THE ST. UNY-VERSE

'Let your light shine before others.' Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have really enjoyed my first full week and have continued to be really impressed with the children's good behaviour, strong friendships and good manners.

There has been a calm and purposeful atmosphere in classrooms as children completed beginning of the year assessments or started new learning. I am looking forward to seeing their progress this term.

I have been asked how long I am staying and can confirm that I will be here until December definitely and longer if we do not appoint a new Head of School for January. We will be holding interviews at the end of the month and I will have more news for you then.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our 'Meet the teacher and Head of School' events over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Osborne

Snakes in the Polytunnel

Last March Year 4 children planted melon seeds in our poly tunnel. Later they were planted in the ground along with tomatoes. During the summer holiday I noticed that something strange was happening. In amongst the melons there were what looked at first like cucumbers, but within a few weeks these had grown to over a metre long and were also very thick. The Royal



Horticultural Society confirmed that they were "Snake Gourds". These are vegetables mostly grown in Africa as a food. Andrew, our chef has cooked a piece of this and we concluded it will not be on the school lunch menu!

St Uny Academy Apiary

This year our apiary has thrived and we now have 7 hives. This is partly due to swarm collection and the purchase of a new bee colony, hive number 6. Four of our bee colonies made honey for us and this has just been extracted by six groups of Year 6 children. They watched the removal of wax from 44 frames

of honey and used a tangential extractor to spin the honey out of each frame. This took two afternoons to complete. Then the honey has to be double filtered to remove small pieces of beeswax and any other impurities. Finally the honey was put into 67 454gm jars. The total weight of honey from our apiary was 30.42kg, double the quantity produced in 2017. This year our honey will be for sale to parents or school staff at £6 per jar. It is available immediately from reception office. David Woods- Outdoor Learning



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 19th Sept—Meet the teachers (KS1 4pm/4.15pm, KS2 5pm/5.15pm) Thurs 20th Sept— 4pm Meet the teacher for Y5 only. Guitar/ukulele lessons start back Fri 21st Sept—Y6 swimming Mon 24th Sept—Tempest individual and sibling photos (pre school children welcome to come in from 8.15am for sibling photo). Clubs start this week. Fri 28th Sept—Y6 swimming Wed 3rd Oct- Book Fair and Robert Mitchell in for Sports for Champions Thurs 4th Oct—Y5 Bikeability—group 1 Fri 5th Oct- Y6 Swimming Thurs 11th Oct—Y5 Bikeability–group 1 Fri 12th Oct—Y6 Swimming Thurs 18th Oct— Y5 Bikeability—group 1 Fri 19th Oct— Nasal Flu vaccinations for all classes except Y6. Y6 Swimming. 22nd Oct—26th Oct - HALF TERM Mon 29th Oct-Inset day

INSET Day date changes

My apologies but I need to make two changes to the published training days when school is closed. We will be closed on Monday 29th October because we are having a whole day to design our new curriculum. It is going to have the four seasons as its theme, with outdoor learning as an important strand.

There will be a further training day on 7th January, so that the new Head of School (or myself!) can spend time with staff making plans for the new year.

The further two days will be 3rd June and 25th July.

UPDATES:

Swimming

Y1 will be swimming next year. We will adjust the programme so that they can go too.

Website!

We have training for our new website next week so may be able to launch by the end of next week but definitely the week after! 'Shining Examples'

We are having new awards on Fridays for children who have been a shining example of one of our Christian values – respect, forgiveness and friendship. There will be one award per class each week and over the course of a year, I am sure that every child will get an award. We are not inviting parents to this assembly anymore because the award will be given for behaviour that week and not decided upon until Friday morning. Each class will be doing a class assembly over the year, however, to which all the parents will be invited.

We aim to be a positive, loving school where children are equipped to live well with Jesus Christ and with others.



Parking

'There is more here than you can even dream of...' Ephesians 3:20

As we start to design our new seasonal curriculum full of outdoor

activities, we want to have a list of outdoor activities (like the National

here. We would welcome your ideas! On Monday there will be a '25

Trust 50 things...) that a child at St Uny will experience during their time

things' box at Reception and some slips of paper and a pen! If you have



CORNWALL

Our library still needs

you! Would you like

school? We will look

after your children.

Please let the office

know if you are

will confirm the

vou.

interested and we

afternoon. Thank

to come and have

tea, buns and a

library sort after

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2019 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2019**.

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school – you still need to apply. The criteria in the school's admission arrangements will be used to allocate places.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

Need help with your application? Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191 www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions





KS1 are in desperate need of **old**

newspapers. If you have any lying

around at home or in your recycle

25 things to do at St Uny before you leave!

an idea jot it down and put it in the box!

bin, please drop them into the

office. Many thanks.

We are looking for new volunteers to join the Friends of St Uny Academy! Our first meeting of the year is on Thursday September 27th at 7.30pm The venue will be confirmed nearer to the time. The main item on the agenda is spending some money! We'd love to see some new faces, so if you'd like to get involved, or have ideas about equipment, activities or experiences we should invest in then please let us know that you are coming along. Please advise the

Please can we remind you to park

dropping off and picking up. Traffic

courteously and safely when

wardens are in the area!

office, message us via our Facebook page or e-mail us at Friendsofstuny@hotmail.com We look forward to hearing from you, if you are interested. Many thanks.

Roald Dahl Day

On Thursday, we spent a Dahlicious day celebrating the renowned author, Roald Dahl. A great range of creative activities were planned across the school: finding Mr Centipede's missing shoes; creating clay figures of our favourite characters; and developing our own Dahl inspired 'gobblefunk' words. We were utterly blown away by the range of characters that appeared in our classrooms and we were so thankful for all the effort that people put into their outfits.



We also need to say a massive thank you for all the second-hand books that were donated to us - we cannot wait to add them to our ever-increasing selection in the library! We are already looking forward to our next celebration of reading and will continue to live by the words of Roald Dahl himself: "Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."



Come and Join your local St Ives Surf Lifesaving club for a free taster session on Saturday 29th September. Lifesaving is a vital skill for living in Cornwall, it is great fun and can also be a highly competitive sport. With a long club history the Nippers section continues to grow, this year we were crowned both Cornish Stillwater (pool) and Cornish Beach Champions, coming 3rd at the National Pool Championships and amazing 2nd place in the British Beach Championships only a few weeks ago. The free session will be at St Ives Leisure Centre from 3-5 pm on September 29th and is open to all abilities (3-4 pm ages 5-10, 4-5 pm ages 11-13) Contact Rachel Perkin 07765 521491 or Graham Smith 07545 562122 (Clea & Olly's Dad) for more details or just turn up.