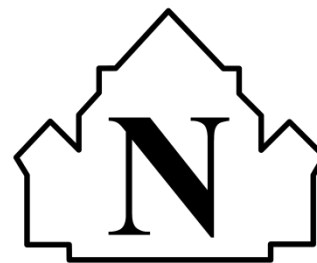


Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to our Reception Class (Eden Class). We hope you had an enjoyable Summer break and are eager to join our school, for what will be an exciting year. Mrs Sharp and the Early Years Team are thrilled to welcome the children and their families to Nanpean CP School. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn Term and the year ahead.



**Nanpean C P School**  
**St Georges Road Nanpean**  
**St Austell Cornwall PL26 7YH**  
**Tel 01726 822447**

Staff:

Mrs Sharp (Class Teacher) will be teaching full time in Eden Class. Mrs Sharp will be supported by Mrs Gumbrell (TA) and Mrs Tulloch (TA). Mrs Gumbrell will work in Eden Class every morning (Monday-Friday) and Mrs Tulloch will work all day in Eden Class (Monday-Friday). PPA is covered by Mrs Williams (HLTA).

Tapestry:

All Reception children have a personal online Learning Journal which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, which builds a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. We have chosen this company because they are secure and it is also an exciting way of keeping track of your child's development during their time with us. We will be able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children. In addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to add to it by uploading photos and comments, or responding to observations made by us. By uploading your child's achievements and experiences, together we will build a strong record of your child's time in Reception Class.

Tapestry is also used to give messages about things happening in our class and in school. Thank you to the parents who have already signed-up. Class Dojo is used for this purpose from Years 1-6 at Nanpean School.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):

At Nanpean School, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework to support early development in Reception aged children. A separate Curriculum Overview Sheet is completed for each term and this gives more details about what our class will be covering this term. Mrs Sharp and the team welcome items/artefacts related to our learning or children's interests to be brought into class. It is important that our Reception children have opportunities to share and discuss things that they have experienced/know.

PE

Eden Class will have PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoons. On these days, children should wear their PE kit to school. PE kit must consist of:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)

- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

#### Spare clothing:

Please can all children keep a spare set of clothes at school (named). Eden class will have daily access to water play and other exciting experiences that can sometimes become messy. The children will be encouraged to wear aprons during these activities.

#### Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is part of the weekly timetable for each class as this is proven to support childrens mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will vary each week depending on which subject we are doing outside. This will be communicated with you in advance via Tapestry (as part of the weekly message). On these days, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your childs name. Eden Class also have access to our outside area daily. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for all weathers (coat, hat etc).

#### Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Read Write Inc sessions. Childrens books will be changed during these sessions which will either be every 3 or 5 days depending on the story being read in the group. Pupils will have a library slot on Thursday afternoons where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and also record in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned so please make sure pupils bring their library book to school on a Thursday.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the school reading reward scheme.

#### Homework:

In addition to reading/sharing a book for pleasure with your child 5 times a week, children will also be sent home with a 'sound of the day' worksheet. Please take time to practise saying the pure sound with your child, as well as the letter formation phrase. Mrs Sharp will share a video on Tapestry modelling the pure sound of the day and the handwriting phrase to help your child pronounce and form the letters correctly.



### Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV / PC / Laptop / Tablet / Smartphone, etc...).

### Communication – an ‘Open Door’ Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in our class. The class teacher will greet the children at the door each morning and the teaching assistant will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office who will contact us to arrange an appointment.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your support.

**Mrs Sharp, Mrs Gumbrell, Mrs Tulloch and Mrs Williams.  
Eden Class.**

