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#### **Hot Chocolate Club!**



Every week class teachers will award two children with a hot chocolate club token. The token entitles children to join Mr Tyers on the Friday for hot chocolate and a biscuit. Children are selected for showing impeccable behaviour all week.

Well done to all of our amazing hot chocolate club children this week, keep up the amazing work!



Best attendance goes to Cedar with 98.5% attendance!

Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Juniper:	90.5%	Maple:	94.5%	Holly:	96.9%	Ash:	93.7%
Palm:	95.7%	Cedar:	98.5%	Rowan:	97.6%	Hazel:	95.7%
		Sycamore:	98.2%	Hawthorn:	93.0%		

#### Keeping everyone safe

With Covid-19 still at high levels across the country, please can we politely remind you all of the importance of maintaining an appropriate distance from other parents during school drop off and pick up times. Could we also ask that where possible only one person drops off and collects children and that the one-way system is adhered to. We thank you all for your continued support in this.

# "Do you need to report a POSITIVE as 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

Reporting a positive test out of hours

#### St Austell library





St Austell library are introducing a new service – Lucky Dip bags for children, a random selection of 10 books picture books or 6 chapter books with some activity sheets. They have themed the first one for Halloween half term but it will be ongoing from now on. Just arrive at the library with your library card and a member of staff will meet you at the door.

Email hello@biscovey.org.uk

Call: 01726 812949

Visit: www.biscovey.org.uk

# Harvest food bank appeal

Thank you all so much for all of your donations for our food bank appeal, these will make such a difference to many families in the St Austell area in times of difficulty. A special thanks to Mrs Gill and Lily in year 4 who have been working hard all week collecting and sorting through all of your donations.





#### Support with behaviour at home

Balancing the various demands parents have to cope with isn't easy and all parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time. This is never more true than now, where the world is a very different place for children and some may be struggling to make sense of the change.

This guide shares practical advice and tips for positive parenting techniques that work well for children - from babies to teenagers. These techniques encourage better behaviour and help parents find out what works for them and their child.



### Leadership Blog from Mr Tyers – Head of School



# Why did I become a Head Teacher?

I was inspired to be a leader by a gentleman named Leigh Wolmarans (I'm sure he won't mind me naming him). Leigh was the Head of school in a relatively deprived area in Northampton where I did a placement during my second year of teaching. Leigh, was and is a proud South African man. He valued the performing arts and sport just as much as he did English and maths. He continually led by example, teaching lessons, leading workshops, opening big cross school events, his whole school assemblies where he

would teach the school values through retelling stories such as Star Wars had me hooked. Leigh's school provided children with a plethora of opportunities for them to find their 'thing', no child was forgotten about, no child was left uninspired! He had created a school where it was impossible not to want to attend. A school where I would have given anything to attend as a child! How could anyone not be inspired to lead after seeing this first hand? The placement was relatively short but the impact it had on me is something I still carry with me today. Fortunately, I

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was able to become a Head much quicker than I ever anticipated. After taking my first headship I told my mum. She said 'promise me that you will not forget about the children like you'. I didn't always know I wanted to be a teacher and that's fine. What I do know now is I could never be anything else. I have the greatest job in the world and feel so lucky to be able to work within our incredible profession.

# Dates for your diary

26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Half Term
18.12.20	Last day of term
04.01.21	INSET
05.01.21	INSET
06.01.21	First day of term
12.02.21	INSET
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	Half Term

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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