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A message from Mr Imrie

Thank you for your support, understanding and patience this week as we have welcomed all of the children back to school- first time since March!

Your children have been amazing. We didn't know what to expect on Monday but children have demonstrated such a huge amount of resilience. They have mixed back with their friends, settled into new classrooms, met new teachers, followed new routines and rules and have already taken on outdoor adventure activities. They have been exceptional.

I would like to thank all of the teachers and teaching assistants for making their first week back a positive experience and for planning the huge amount of learning that your children will be completing over the coming term. Thank you also to Debbie in the office who has been working tirelessly to get Parent Pay etc... up and running. I think we are almost there! There may be a few teething problems during the next few days but we are doing everything we can to get everything back up and running fully.

Next week, clubs begin! There is a huge array including street surfing, woodwork, athletics, gardening and more. Clubs are limited to class 'bubbles' and only children from one class will attend. Collection time after clubs is 4.15pm. Year 5 are the first year group to jump on a coach and travel for an outdoor adventure next week. They will be hiking up to the highest point in Cornwall, Brown Willy.

Finally, thank you for your children's Roald Dahl Day outfits. They look **scrumdiddlyumptious!**

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NEVER DO ANYTHING BY
HALVES IF YOU WANT TO
GET AWAY WITH IT.
BE OUTRAGEOUS.
GO THE WHOLE HOG.

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Picture News This Week...	Parent Pay
<p>How can we help those without a home?</p> <p>A number of charities, including Streets Kitchen and the Glass Door Homeless Charity, are campaigning for empty commercial buildings to become makeshift shelters this winter. They are predicting that there will be an increase in the number of people who become homeless over the coming weeks and months due to increases in job losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Things to talk about at home... Do you think that using empty buildings to help homeless people is a good idea?</p> <p>Can you think of any other ways in which we could help the homeless?</p> <p>Are there any homeless shelters or charities in your local area? Can you find out about the work that they do?</p> 	<p>We have been assured that Parent Pay is now fully back up and running! From Monday, it is imperative you book your child's lunch online. It is also necessary for you to book your child into our after school club provision online. We can only take a certain number of children in 1 session so we need to know the numbers attending, to deploy staff as required. Thank you very much for your help with this.</p>
	<p>Music Lessons</p> <p>If you would be interested in individual guitar/ keyboard or other instrumental lessons for your child, please contact the school office. I love the sound of children practising their ensembles filling the school- email in if interested!</p>
Dates for your Diary!	Join the Tribe!
<p>16th September- Teaching Assistants Day- Show them the love! 17th September - Year 5 Brown Willy Expedition 17th September - Whole School Pirate Adventure - Arrrrr! 23rd September - Year 4 Geocaching Expedition WC 28th September - Our 'Reading is Magic' Festival! 2nd October - INSET DAY - School closed to pupils 6th October - Reception Balance Bikes Expedition 9th October- Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 13th October - Year 6 Drake's Trail Expedition 13th October - Individual Pupil Photos (Y6 TBC) 20th October - Year 3 Mountain Bike Expedition 23rd October - End of Term 1 2nd November - INSET Day - School closed to pupils 3rd November - Term 2 Begins 3rd November - Year 1 Sausage Adventure! 17th November - Year 2 Recycled Art Challenge 1st December - Reception - Year 6 Nasal Flu Programme 4th December - PTA Christmas Extravaganza! (Ongoing review)</p>	<p>Applications are now open for our Reception class, starting in September 2021. To apply, visit: LINK</p> 