



Gerrans School News

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Our Chair of Governors Mrs Annabelle Sylvester is available to discuss any matter with parents on 01872 501270

Attendance Whole School

From 22nd October – 16th November 93.2%

In order to maintain OFSTED's judgement of BEHAVIOUR and SAFETY as outstanding this percentage is expected to be 95%

Welcome

All the Governors and Staff welcome Miss Kelly West as our new Teaching Assistant.

Miss West will be based mainly in KS2.



Diary Dates

Monday 23rd November - Messy Church 3.30pm School Hall

Wednesday 25th November - Badminton Festival KS2 (details to follow)

Wednesday 2nd December - Parental Consultations 1.30 -4pm

Thursday 3rd December - Parental Consultations 3.30 -5.30pm

Friday 4th December - PTA Christmas Fayre
(details to follow from PTA)

Sunday 6th December - Christingle Service Gerrans Church 6pm

Friday 11th December - Whole School Nativity 6pm
Gerrans church

Wednesday 16th December - School Christmas Dinner & party

Thursday 17th December - Whole School Christmas Trip

Friday 18th December—Musical Assembly 9.30am &
Last day of term School Finishes 1.30pm

Spring term starts Monday 4th January

15/16 Inset Dates - School Closed

Monday 22nd February 2016

Monday 11th April 2016

Friday 10th June 2016



Poppy Day

People also ask



Who was in World War 2?

When did World War 2 start and end?

What was the blackout in World War 2?



We went to the church we had 2 minute silence people read lines out. A gentleman held up a flag and you could ask questions.

By Reggie Year 5

The Roseland Hockey Tournament

On Thursday the 11th November a team of pupils from Year 4,5 & 6 went to The Roseland School to participate in the 2015 hockey tournament. Our first game was against Probus and that was a draw, but unfortunately we lost 1 nil against Gorran. Our best game was against Ladock which we won 2 -1 but Connor's foot won the game because at the last moment his foot caught the end of the ball and stopped it going in the goal. It was a brilliant match which we dominated.

There were 6 teams and we came 4th.

By Harvey and Connor Year 6

Wanted

We are looking to organise our costumes and are looking for any old suitcases that you no longer want or storage containers with lids.



If you have any please see either Mrs Chaffin or Mrs Hooper

Many thanks

Reminder

All school photo orders need to be in the Office by Thursday 19th November.

Many thanks



Outdoor Learning KS2

KS2 are going to be doing some Outdoor Learning activities and therefore all children will need some suitable clothing. With this in mind please can you bring in some old clothes and shoes(if possible wellies and waterproofs) that can be held in school.

In order to develop and enhance our Outdoor Learning areas we would be grateful for any donations of unwanted tarpaulin or plastic sheeting and rope.



If you have anything suitable please see Mrs Hartshorn-Bate.



Many thanks

KS2 Fruit

Please can all KS2 bring in a piece of fruit (dried or fresh) to eat at mid morning snack time.

It is often a long time since breakfast and quite a wait until lunch time.



Christmas Music at Gerrans!

Please join us at our Christmas Assembly for a musical experience: singing, handbells and more...



Friday 18th December 9.30am



Multi Academy Trust Update

The consultation period is over and questions and answers from both sessions have been circulated and are also available on the Website. Further details will be given as they arise.

Pudsey Day

On Friday the 13th November the School Council arranged for everyone to come to school in your PJs to raise money for Children In Need as well as an Auction.

First of all we started the day by looking at everyone's onesies and pyjamas, it was very exciting and everyone had made a good effort. After break we held the Auction, the tables were full to the edges with games, toys DVDs and books. We started to bid for a selection of the toys everyone had made a great effort on such short notice. Ciara ran the Auction and was a very good Auctioneer.. There were four tables and at the end they were mostly empty. The total raised was an amazing **£87.70**.

By Grace Year 6 and Sky Year 5



KS2 Camp

Final numbers are now needed in order to confirm our places at Camp Kernow. If you have not already and would like your child to attend camp please could you return your attendance slip and non refundable deposit by Friday 20th November.

Any queries please see Mrs Elvy



Par Cross Country

For the last two months we have been running on behalf of the school at Par Running Track. We have been running in the Year 6 race. On the first race Rebekah came 16th in the time of 8 minutes and 28 seconds and a brilliant time and place. Ciara came 5th in the time of 7 minutes and 35 seconds another great time and place! When we ran the following month Rebekah and moved up to a whooping 8th place and had beaten 8 people. Ciara came in a great score of 4th she had beaten 1 person. We are both doing great it's fun but challenging at times.

By Ciara and Rebekah Year 6



New Attendance Update

With the second half of the autumn term now well underway and the start of the hurtle towards Christmas, time to mention the importance of school attendance again!

As a whole school our attendance currently stands at 95.2%, compared to a figure of 95.6% for the same time last year. Already we have received a considerable number of absence request forms for holidays which will naturally impact this figure still further.

The law states that a planned absence from school should only be authorised for pupils in 'exceptional circumstances'. Here at Gerrans School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request of leave has been agreed on 'exceptional circumstances'. We look at each request on its own merit, taking into account purpose, attendance history and your child's academic progress. However the Government does not support parents taking children out of school if such 'exceptional circumstances' are not met and this includes leave of absence for holidays. If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

As a school we haven't as yet implemented fining for persistent absence, however with the current level of unauthorised absences being as it is, this is currently under review and we may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A Penalty Notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences.

Gerrans School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved. In the meantime, you are of course welcome to contact either Mrs Elvy should you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.