# THE ST. UNY-VERSE

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

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## ce—our target for overall **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Dear Parents and Carers, Autumn days when the grass is jewelled And the silk inside a chestnut shell Jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled All these things I love so well So I mustn't forget No, I mustn't forget To say a great big thank you I mustn't forget.

I love this time of year! There is so much to be enjoyed inside and outside! We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebrations on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October. We hope you can join us! The theme is Harvest of the Sea and we will be having some fishy activities over the two days to explore and be thankful for all that the sea brings us. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned or dry food, in date, for the local Food Bank.

It is lovely to meet you all at the gate regularly. Do let me know about things that are going well! We are doing our best to deal with any concerns or questions you raise via the enquiries email or in person as quickly and effectively as possible so thank you for talking to us!

# Attendance—our target for overall attendance is 96%

Carn Brea	99.2%
Tehidy	96.5%
Poldark	99.1%
Kynance	97%
St lves	94.8%
Godrevy	97.1%
Mousehole	98.8%
Ding Dong	95.5%
Wheal Dream	97.5%
Whole School	97.2%

Mon 8th Oct - Ding Dong to **Penzance Fire Station** Thurs 11th Oct—Y5 Bikeability Fri 12th Oct—Y6 Swimming Thurs 18th Oct— Y5 Bikeability Harvest Festival for KS1—in the school hall 2.30pm Fri 19th Oct — Nasal Flu vaccinations for all classes except Y6. Y6 Swimming. Harvest Festival for KS2—at St Anta Church. 2.20-2.50pm. 22nd Oct—26th Oct - HALF TERM Mon 29th Oct—Inset day Fri 30th Nov— FOSUA Christmas Fayre 4-6pm

Friday 5 October 2018

### After School Collection

Thank you for your patience when we are occasionally late out because we have got a bit carried away with our end of day worship! Please can you leave the field and playground promptly once you have collected your children as there are clubs waiting to set up on most afternoons.

We are going to tell the children today not to play football after school or bring their scooters back into the playground because we do not want anyone to get hurt by accident.

Jo Osborne

### Homework

Our homework policy, apart from daily reading, is to ask children to undertake creative tasks that enable them to apply their English and Maths skills, develop their vocabulary and do some research into the topics they are studying. This is an important part of the home/school partnership and we expect every child to complete the activities set to the best of their ability. If there are genuine reasons why a child has not been able to complete their homework, please let the class teacher know as of course they will be understanding.

Children who do not complete the task will be missing out on an important enrichment experience. We value everything that comes in, share them in our Friday assemblies and will be inviting parents into classrooms informally to see the results as well as posting pictures on the class pages of the website.

### Prefects

We are delighted that almost everyone in Year 6 has applied to be a prefect! We have given all of our applicants a prefect badge and will monitor them until half term to make sure that they are enjoying the responsibility of being



excellent role models and taking on responsibilities around school. At half term we will be announcing our core team of prefects that will continue in the role. We are very proud of everyone that applied and wish them all well.

### **Transfer to Secondary school**

The deadline for applying to Secondary School is 31st October. Parents need to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. If you need help you can ring 0800 587 8191. St Ives Secondary School is obviously our closest school and we enjoy good links with them. We do encourage parents to consider other options, however, particularly if your child has an additional need or particular talent when one school might suit them better than another. Pupils from our school also go to Mounts Bay Academy and occasionally to private schools in Truro. In the recent past no one has gone to Hayle but we are always willing to develop relationships with other schools for the benefit of our pupils. At transition time in the summer, we work closely with all the schools concerned to ensure it goes smoothly and our children are well-prepared for the next stage in their education.

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### Starting School September 2019

The deadline to apply for places in Reception next year is 15th January 2019. We welcome visits to the school so do spread the word that exciting things are happening here and that our vision to be a positive, loving school where children are equipped to live well with Jesus Christ and with others is being lived out in all that we do.

Date for the diary The Friends of St Uny Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 30th November, 4pm—6pm

### ST UNY POND

For the first time in 6 years our pond has no frogs in it. Normally they arrive in April after spending winter under a compost heap or some stones. Then they start to breed and produce spawn containing thousands of embryo tadpoles. Baby frogs grow and live in the pond all through the summer. Not this year for some reason!

So we urgently need some frogs to populate our pond before winter sets in. If you have a pond at home and have some resident frogs, please bring one or two to school in a small box with some damp paper towel inside. I will transfer them immediately into our pond. Miss Thomas is looking for extra resources for our Reception class outdoor area to enhance learning. We are in need of: guttering, pipes, tubes, plastic crates, small cable drums, tyres and plastic measuring cups/jugs. If you have any of these items or know of someone/local business that can help, please let us know. Thank you for your help.

Also, If you have any spare socks or pants that will fit Reception/Infant children (in particular girls), we would be grateful for any donations, thank you.

David Woods – Outdoor Learning

On

Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Robert Mitchell, UK high jumper, to our academy. Robert worked with all the children and led an assembly on what is needed to be a



professional sportswoman or man, as well as the importance of healthy eating on our fitness and well-being. We also got to witness first hand Robert's jumping skills in the assembly. He was a fantastic role model for sport and we hope that this visit helps persuade our children that they too can reach the top in sport. Thank you for all the contributions we received and also to each and every child in the school, who gave their very best in completing the circuit. We hope in the future that one or two of our current children can come back to tell us what life is like as a professional sports person.



### COME ALONG TO THE FOSUA AGM

The Friends of St Uny Academy will be holding their annual general meeting on Mon 15 October at 7:30pm at St Uny Academy. All parents/ guardians and staff welcome. New committee (Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, Vice/

Co Committee Members) to be elected and new constitution to be adopted.

Some exciting enrichment plans are in the pipeline. If you are unable to attend but would like some points to be raised please get in touch with us via Facebook or friendsofstuny@hotmail.com. If you can help either as a Committee Member or a FOSUA Volunteer or helping with fundraising events like the Christmas Fayre do let us know. We look forward to seeing you there! A team of 16 children, along with Miss Hill and Mr Smith, travelled to Mounts Bay Academy on Monday 1st October for the first cross country competition of the year. It was Mr Smith's first time at an event with St Uny, and he was absolutely amazed by the talent that we have and the way that the children challenged themselves during the event. Miss Hill, as usual, was bursting with pride! St Uny children won three medals (Ethan silver in Y6 boys, Katie bronze in Y5 girls, and Archie bronze in Y5 boys). There were also amazing top ten finishes for Levina (7th in her first race), Joe (6th), Maddison (6th with the bravest finish of the day), Clea (4th) and Freya C (7th, a personal best). The Y5 girls team was exceptionally strong, with Mia in 11th, Isla V in 14th, Sydney in 20th and Connie in 22nd. Two Y3 boys competed in the Y4 race, with Olly S coming an amazing 12th. Other members of the team who gained points for St Uny in the schools ranking were Toby D, Noah W and Kea. The next race is on Monday 5th November, and we are already looking forward to it immensely. Well done everyone!



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### Book Fair

Thank you to all who came to our Book Fair this week. We sold so many books that we now have over £630 to spend on

free books for our new library!

Siggi Hawken is a Woodwind teacher who comes into school to teach pupils. She currently has spaces available, so if your child is interested in learning a woodwind instrument, please come and see us in the office.



Come along to our first Messy Church this term. 14th October 2– 3.30pm at Fore Street Sunday School rooms. Cooking, painting and story telling. All welcome!

#### Football News!

Best wishes and congratulations to Oscar and Charlie in Wheal Dream who will be representing West Cornwall in Bath this weekend.

Also well done to Oscar C, Charlie P, Lanta V, Jake V and Ollie S who have all been selected for the Mounts Bay Development Centre for Cornwall.

### FOSSILS FOUND AT ST UNY

Two fossils were found in a pile of stones within the bee enclosure today. The larger one is clearly an ammonite and the smaller round one maybe a starfish. Ammonites are perhaps the most widely known fossil, possessing the typically ribbed spiral-form shell as shown in this picture. These



creatures lived in our seas between 240 - 65 million years ago, when they became extinct along with the dinosaurs. The name 'ammonite' originates from the Greek Ram-horned god called Ammon. Ammonites belong to a group of predators known as cephalopods, which includes their living relatives the octopus, squid and cuttlefish.

### David Woods – Outdoor Learning

