



28 April 2023

Dear parents/carers

Strikes, Flora Day and the Coronation

Thank you for your understanding and support during this short period of disrupted days. Just as a reminder please note the following:

- Monday 1 May 2023 – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 2 May 2023- Teachers' Strike Day
- Friday 5 May 2023 – Flora Day (School Closed)
- Monday 8 May 2023 – Bank Holiday

As with previous strike days, we will be open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13 to minimise disruption to their exam preparation. It is compulsory for these students to attend College, like any other normal College day and it is crucial that they attend to ensure they are fully prepared for their exams and able to complete their course work on time.

Nursery OFSTED Inspection - I thought it would be nice to share some more positive news with you - this time about our wonderful on-site nursery. OFSTED visited the nursery and published their report last month. It is a lovely report to read and well-deserved. May I take this opportunity to publicly thank our Nursery Manager, Caroline Spencer, and her team for the great work they do. If you would like to read the report, or find out more about the Helston Day Nursery please click on the link here: it can be found here: [Helston Day Nursery](#). Here is the first paragraph of the report to give you a flavour:

"Children have a lovely time at this nursery. They have strong, positive relationships with the manager and staff and happily come to nursery each day. They are calm and engaged in their play and concentrate well. Children behave politely and kindly towards others and quickly help their friends to overcome difficulty."

Class Charts Update - As the final term of the academic year is now well underway, I thought it would be good to update you with how students are doing in relation to their Praise Points. As of this morning, we have awarded over 130,000 praise points since September. This is an average of 100 per student and nine times more than the Behaviour Points we have issued. There are 287 students who have achieved their Gold Award (150 Praise Points) and 83 students have achieved their Platinum Award (200 Praise Points). Congratulations to Dylan Richardson-Reps for being our first ever winner of the Diamond Award, achieving over 300 praise points - an incredible achievement! I will be presenting the Diamond Award to him next week.

Equipment - As mentioned in my letter dated 21 April 2023, we will be focusing on equipment later this term. Students need to bring in the minimum requirements to prevent any disruption or loss of learning time in lessons. Please could you ensure you check with your child(ren) to ensure they have what they need. We will be introducing short sanctions for those with missing items to help address any issues.

Thank You - May I finish with thanking you for your ongoing support. Whilst we know there are always things we can improve, we have received some lovely feedback from a number of parents/carers since returning from Easter - I am enjoying getting to know more of you and working in partnership with you all.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the upcoming celebrations.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Lingard
Headteacher