

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the fantastic weather we had over the summer holidays.



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year R children and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family. The Year R children have been settling in well during their two morning sessions and have been making friends whilst exploring and getting to know their EYFS setting. Next week they will join us full time.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II

You will all have heard the terribly sad news, announced by Buckingham Palace yesterday, of the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

In school today, staff have acknowledged the Queen's death with the children in an age-appropriate way and have explained that we have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral.

Time has been spent focussing on celebrating the Queen's life and her contributions to the nation and the Commonwealth.

The children were reminded of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the summer and all that the Queen achieved in her lifetime. We also talked with the children of the future and discussed how her son, Charles, is now King Charles III.

A special assembly was held this afternoon with prayers and thoughts for the Queen and her family.

Please refer to the link below for support on how to talk to your child/children at home of the Queen's death.

[How to talk to children about the death of the Queen | Winston's Wish \(winstonswish.org\)](https://winstonswish.org)

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After School Clubs

Teachers are currently in the process of planning the after school clubs on offer for the autumn term. More details will follow next week.

French Club

We are delighted that Vicky Rouncefield is returning this term to run the incredibly popular French Club on a Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. A number of those who attended last term have already signed up, but Vicky does still have a few spaces available, so if you are interested in signing your child up for this amazing club, please see below for more details on how to book a place.

The club is open to children from Years 2 – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website. Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.

Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

Sports4Tots

Sports4Tots will also be returning with an afterschool club which runs on a Friday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is also bookable and payable direct via their online booking system. This club is open for children in Years R, 1 and 2. Flyers for this half term will be sent home with children next week once we have received them. The club will start on Friday 23rd September.

Thank you!

We would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful parents/carers and their families who helped to care for our animals over the summer holidays. We are so very grateful for all your continued support.

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Bonjour!

Sign up now to a NEW after school club at Connor Downs Academy! My name is **Vicky** and I teach French in a fun and engaging way!

My French sessions consist of:

- ♦ Singing songs
- ♦ Playing games
- ♦ Following actions
- ♦ Role play

If you would be interested in your child taking part in a French club, please book your space here: www.kidslingo.co.uk

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VICKY is enhanced DBS checked & fully insured.
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Transfer to Secondary School – September 2023



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The
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applications is
**31 October
2022**

Transfer to secondary school September 2023

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2023**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by **31 October 2022**

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2023. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Starting School – September 2023



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**15 January
2023**

Starting school September 2023

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2023

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 17 April 2023.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Applications open 11th Oct 2022



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Online Information Briefings

📅 29TH SEPT 2022, 4.00PM-5.00PM

📅 19TH OCT 2022, 4.00PM-5.00PM

📅 15TH NOV 2022, 3.30PM-4.30PM

📅 7TH DEC 2022, 3.30PM-4.30PM



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Kind Regards,

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