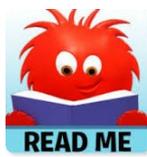




Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed



NEWSLETTER

12/01/2018

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

⇒ **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome back to the Spring Term! Despite it being a distant memory, we hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and have made (and not yet broken) some promising new years resolutions.

⇒ **Christmas Fair**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair last term and made it a huge success; we raised a tremendous £1055.54! A special thanks goes to Miss Dash for organising the whole event and to the staff and parent helpers for setting up and running stalls. We are expecting tea towels to arrive next week and they will be sent home to those who have ordered and paid for them.

⇒ **Caretaker Vacancy**

We are currently advertising for a school caretaker to manage the maintenance of the school. This is a brand new role created to help keep our school environment lovely now that our new build has settled. If you know of any person who is able to dedicate 15hours per week to complete low level repair work, external maintenance, act as a keyholder and relief cleaner, and assist in the management of health and safety at the school, please point them in the direction of either the Cornwall Council jobs site or the school website for the full job description and an application form. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 17th January and interviews will take place on Tuesday 30th January.

⇒ **Year 1 Class Teacher Vacancy**

As Miss Bevis has returned from maternity leave on a part time basis, we will now be advertising for a permanent full time year 1 class teacher. Miss Wood's temporary contract which covered for Miss Bevis while she was on maternity leave will continue until the Easter Holidays, while we carry out this process. The advert is available on the Cornwall Council website, and the deadline for applications is Thursday 25th January. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7th February, after which we will be able to provide further information.

⇒ **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting**

We held our first PTA meeting on Wednesday and it was very well attended (14 parents in total). Thank you to those who attended and are able to dedicate their time to support existing school events and organise new events. The first of which will be a Valentines Disco (further information to follow)! The next PTA meeting will take place at 9am on Wednesday 24th January.

⇒ **Spring Term Clubs**

The Spring Term club letter was sent home on Monday and needed to be returned by last Wednesday. All clubs begin next week. We have allocated club places and if your child did not get into a club, slips have been sent home today. If you did not receive a slip, you can assume your child has a place in their chosen clubs, but please do double check your child's book bag.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning. **'Star of the Week' slips will go home in the book bags of the children chosen as our Stars every Thursday.**

This week our stars have been:

Eden— Olivia Nicholls for her fantastic handwriting.

Hendra— Amelia Davis for settling in so easily and working so hard.

Prosper— Lewis Hill for showing excellent behaviour for learning and perseverance with his maths.

Karslake— Laila-Brooke Leeming for her impressive attitude to learning this calendar year.

Melbur— Jeremy Cejar for his excellent effort in all subjects.

Drinnick— Macy Hoole for her super effort with her presentation.

Rosemellyn— Robbie Henderson for an outstanding start to the Spring Term and being enthusiastic in all lessons—terrific!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Lunchtime Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during lunchtimes for the week.

This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

Harley Oliver for being super helpful with supporting the younger children at lunchtimes.

BUSY BEES

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional. This weeks award is:



Jonah Cotter for his exceptional powerpoint presentation about his travels around 16 different countries.

Lexi Grant for her huge improvement in her arithmetic scores.

Polly-Louise Hatton for completing additional homework about volcanoes.

REMINDERS

♦ **If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to apply for a primary school place by Monday 15th January 2018. Please refer to our Admissions Policy on our website for more information.**

♦ **There will be no Fun Fit on Tuesday 16th January due to staff training.**

♦ **Melbur Synagogue Trip letters were sent home at the beginning of term. These must be completed and returned with any contribution towards the cost of the trip by Wednesday 17th January.**

ATTENDANCE

w/c 8/1/2018		Karslake	95.65%
Eden	86.54%	Melbur	97.22%
Hendra	100%	Drinnick	97.22%
Prosper	98.21%	Rosemellyn	92.65%

⇒ **Winter Illnesses**

There has been a lot of media coverage lately about Aussie Flu. With this in mind, we wanted to remind you of some tips to avoid catching any winter bugs:

- Have the flu jab
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with warm water and soap
- Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze and then throw them away as soon as possible (then wash your hands)
- Keep wrapped up warm
- Drink plenty of water

As it is important that everyone takes steps to limit exposure to viruses, any child who has had bouts of vomiting or diarrhoea should be absent from school for 48 hours since the last episode.

⇒ **Class Letters and Topic Overviews**

Teachers sent home their class letters and topic overviews last Friday for the Spring Term. If your child did not receive one, please speak to your child's class teacher. A copy of the class letter is also available on the school website.

⇒ **Achievement Assembly**

A reminder that all parents/ carers are invited to our Friday Achievement Assemblies at 9am. Parents of children who are star of the week or have the lunchtime award will be notified via text/ paper slip on Thursday. External achievements to be shared in the Friday Assembly must be sent in by Thursday. It is lovely to have parents join us, but please remember that we are all there to celebrate the achievements of our pupils together, not to make judgements about staff leading the assembly. We have worked hard to make the school a positive, welcoming place to be and we expect all parents/ carers to share that ethos.

⇒ **Pupil Visioning**

Today our pupils congregated for our Pupil Visioning event. During this time, they had the opportunity to record what their favourite and least favourite lessons are, how they learn best and what they aspire to be. It is wonderful to see how the children's preferences and aspirations develop, and we use this information to feed into school improvement.

⇒ **Flooding Update**

Mrs Wicks met with Highways and Imerys at the end of last term to discuss how to resolve the ongoing flooding issue at the school. It seems that the school's drainage runs under the road to the Imerys site opposite the school, and there is a blockage somewhere along this drainage system. The team who managed our new build are organising for the drainage system to be surveyed and the blockage jetted and cleared. We hope this will resolve the ongoing flooding issue. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

⇒ **Youth Speaks ~ 18/01/2018**

We have two teams from KS2 competing in the first round of the Youth Speaks competition next Thursday. Pupils taking part in this will need to dress smartly and arrive at St. Johns Church in St. Austell by 6pm for a 6.30pm start. We wish them the best of luck!

⇒ **Road Safety**

We have had complaints from people driving past the school of some erratic driving taking place during drop off and collection time. In the interests of safety, of pedestrians and car drivers, please remember to be careful when driving out of the car park or from your parking space, or when opening car doors, especially on sunny winter days as visibility can be poor with the low sun shining in driver's faces.

⇒ **Census Day ~ 18/01/2018**

Thursday 18th January is our next school census day. The census is the basis upon which the school receives its funding and this includes funding for the free school dinners for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your children tend to have school meals, please ensure that they have one on this day so that our funding will be accurate. Also, we sent home information about the Pupil Premium funding available to those in specific circumstances at the end of last term. If your child meets the criteria set, please either complete the application form and send it back to school or apply directly for this funding using the Cornwall Council website. This funding is for your child's education and has many other benefits, such as free school meals, free music lessons, and discounts on school trips. Please make this application by Monday 15th January to ensure that your child gets funding as soon as possible.

⇒ **Uniform Expectations**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. Our school uniform consists of: a red school jumper/ cardigan, a white polo shirt, black trousers/ skirt, and black school shoes. Many children have been wearing all sorts of different shoes and boots. We appreciate that sometimes in an emergency, your child's school shoes or uniform will be damaged or unwearable, but please call and let us know this. Otherwise, we will expect to see all children in sensible black school shoes. Also, PE kits should be kept in school all week.

⇒ **A Request from Board Games Club**

If anyone has any board games they are able to donate to our board games club, we would be very grateful. Any games can be dropped off at reception, but please can you ensure that games are in reasonably good condition and have no important parts of the game missing. Thank you.

Spring Term

Thursday 18th January—Census Day

Thursday 18th January, 6:30pm—Youth Speaks competition

Tuesday 23rd January—Football/ Netball Match Against Foxhole

Monday 29th January—Melbur Class Trip

Tuesday 30th January—Caretaker Interviews

5th February 2018—Celebration of Learning event (no clubs)

6th February 2018—Safer Internet Day

7th February 2018—Parents Forum

7th February 2018—Year 1 Class Teacher Interviews

w/c 12th February 2018—HALF TERM HOLIDAY

6th & 7th March 2018—Parent Consultations

9th March 2018—Year 6 Transition Day at Brannel School

16th March 2018—SNELL CUP

23rd March 2018—Sport Relief

28th March 2018—Easter Service (led by Karslake & Drinnick)

28th March, 5pm—Y4/5 Easter Disco at Brannel School

Thursday 29th March 2018—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks

Head teacher

