

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We all have mental health. In fact, since the pandemic and whilst society grapples with a huge range of other challenges, it is proving more critical than ever that we each pay careful attention to our own mental health and that of our children. Monday was **Hello Yellow Day**, with children across the school proudly wearing yellow and exploring activities designed to celebrate the **power of talk**. An

impressive £375.95 was raised for the Young Minds charity in the process – thank you all. If you, your child or someone close to you would benefit from further support with mental health or wellbeing, help is at hand. Please do get in touch:

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 Thank you very much indeed to those of you able to join our parent and guardian **consultation** about the proposal to join **Leading Edge Academies Partnership** last Monday. Some great questions were raised. This is a big decision and your input matters – if you have any further questions or would like to share your views, please do get in touch by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk) Thank you all.

Children in many year groups are **walking to the public library next week**. If your child does have a library card, they are very welcome to bring this along with them to borrow some books. Please see the attached letter for more information.



We are mindful that we communicate to you in a number of ways and appreciate some feedback that we have received recently. In response to this, we have agreed a more **streamlined approach to communication**:

- Any letters from class teachers will be sent out using email and also posted on the relevant class' page on the website. We will share links for these shortly.
- If you need to send an online message to class teachers, you will be invited to use class email addresses which are monitored regularly by teachers.
- We will continue to use Showbie to support, share and celebrate children's learning.
- As ever, if you would like to meet with your child's teacher or any other member of the team, please don't hesitate to ask and we will arrange a convenient time.



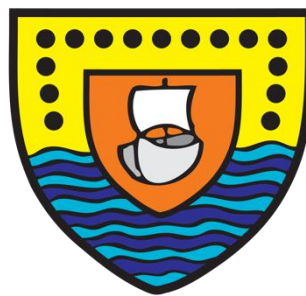
We have also received some useful feedback around the morning **drop off routine** and appreciate that, once on site, it can take families with more than one child a little while to get to each class. In view of this, once the gates have closed at 8:50am, classroom doors will remain open a little longer, preventing the need to rush your child into class. Thank you for your feedback and, as ever, please do get in touch at any time.



Finally, a reminder that next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (pupils' last day before the half term break), we are wearing red for the **Show Racism the Red Card** initiative. Your child is invited to wear their own clothes including any red item if possible. Thank you all.

Best wishes,

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