

Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

We've had a wonderful first full week back at school, and it's been fantastic to see how settled and industrious the children have been. Across the curriculum, we've already enjoyed some incredible learning, including making fires and baking bread outdoors! It's been amazing to see the children embracing our school Ways of Being: **Ready**, **Respectful**, **Safe**, and **Together**, working collaboratively and showing real enthusiasm for their learning.

As we settle into the new term, we're focusing on re-establishing our routines during what is always a busy time of year. We understand there's a lot of information being shared, including in this newsletter, but it's all really important. If we get things right now, it sets us up for success throughout the rest of the year, ensuring a smooth and productive time ahead for everyone.

Stars of the Week – Our Ways of Learning



Congratulations as ever to our marvelous children who have all shown what it means in their new classrooms to be a learner by demonstrating their Creativity, Reflection, Empathy, Independence, Resilience, and Curiosity. Your character shines brilliantly among so many stars, embodying our ways of being **Ready**, **Respectful**, **and Safe – Together**. Well done!



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Blanchminster Trust Support

We are delighted to share that, thanks to the much-appreciated and significant financial support of the Blanchminster Trust, our school's capacity to teach reading has received a significant boost. This donation will allow us to provide a rich selection of carefully curated books across every year group. With this support, we can ensure that our children have access to high-quality reading materials, fostering a love of reading across the school and their future success.

Refining Our Behaviour Policy: Ready, Respectful, and Safe

As a whole school community, we've refined our understanding of what it means to be Ready, Respectful, and Safe as part of our behaviour policy. Together, we've identified clear examples of what each of these values looks like in practice, using them as guidelines to help us all improve. This process involved dedicated staff training and children working together in their classes, with the final outcome being ratified by our newly elected School Council. These agreed principles have now been added to our behaviour policy, ensuring a consistent approach across the school and helping to create a more positive and supportive environment for everyone.



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House Teams Supporting Charities Through Democracy

Last term, as part of their understanding of the value of democracy, our children took part in a community-wide vote to select charities for each of their house teams to represent throughout the year. Each child had the opportunity to vote individually for up to four charities. The nominated charities will now be championed by their respective house teams.

- Reds The Bude Foodbank
- Greens Friends of Bude Sea Pool
- Blues ADSURF
- Yellows Children's Hospice South West

We hope this will not only raise awareness of these important causes but also help us raise much-needed funds. In addition, house captains have been chosen to lead their teams in these efforts, further fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership.

Thank You for Your Valuable Feedback - Insights and Opportunities

We are extremely grateful for the valuable feedback provided through both of the Parent and Pupil Voice surveys we undertook at the end of last year. Both sets of results highlighted many positives, including strong teaching and learning, good communication, and a sense of safety and support within the school. Pupils particularly noted how they feel safe, understand the behaviour system and enjoy being part of the school community. There are also opportunities to improve areas such as behaviour support and well-being initiatives. These insights will guide our efforts to ensure continuous improvement for the benefit of our entire school community.

Staffing update

We are excited to announce that Miss Hastings will be joining the Bude Junior staff team, covering Ms Perri-Khoo's maternity leave as the class teacher in Northcott.

Menu - week 3

Change of menu on Thursday - please see the attached poster. The pasta and jacket potato option will still be available.





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Diary dates

Monday 16 th September	Y5 teacher meet and greet in the hall @ 3.30pm
Thursday 19 th September	Y6 teacher meet and greet in the hall @ 3.30pm
Thursday 19 th September	Poppy teacher meet and greet in Poppy class @ 2.30pm *Change of time*
Friday 20 th September	Y4 teacher meet and greet in the hall @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Nasal flu vaccinations - see letter
Wednesday 25 th September	Book Snuggle @ 5pm
Friday 25 th October	End of autumn 1
Monday 4 th November	Start of autumn 2
Friday 20 th December	End of autumn 2

BPA PTA Update

Welcome back to another fabulous year of fundraising. Our first PTA meeting is on Wednesday 18th September at 8pm via zoom. Our PTA are always looking for new volunteers to support fundraising efforts for our school. Check out our PTA page on our <u>website</u> to find out more!



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