

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome back to all. The holiday always seems to go quickly to me, but at least we were able to enjoy some days of sunshine and hopefully everybody has had the opportunity to recharge their batteries ready for School Year 2018-2019. A special welcome to our new staff and families and we look forward to getting to know you better over the next few weeks. Remember we do have an open door policy and if you are worried or just want to find out something, come and see us. We hope all our children's learning journeys will be happy and successful this year.

On behalf of all the staff thank you for the gifts, cards and messages that were received at the end of last term. The kind words mean so much!

### **Clubs**

Once again we continue to offer a wide range of clubs and activities. There are not many schools that have such a range for children to participate in on a regular basis. This only happens because the staff willingly share their interests and talents with the children. It is great when members of our community also come forward to share their talents and if you are prepared to help with or lead a club do come and see me.

Please return the club list as soon as possible so that they can start on Monday 17 September. Please make a note of the clubs you request.

### **Summer Learning Exhibition**

Please bring all summer learning in by Monday as we will have a Homework Exhibition next Thursday 13 September at 3pm.

### **Doors for collection**

When you collect your children you need to remember that older children will go to meet the younger children.

Reception: from the back of their room

Year 1: from the side door

Year 2: at top of the slope

Year 3: by the welly boot area

Year 4: leave by the lost property entrance

Year 5: down the stairs, leave from the side door

Year 6: use the main Qube door.

### **Parking**

This is always a difficult issue for people who live near any school but we can all help make sure that we receive fewer complaints from the neighbours by:

- 1) Making sure that you do not block driveways or park dangerously
- 2) Use the bottom entrance below the school and walk up through the nature area- there is a combination lock and the number is available from the office( Thank you to the families already doing this)
- 3) The car park cannot be opened before 3.05 – please do not come and queue before this as emergency vehicles can not get by if the road is blocked. Do ring school if gates are not open by then.
- 4) Remember that pedestrians need to cross roads safely so do not park where their view is blocked
- 5) Drive slowly when children are walking on the virtual pathway.

### What else we can do

- Consider just dropping off in the top car park so children can just walk down, especially if you do not need to come into school.
- Please do not park across empty spaces in the car park.
- Use the parking on the other side of the A38 and cross over the bridge to come to school.
- Consider car sharing to reduce number of journeys.

### **Book Bags**

Please make sure your child has their reading book and reading record in their book bag in school every day. Book bags will be taken into rooms to cut down on unnecessary visits to the cloakrooms. All home learning and letters will be able to be placed into them so you receive all the information that does not always get home!! KS1 are brilliant at remembering but we did have a lot of records lost. We are really promoting reading and as such we have reviewed our policies.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Trish and Ellen who once again have made the school look great through their attention to detail.

### **Staffing News**

We welcome Mr Tom Miller into year one this term. As a previous successful member of our school training programme he is already well known to most of you.

We also welcome several new apprentice Teaching Assistants - Ellye Ball in the reception class, Emma Chaplin in year 1, Luke Kowalski in year 4 and Libby Holmes in year 5. Sharna Braddon is our new office apprentice. Emma Passmore is also our new SEN TA in year 1. We also have three new School Direct trainee teachers in school, Miss Lucy Bowden is in Reception class, Miss Tamzin Earl is in year 5 and Mrs Rebecca Ramaglia is in year 6. We hope you get to know them quickly over the next few months.

### **School is open from 8!**

#### ICT, Homework Club and Reading Club

From 08.00 the ICT suite and homework club start and from 8.15 reading club starts. All these take place on a daily basis.

Kathy can support homework activities if your child needs this.

Cat runs a reading club to give children the opportunity to read for enjoyment and take part in reading activities. It will also be a time to share books and for younger children to sometimes discuss texts with older ones. Cat runs our successful Better Reading Project and will be continuing to develop this over the year. This will offer an alternative to ICT in the mornings but children attending this group do need to be there by 8.20 so they do not disturb reading after this.

Mathletics and Spellodrome can be undertaken in the ICT suite where Colin is available to help and support as needed.

Breakfast Club - Preschool organise this in the hall and will bill you for attendance, but it can be attended by any child from age 2 onwards.

Breakfast is served and the children are supervised until school starts.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all who helped with the allotment and watering on the farm during the holidays. It was great to see so many becoming involved.

### **PUPIL PREMIUM –Don't let your child miss out**

As all KS1 children will be eligible for free dinners we need to make sure that if your child is eligible for pupil premium it is claimed. This year it is £1,300 for all children whose parents receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

If you are eligible please pick up a form from the office to make sure the money can be claimed and registered for.

### **Child Protection and Safeguarding**

All staff have received their annual update. Mrs Cunningham and I will be attending an additional session later this term. Mrs Hawkings and Mr Arundell are also trained in this area to deputise if we are not available. If you have any concerns remember to keep them confidential and to share them with Mrs Curtis, or Mrs Cunningham in her absence. Please see attached leaflet that we issue every year as a reminder.

### **Eco and School Council Representatives**

These will be decided when children have had time to prepare why they want to be considered for the role. It will be discussed in classrooms and then they will be elected by their peers. Hopefully all who would like to be considered will have their chance to put forward their ideas. Homework this weekend will be to prepare their ideas to share with their peers.

### **School uniform**

Thank you for helping us to maintain high standards of appearance and providing the correct uniform for your child. We are going to be reminding everybody about uniform during the year to make sure there are no misunderstandings.

Until October half term children may wear either summer or winter uniform depending on weather etc. After half terms shirts and ties will be needed for both girls and boys. Polo shirts are not worn in the winter. School sweatshirts or fleeces can be worn in the winter but hoodies are not for classroom use. ***Please make sure all uniform is labelled so it can be returned to pegs if mislaid.***

Girls need green pinafores or skirts not grey. Culottes are not part of our uniform in the winter or summer. Black trousers can be worn in the winter (Asda on line do sell green pinafore dresses and skirts as well as tights. Sainsburys sell green tights.)

Following a staff discussion –please remember no extreme hair styles are allowed and hair, if longer, should be tied back at all times. Plaiting etc. does help prevent the spread of head lice that plague all primary schools. Last year large hair accessories and head scarfs were worn by some - so please can we request discreet hair accessories and green ribbons if worn!!!

### **PACKED LUNCHES**

Please do not include nuts in packed lunches – we need to be aware of other pupils' allergies.

Please ensure your child's lunchbox is named

### **Landrake Community Cafe**

Would like to invite you to join us in raising money for Macmillan Cancer Care, part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning:

Thursday 20 September | 8.50am til noon

Landrake Chapel

### **Home Learning**

Every week the spellings that are set on Spellodrome will be tested in class.

Mathletics will be set and the completion monitored. Children will be guided to complete at lunch times if they have not completed at home. However if there is a reason for this do send in a letter as normal.

All children also have access to Mymaths and to Education City to support their learning.

Accelerated Reader will be used to monitor reading and comprehension progress in KS2.

Children need to be reading at least one book at their level each week.

All children can use the 2 Simple programs through Purple Mash

If your Internet access is more difficult then children can come into school at 8am, use the computers at lunchtime or go to homework club any day until 4.30.

Paperwork can be given as a short term alternative if necessary by arrangement with the teachers.

Tables grids will be completed on paper but practice can take place.

A Home learning Grid with project style activities to be carried out during the term is available each term.

### **Holidays and Attendance**

Please, please, please do try to avoid asking as unless there are truly exceptional circumstances then these have to be declined. As last year, anybody who wants to request an absence is authorised in school time may need to meet with a member of the governing body and Mrs Curtis so that the exceptional circumstances can be considered. We will issue the dates for the meetings and ask you to ring and make an appointment on one of the published dates.

### **Landrake Messy Church**

Back to crafting, playing, having fun and learning  
Saturday 8 September | 4-6pm

Landrake Chapel – everyone welcome

Please bring a little food to share.

Find us on facebook: Landrake Messy Church

Landrake Community Café

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Thur 13 Sep 3pm Homework Exhibition  
Fri 21 Sep Mufti Day  
Mon 24 Sep Yr 6: Residential – Cadover  
Tue 25 Sep Yr 5: Residential – Cadover  
Wed 26 Sep Yr 4: Residential – Cadover  
Thu 27 Sep Yr 3: Residential – Cadover  
Thu 4 Oct 7pm Friends AGM  
Fri 19 Oct Inset Day  
22-26 Oct Half Term  
Wed 31 Oct School Photos  
Fri 2 Nov Reception - Yr 5: Flu Immunisation  
Fri 21 Dec Christmas Holidays start  
**2019**  
Tue 8 Jan Back to School

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at Landrake Chapel



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Community Cafe