SCHOOL BULLETIN 23rd October 2026

Ready, Respectful and Safe

A message from Mrs Drake

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a half term it has been! It hardly seems possible that we have already reached the end of our first half term of the academic year.

It has been another busy and successful week at school. The children have all looked incredibly smart in their school uniforms, and I hope you have enjoyed seeing the photographs of them throughout the newsletter. They are a credit to both the school and their families.

On Wednesday, we held our second Parent Information Meeting of the term. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who attended and for the many positive comments we have received regarding the children's start to the academic year. We greatly value our partnership with parents and appreciate your continued support.

Following these meetings, we are delighted to be sharing our new Parent Information Booklets with all families. Staff have been working hard over the past few weeks to develop these documents so that they provide parents with a clear overview of learning, expectations and key information for each year group. In particular, I am incredibly proud of our curriculum road maps, which clearly demonstrate the thought, planning and dedication that have gone into developing our curriculum. They provide an excellent overview of the children's learning journey and showcase the hard work and commitment of our staff team in ensuring that learning is ambitious, progressive and engaging for all pupils.

This week, a group of children visited the church to learn about Harvest and perform their Harvest songs. As always, they represented the school wonderfully, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respect throughout the visit.

We also carried out our lockdown drill this week. I am delighted to report that the children were amazing and followed instructions sensibly and calmly. The drill was successful, with only a few minor adjustments identified to further strengthen our procedures.

Today, the children have enjoyed a well-deserved treat, either through their class reward activities or by coming to school dressed up for the occasion. There have certainly been some fantastic costumes around school!

A huge thank you must also go to our PTA for all their hard work in organising and supporting our Halloween Disco. The children had a wonderfully spooky time and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Finally, we have some very exciting **baby news** to share! We are delighted to announce that Miss Cotterill is expecting a baby. We would like to send her our warmest congratulations and best wishes. The baby is due in March, which gives us plenty of time to plan for her maternity leave and replacement. We will, of course, keep parents updated in due course.

SCHOOL BULLETIN 16th October 2026

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I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding regarding this morning's delayed opening due to the storms. Decisions such as these are never taken lightly, but the safety of our children, staff and families must always be our highest priority. We greatly appreciate the patience, flexibility and cooperation shown by our school community.

I would also like to thank our children, staff, governors, PTA and families for all of their support during what has been an incredibly busy and productive half term. Together, we continue to create a school community that we can all be proud of.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Please remember that Year 1 hearing screening tests will take place on Tuesday 3rd November**.**

Enjoy the half term break, stay safe and we shall see you all soon.

Mrs Nicola Drake
Headteacher

Information for Families

Upcoming Events

November
Monday 2nd November – All pupils return to school for 8.45 am.
Tuesday 3rd November – Hearing Screening for Year 1 children
Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Non Uniform Day – children to wear spots, colourful own clothes.
Tuesday 17th November – Whole School flu immunisation (please complete the form when you receive the email to opt in).
December
Thursday 3rd December – Children singing for the Silver Circle during their Christmas meal.
Tuesday 8th December – 10.00 am – Rock Steady End of Term Concert, parents and carers invited.
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day – all children are welcome to wear a festive jumper to school in place of their cardigan and school jumpers
Tuesday 10th December – Year 2 and 3 Christmas Sleepover at Cohort, St Ives, details to be sent to parents
Monday 14th December – EYFS Christmas Play at School – Little Acorns & Mighty Oaks
Tuesday 15th December – Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Play at the Community Centre
Wednesday 16th December – Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Play at the Community Centre
Friday 18th December – School closes for the holiday – 1.30 pm collection time.
January
Monday 4th January - Inset Day – school closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 5th January – Children return to school.

Communication

How to contact us:
In all instances, please contact your class teacher first via the school email address:
secretary@st-erme.cornwall.sch.uk titled FAO: Class teacher name OR catch them on the door.

How we will contact you:
We will share information via Class Dojo – this is a one way information sharing platform. Letters will be sent via email. If we need to communicate with you individually, we will call you or send you an email.

Please Note: Class teachers may occasionally send brief messages through Class Dojo to share updates or information about your child or class activities. However, we kindly ask that parents do not use Class Dojo as the main method of communication with class teachers. Teachers are not always able to monitor messages during the school day, and notifications may be received outside of their working hours.
If you have a question, concern, or need to pass on information, please contact the school office in the first instance. This helps us ensure that messages are received promptly and directed to the appropriate member of staff. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Apps you will need:
Class Dojo – one way information sharing platform
Parentpay – booking system for school meals, trips/visits and wraparound clubs
Emile – Homework platform

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Half Term Events



Time 2 Move – October Half Term Activities

[Parents and Carers – Active Cornwall]



