



Grade Ruan C of E School



13th September, 2024

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Our Vision Statement

Setting sail on life's journey, with an anchor to keep us safe and sails to let us fly with God to calm the storms along the way.
Luke Chapter 8 verses 22-25

Our newly elected School Council and Year 6 Worship Leaders

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council who were voted for by their class mates this week. They will join Mrs Talbot in meetings to help improve our school and one member will also be invited to PTFA meetings We also have a new Worship team who began today and have all ben allocated roles of responsibility such as lighting the candele and saying the Lord's prayer.



Attendance Counts

Your child's attendance in school is so important and we are very proud of our good attendance rates—thankyou for your support with this.

This week's attendance:

Rose: 98.3 %
Tamarisk: 98.9 %
Socoa: 97.1 %

School average: 98.1 %



Stars of the week



Rose Class : Ciara for showing a very grown up attitude and for being an amazing role model as a year 1.

Tamarisk Class : Rosie for a positive start to the term and encouraging others.

Socoa Class : Rocco for making a really positive start to year 5 - well done.

Important – Attendance - New Government Regulations

Important Changes to the Law regarding Penalty Notices.

An email has been sent to all parents and carers this week to ensure everyone is aware of the changes that have come into effect from 19th August 2024 surrounding Attendance and Penalty Notices. It is also attached to this newsletter. Please do ensure you read this important information before making any decisions surrounding taking term-time holidays. Flora Day will not be authorised this year. Thank you for your support and understanding.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As of 19th August 2024, the government's new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence (including unauthorised holidays) comes into effect.

This affects when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period

A parent will no longer be able to take their child out of school for one week's holiday without a potential penalty notice being issued.

There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160, if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available. This may include prosecution for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.



TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION ON A FOOD JOURNEY WITH ASPENS

Aspens has been chosen to provide the meal service at your child's school. Take a look below for a glimpse at a typical menu...

Knowing Where Your Food Comes From

We take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. All of our dishes are prepared every day using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced. Our supply chain is traceable, so we can ensure the provenance of all produce.

Our dishes are created and served by experienced and enthusiastic staff. As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

Our Great New Menu

WEEK 1



FUN THEME DAYS

OUR FANTASTIC FOOD

We don't only create delicious favourite dishes from home and around the world, we make it fun!

We aim to make lunchtime the best time of the day and it definitely is when we hold one of our regular theme days! Planned to link in to the school calendar or seasonal healthy food initiatives, our staff may dress up and decorate the counter to serve something deliciously different on the menu - it's the stuff of great school food memories!



Change of Menu for Thursday 19th September

Meat — Sausages; Hash browns and Beans

Veg — Veg sausages, Hash browns and Beans

Dessert — Classic Old School Cake with Custard



NOT JUST GREAT TASTING FOOD!

The food children eat at school plays an important role in their wellbeing and eating a well-balanced diet will not only maintain and improve their health but will also set them on the right track for later life. We understand this and that's why we are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen.

SPECIAL DIETS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

Don't think that your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - this is an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

Aspens already caters for lots of children with allergies, we have robust food safety procedures and our staff has regular allergen and food safety training. It is still important that parents talk to us so we can work together and continue to provide meals that are safe for their child to eat.

HELP YOUR CHILD SOAR WITH A SCHOOL MEAL!
And it could be FREE! Check for more if you visit the link on the right.

ABC
12345
67890
Pencil
Eraser
Ruler
Compass
Scissors
Glue
Stapler
Calculator
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Ask at the office to find out more!

Save money, Save time, Save hassle.

Fuel your child with energy!

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 meals are FREE!!



For more information and to check if your child can get free school meals, even after year 2, please visit this website - www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or scan the QR code on the left.

If eligible, not only will you be saving money, but you will also be giving your child a nutritionally balanced meal to fuel their bodies for the rest of their learning day.



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PTFA AGM

Friday 20th September

9am in the School Staff Room