options are:

1. Go back to Porthpean and build on the resilience of our pupils in a familiar setting.
2. Do another camping/outdoor adventure style trip at another centre a bit further afield.
3. Go to a city [probably Bristol] and have a more 'cultural' experience - visiting museums and possibly the theatre.
4. Go the whole hog and travel to London visiting the Houses of Parliament and other locations using funding from the *Visits to the UK Parliament* scheme to subsidise travel.

Please drop me an email or message and let me know your thoughts over the next week or so and we can also discuss it further at the FOTS AGM next Monday.

Sensory Garden and Tidy-Up of School Grounds

We have been working with a designer and are now ready to start developing our sensory garden at last. It is proposed to have day [Saturday 9th November] where anyone who is available can come to school to clear the site, tidy the pre-school areas and do some minor repairs/decorating around the school. Please let us know if you are able and willing to join us on that day via email. Thank you.