



HEAD OF SCHOOL NOTE

I can't believe that we are already at the end of a very long first term back! It has been truly wonderful to have all of our pupils back with us this term and I cannot thank you parents and carers enough for your understanding, support, patience and kindness as we have chartered these unprecedented times. As a teaching team we are incredibly proud of every one of our pupils; each has settled back into school life, shown real determination and resilience and really made the most of these seven weeks.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very huge and heartfelt thank you to all of the staff here at MIP School. Without their hard work, determination and nurturing approach, this 'new normal' could not run so effectively. The work that goes on behind the scenes on top of their daily roles is unbelievable. Thank you all!

When we return after half term our key priority will continue to be keeping our pupils healthy and safe. We will carry on implementing our system of controls shared with you at the beginning of this term, as well as keeping occupied spaces well ventilated (as we move into colder weather, please ensure your child/ren is/are very well wrapped up as learning will continue to take place outside where possible).

Have a wonderful half term everyone – a well-deserved rest for all! We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on **Monday 2nd November** healthy and happy. Should the Government announce any changes during this time, we will notify you as soon as possible via email.

HOME LEARNING

All pupils' passwords and login details have been stuck in the front of their reading records for ease.

SPOOKY DRESS UP DAY

Some super creative outfits today for our '**Spooky Dress up Day**'! Thanks to everyone for getting involved, entering the '**Design a pumpkin competition**' and for your donations. We will let you know how much money was raised in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We will be returning after half-term on **Week 2**.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

Attention all parents of YEAR 6 CHILDREN. The deadline for applications to Secondary School for Sept 2021 must be submitted to Cornwall Council by 31st October. This can be done on-line at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admssions.

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year we will be supporting the Children in Need 'Five to Thrive' Appeal from 9-15th November. Each class will be taking part in activities throughout the week and on **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER** all children are invited to come into school **in non-uniform (bright colours)** in exchange for a £1.00 donation.



ST EVAL ARCHIVE & ART PROJECT

Local artist, Jane Dark and sculptor, Andrew Tebbs are running a new art project titled 'Habitats as Heritage'. The aim is to record, using film, photography, writing, painting and scientific notes the habitat of St Eval, looking at the ecosystems through geology, trees, plants animals, birds, fish and insects. The children will be getting involved through school, but anyone is welcome to contribute. See leaflet sent home today.



They are inviting everyone to submit paintings, drawings, poems or music inspired by the wild places of the parish for an exhibition. A selection of work will be displayed along with images from archive in key locations around the parish including Tregona Chapel. Digital work to janesdarke@gmail.com. First Deadline is **31st OCTOBER 2020**.

CLASS 5 'LIGHT AND SPACE'/CLASS 4 'EARTH AND BEYOND' - MAWGAN PORTH

On **THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**, children in Class 4 & 5 will be walking to Mawgan Porth Village hall to take part in a 'Spacelab' Planetarium experience. Class 5 will be seeing 'Light and Space' and Class 4 will be seeing 'Earth and Beyond' This is linked to their 'stargazers' topic and it is an excellent way to learn. The Spacelab is an inflatable mobile planetarium which is carpeted with moving images. The activities will all take place within the normal school day. Please can consent forms for this trip be returned by **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**.



PARENT MEETINGS – BOOKINGS OPEN

Parents evening will take place virtually on **TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**. These will be 10-minute scheduled slots. **Bookings for these slots can be done on Arbor**. Bookings close on **MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER** and **WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER** at 12 noon. Due to the limited phone lines at the school, all meetings will take place via TEAMS. If you do not have access to a computer or device for this, please let the school office know.



OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE -CLASS 1

The children in **CLASS 1** will be taking part in two Outdoor Education experiences with 'Under the Canopy, Cornwall'. These sessions will take place on the following dates:

Friday 6th November from 12-3pm & Friday 13th November from 12-3pm



OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE – CLASS 2

The children in **CLASS 2** will be taking part in two Outdoor Education experiences with 'Under the Canopy, Cornwall'. These sessions will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 4th November & Thursday 12th November from 12-3pm

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastics Book fair will take place this year **12th to 19th NOVEMBER**. This will operate slightly differently this year. The children will be given the opportunity to browse the bookcases during school time within their bubbles and they will then have a chance to write a wish list to take home. Children will sanitise their hands or use disposable gloves before looking at the books. Order forms will be sent home to parents to order and pay directly with Scholastics, they will receive a confirmation number from which we can then hand over the books.



BAGS2SCHOOL

'Bags2School' will be collecting unwanted clothing from the school on **TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER**. Half term is a very good time to sort out unwanted clothes from the summer, or generally have a good clear out. This helps raise a lot of money for the school funds, with very little effort on our part, so it is well worth doing. Please note that they accept men/ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes tied together, handbags, ties, belts, soft toys and jewellery. **DO NOT SEND IN** any sort of bedding, pillows, curtains, towels, school uniform, corporate work wear, textiles or anything that is wet/damp as they DO NOT ACCEPT them, and we have to dispose of them. **Please bring your bags on the morning or afternoon of Friday 20th November so they can be stored and isolated for 72 hours.** We cannot accept any bags after this date. Thank you for your support.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY AND POPPY APPEAL

Due to the impact of Covid 19, we will not be selling poppies and other items in aid of Remembrance Day in school this year. However, we will continue to educate our children about it as part of our curriculum. If you would like to make a donation and support the armed forces community, please follow the link below. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/poppies-in-the-post>

TEA-TOWELS

Thank you for placing a tea-towel order with us, these have now been sent off for printing and we will get them to you as soon as they are available.

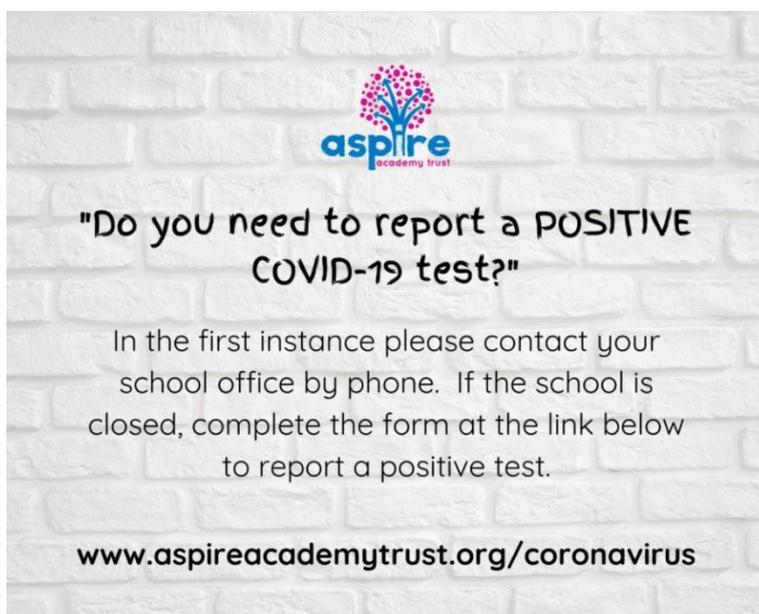
COVID-19 TEST

A reminder on how to report a positive case of Covid to school. If it is during the school day, please contact the school office on 01637 860491. **For out of hours or in half term**, please use the following link.

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For more information on this, please look on: <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>





"Do you need to report a POSITIVE COVID-19 test?"

In the first instance please contact your school office by phone. If the school is closed, complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

TERM DATES 2020-2021 – ADDITIONAL TRAINING DAYS ADDED

Please note that this has been amended.

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Training Day Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th September

School Starts Monday 7th September

Half Term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Last day of term Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2021

School Starts Monday 4th January

Training Day Friday 12th February

Half-Term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Last day of term Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2021

School Starts Monday 19th April

May Day Monday 3rd May

Half-Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Training Day Monday 7th

Training Day Tuesday 8th June

Last day of term Wednesday 21st July

Training Day Thursday 22nd July

Training Day Friday 23rd July