



Monday 12th September 2022

Dear parents,

It is with great sadness that my first newsletter of the year should be one that includes the mournful passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on the 8th of September 2022. The news has come as a great shock to the world and is an unprecedented event in our living memory. I'm sure it will affect many of us in different ways as we begin the period of mourning as a nation that will end with the state funeral.

As a school community we are keen to acknowledge this significant event in order that we might pay our respects and show its gravity in our history. As a school we have spoken with all our children so we can reflect on who the queen was, what she did for the nation and the Commonwealth countries, why this event is so significant, and it is also a chance to discuss our emotions. Our staff have spent time supporting children through open discussion and reflection.

Elizabeth II, who died at age 96, may be best remembered as a leader who provided a model of constancy in a rapidly shifting world. There is a protocol for this period of mourning, and we will uphold the bank holiday on Monday the 19th of September to observe and pay our respects on the official day of the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

It has been a brilliant start to the new academic year, despite the news; full of variety and splendour! We hope that you all have had a well-deserved break over the summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. As we stated in the letter last week, with your parent survey responses in mind, we are adapting a few aspects of the school to add to our ethos, and we worked out that some children have signed up to nearly 5 – 7 clubs each week, which is so wonderful for children. If you also add the specialist teaching from Cape Cornwall school for Music and Physical Education each week, we have started the year brilliantly!

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back, with a special welcome to Kristupas, Delphine, Felix and Ursula, our new Reception children, and Tia and Jack that have also joined us. We are really looking forward to working with you all as you begin your learning journey at St Levan school.

Thank you to everyone that has brought in a cake this morning to support our literacy day – we have a phenomenal amount to sell! As a fitting conclusion, Flora, in Puffins class, created the following poem at home; she was of course rewarded with a head teacher's award for her devotion to poetry writing and her imagery skills.

Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher

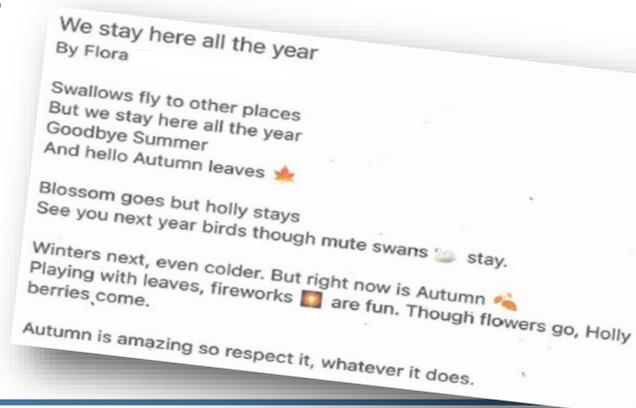
DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 13th September

- Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 19th September

- Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II



Shining Stars of the Week



Miss Ferguson's Star of the Week

Tia - For making a fantastic start in Choughs Class and working hard to always do your best!

Miss Finch's Stars of the Week

Beau - For super focus and determination in our learning last week - well done!

Miss Trenoweth's Star of the Week

Henry - For having fierce determination to "get the job done" during spelling and writing last week.

The Sky: What's in the sky and how does it change?

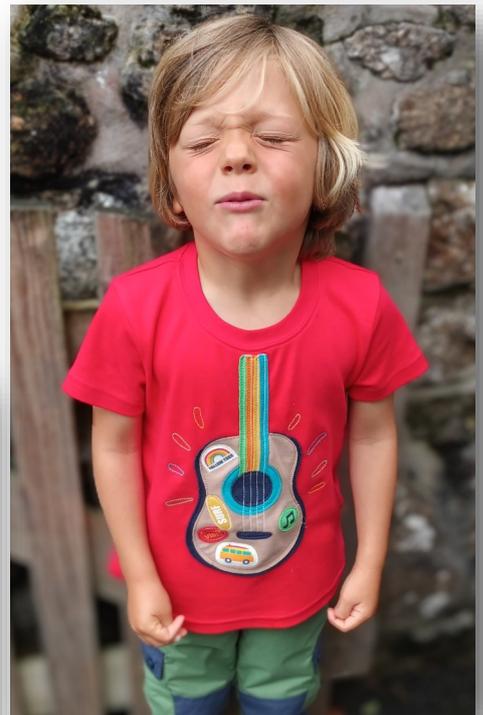
Our new class topic in Choughs is all about the sky. Here's what we're looking forward to:

- Bats, witches, fireworks and Halloween (AG)
- Planets (ES)
- Aeroplanes. Once I went on one when I was 1 or 2. (RT)
- Flying machines in the sky like aeroplanes and helicopters. (OG)
- The weather! (JL)
- Definitely flying machines. (BHJ)
- Fireworks. (HG)
- Birds, different types of them and about how they live. (TB)
- The sun! (RTW)
- Learning about animals because I want to be a vet! (CS)



Welcome

Welcome to our new starters in Reception!



hello 
First day
of School

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

We spent some time reflecting upon the death of The Queen and talking about how we felt and what she meant to us. The children painted pictures to remember her.



I am sad because she worked so hard to be the queen. Queen Elizabeth II, you were so special to Cornwall. (BH-J)

I am sad HM Queen Elizabeth II has died because she's a very special queen of England. (OG)



I am feeling sad because the queen died. (AG)

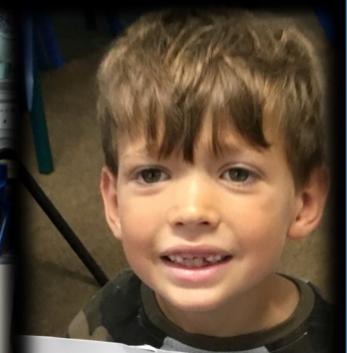
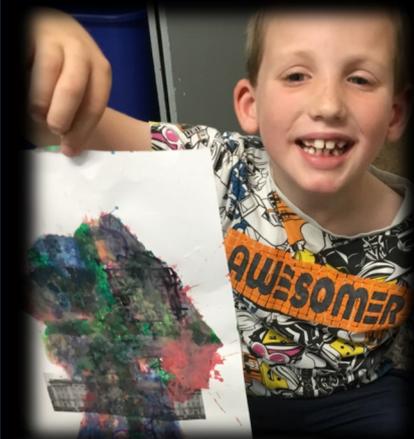
Thank you for being such a lovely queen. (RT)

I feel sad for the queen because she died. She was so special to the UK. She reigned for about 70 years so I wish that she never died. Her name was Queen Elizabeth II. (TB)

I am feeling sad.

She was a very lovely queen. (HG)

I am sad because the queen was very special. (ES)



Our class charter

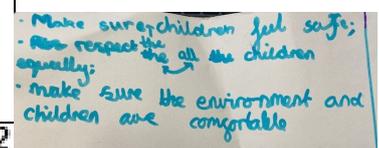
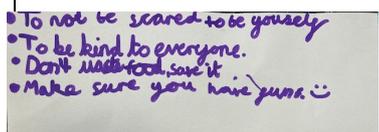
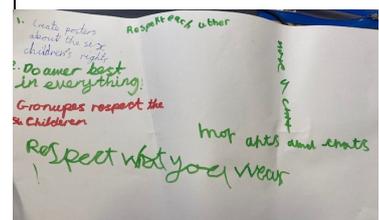
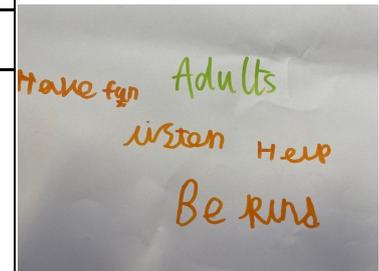
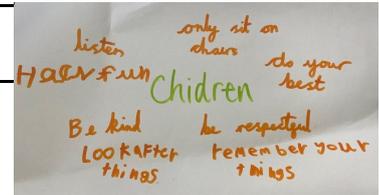


We have had a wonderful week in Puffins welcoming our new members and getting right back into learning.

On our first day back, we focussed on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and what this means for our classroom.

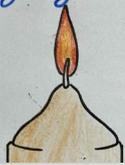
Puffins were tasked with deciding what children and adults should do to ensure everyone feels safe, happy and can achieve their best.

Puffins Class Charter	
<p>After learning about articles 8, 12, 24, 28, 29 and 31 from the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the children in Puffins class created a list for adults and for children to follow so everyone feels safe, cared about and can learn to the very best of their potential.</p>	
As children we will:	As adults we will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do our best in everything • Be respectful of what each other chooses to wear, believe and feel • Respect each other • Listen carefully • Be kind to everyone • Look after things and try not to waste them • Remember what we need to bring • Not be scared to be ourselves • HAVE FUN! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the children equally • Help make sure all children feel safe • Make sure the environment is comfortable • Make sure the children are comfortable • Make sure we plan creative learning opportunities • Listen • Be helpful • Be kind to everyone • HAVE FUN!
<p>Created Tuesday 6th September 2022</p>	



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

Dear Queen Elizabeth II,
 September 8th 2022 will always be
 a remembered day. When we learned
 you had passed it was very sad.
 You have been the best ruler in
 history and always will be. For the
 past 70 years you have looked
 after us. I always thought you
 would live forever.
 Thank you for being our
 Queen



I want to say thank you, you have
 done so much for our country and
 cared about everyone - in our Nation for
 70 years. It feels like you could have
 ruled forever. It has only been a few
 hours since we learned what happened
 and it already feels so strange. I think
 this is because you were
 caring, kind, thoughtful, supportive
 and loving. We are all
 going to miss you ^{such a} ~~so~~ much
 great lot. Rest in Peace.

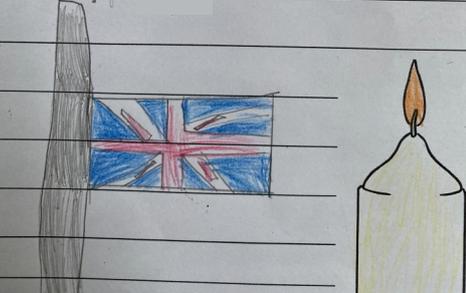


It was such a shock when I heard the news.
 You have been there and then looked
 after the country. I hope that
 the Royal Family will be ok.
 Rest in Peace.

Dear Queen II
 It was such a sad day when we learned of your
 passing. You have been at the head of our nation and
 cared about everyone for 70 years everyone is going
 to miss you. Thank You

The corgis that meant so much to her.

I am sad that you have died. You are the
 only monarch I've ever known and I
 can't believe that you reined for seventy
 years. We will miss you. You've been such
 a great ruler and you lived for
 seventy-six years which is great!
 I thank you



It was a big shock
 when I heard the news. I
 hoped she would live to 100.
 Rest In Peace.

This week in Choughs class, the children enjoyed brainstorming ideas for a piece of writing all about Things we DIDN'T get up to in the holidays. This writing task allowed the children to be as creative as they liked with their writing. Some examples of which included...

I didn't travel to the Arctic and meet a polar bear (RT-W, Y1)

I didn't see a flying car swooping in between the trees (TB, Y2)

I didn't see a vicious tiger or an elephant with 1,000 eyes (OG, Y2)

I didn't grow a pumpkin or have tea with the Queen (CS, Y2)

P.E IN CHOUGHS

Ah Hoy! Shipmates!

Choughs have started our new PE theme all about Pirate Movement! We have been practising our sword fighting skills, scrubbing the deck, and climbing the rigging – all with careful consideration about our footwork skills and static balance. We then enjoyed putting our moves together alongside the sing-along Oh! You'll Never Get to Sea!



POETRY IN PUFFINS

In Puffins the children began analysing the poem What is the Sun? by Wes Magee and later planned their own metaphorical poem. We recalled and discussed what a metaphor was and how this was different to a simile. We linked our poems to the International Literacy Event that took place on Thursday, with poems relating to seasonal changes and the moon. Some examples of their awesome work included...



The Moon is...

It is a bright, sparkling ornament, hanging in the bright blue sky (CH, Y4)

It is a bright, yellow ball of cheese, shining quietly in a dark, cold fridge (RO, Y3)

It is a round, sparkling plate, dancing in the amazingly beautiful night (FN, Y3)

It is a sparkling globe, spinning gracefully like a ballerina (AS, Y4)

Cornwall Council

2022/23 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2022

Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tue	6	13	20	27	
Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

October 2022

Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thurs	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

November 2022

Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue		1	8	15	22	29
Wed		2	9	16	23	30
Thurs		3	10	17	24	
Fri		4	11	18	25	
Sat		5	12	19	26	
Sun		6	13	20	27	

December 2022

Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tue	6	13	20	27	
Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

January 2023

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thurs	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

February 2023

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tue	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

March 2023

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tue	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

April 2023

Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thurs	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
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May 2023

Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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Thurs	4	11	18	25	
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June 2023

Mon	5	12	19	26	
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July 2023

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August 2023

Mon		7	14	21	28	
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Thurs		3	10	17	24	31
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School holidays

Bank holidays

- 25 December 2022
- 26 December 2022
- 27 December 2022
- 01 January 2023
- 02 January 2023
- 07 April 2023
- 10 April 2023
- 01 May 2023
- 29 May 2023
- 28 August 2023

AUTUMN TERM (70 days)

5 September - 16 December 2022
(HALF TERM 24-28 October 2022)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

3 January - 31 March 2023
(HALF TERM 13-17 February 2023)

SUMMER TERM (66 days)

17 April - 25 July 2023
(HALF TERM 29 May - 2 June 2023)

INSET days

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.