

NEWSLETTER



St. Meriadoc



# Word from the Head

Friday 14th October 2022

Another great two weeks full of lots of laughter, learning and memories. Lots of the children have been enjoying trips, including to the our local library, the Maritime Museum and Cornwall Museum in Truro. It has been so wonderful to hear positive feedback about our children's behaviour and manners while representing St Meriadoc and also to hear how much they have enjoyed their trips. A big thank you also to our staff who put lots of time and effort into planning and preparing these opportunities for our pupils.

As you may know, the Junior school had their Ofsted inspection a couple of weeks ago. We are thrilled to inform you that it has been recognised that the Junior School remains a GOOD school. I have included some of the comments that are included on the report later in this newsletter but will share the full report for you to read as well. I am extremely proud of the fantastic team I work with and congratulate and thank all of them for their hard work over those days and always.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Anderson

## PARENT/ CARER EVENING

Please remember - Parents Evenings are running next week, in both schools. **There will be no after school extra-curricular clubs next week. Sports for Tots is the only club that will continue as usual.**

## HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you for your kind Harvest donations - even in tough times the St Meriadoc community have been able to help others through our local foodbank.

## FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER—DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS

Next Friday, on the last day of term, we invite all pupils and staff to dress brightly to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We will collect any donations, if you wish to send one in, to donate to a related charity. Any coin will do - every little helps.

Let's brighten each other's day!



## **SHINING OUR LIGHT - HOW DO YOU SHINE YOURS?**

We are revamping our Vision board and would love to fill it with photos and snippets about how our pupils and staff let their light shine.

Does your child have a talent? Something they have worked hard to get better at? Won a competition or achieved a new belt, badge, distance in a club they do? Raised some money for a charity? Been a huge help to someone else? Made something fantastic?

Whatever it is, we want to see it! If you are happy for the photo to be shared on our board then please send them in to us, with your child's name and their year group to Mrs Anderson or your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

## **PTA**

Are you interested in helping to restart a PTA for the St Meriadoc Schools? If so, keep your eyes peeled for more details on how to get involved. We will be planning a meeting after half term to share ideas and start making plans.

## **BAGS 2 SCHOOL**

Need a reason to have a sort out over half term? The Junior School will be collecting bags of clean and re-usable clothes to raise funds through the Bags 2 school initiative. Please bring your bags of donations in to the Juniors after half term and no later than 30th November.

## **SHARING CONCERNS**

If you or your child have any concerns about something related to school, please do get in touch with us as soon as possible. The sooner we are made aware of something the better. Sharing details publicly or privately on social media inevitably makes the situation worse; please refrain from doing this.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

It is important that our staff sometimes access training in order to help them to keep doing the amazing jobs they do with our pupils. Unfortunately, this does sometimes mean that we need to cancel our wrap around provision in order for this to happen. We are sorry for the inconvenience this can cause and will only do it when we really need to.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

# Our learning...

## We are...

Have a look at what your child is learning about next week. Talking about our learning really helps us to remember more of it; maybe ask your children to explain something they have learned about during their school day to help them commit it to memory.

Nursery 1	We are investigators, using our senses to explore a pumpkin.
Nursery 2	We are artists, painting animals.
Reception	We are musicians, exploring the sounds instruments make and singing songs.
Year 1	We are researchers, discovering facts about Antarctic animals.
Year 2	We are artists, exploring sculptures.
Year 3	We are super writers planning a non-chronological report about imaginary animals.
Year 4	We are dentists exploring the effects of materials on the teeth.
Year 5	We are journalists writing newspaper reports.
Year 6	We are scientists making models of our digestive system!

You should have received a Knowledge Organiser that explains some of the key learning your child will cover over the Autumn term in their curriculum topic lessons. If you wish to do any activities inspired by this topic, please do share this with your child's class teacher so we can celebrate it in school. The more your child can talk about their learning or the topic they are covering, the more they will remember and be able to use their learning.

**We have had some wonderful homework efforts brought in so far! Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. It is so fantastic to see how proud they are of their work.**

# Ofsted Report

Pupils really like coming to this friendly, welcoming school. Relationships between pupils and adults are strong and staff know the pupils' families well. Pupils feel safe and know that adults will listen to them if they have any problems.

Pupils' wider development is a priority in the school. Leaders provide opportunities to help pupils prepare for life in modern Britain. For example, pupils learn about different lifestyles and types of families. They know they should treat everyone respectfully. Pupils also learn about healthy lifestyles and how to understand and manage their feelings and emotions.

Leaders care about the well-being of staff. They make sure that expectations for planning and assessment are manageable. Staff feel highly valued and work together so pupils progress well.

Pupils behave consistently well. They demonstrate high levels of respect for each other and towards staff. Pupils respond quickly to staff instructions. Bullying is rare, but if it happens, pupils and parents know that staff will deal with it quickly and effectively.

Keeping pupils safe is a top priority for everyone. Regular meetings and briefings help to maintain staff understanding of safeguarding matters. Well-trained staff quickly refer any concerns to leaders. Detailed records show leaders work closely with other agencies. Leaders are tenacious in securing the right support for pupils from external agencies. This gets pupils the help they need.

## Infant Academy Diary Dates

Week beginning 17th Oct	Parent/ Carer Evening - Tuesday 18th Oct and Wednesday 19th Oct
Tuesday 18th Oct	Year 2 trip
Wednesday 19th Oct	Nasal Flu clinic
Friday 21st Oct	Dress brightly for Down Syndrome Awareness Month Finish for Half term
Monday 31st Oct	Children return to school

## Junior Academy Diary Dates

Week beginning 17th October	Parent/ Carer Evening - Monday 17th Oct and Tuesday 18th Oct
Wednesday 19th Oct	Nasal Flu clinic
Thursday 20th Oct	Year 5 trip
Friday 21st Oct	Dress brightly for Down Syndrome Awareness Month Finish for Half term
Monday 31st Oct	Children return to school