



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Newsletter - September 2017



Welcome back and hello!

It is lovely to see everyone back at school. We would like to say a big 'hello' and 'welcome' to all of our new pupils in reception or in other classes throughout the school. We wish you all the best and hope you will be very happy during your time with us.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

September

- Monday 11th - PTA Meeting 8pm WI Hall (New members welcome)
- Friday 22nd - Wear jeans change lives day for Williams syndrome foundation 50p donation.
- Thursday 28th - Second hand book sale/swap and lost property in the hall from 3pm

October

- Wednesday 11th - Harvest Assembly 9.15 am, (parents welcome)
- Thursday 12th - Parent information evening - Talk4Writing 5.30pm
- Thursday 19th - Opening of the new building 3.15pm (Sowenna meaning success in Cornish)
- Thursday 19th - PTA Halloween Disco
- Friday 20th - INSET Day

November

- 6th - 10th - Parent Open Sessions (days to be confirmed)
- Thursday 16th - Second hand book sale/swap and lost property in the hall from 3pm
- Thursday 23rd - Parent information evening - Maths No Problem 5.30pm

December

- Tuesday 5th - EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 6th - KS1 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 7th - KS2 Carol Service
- Friday 8th - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 12th - EYFS Christmas Party
- Wednesday 13th - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th - Year 1 Christmas Party
- Friday 15th - Year 2 Christmas Party
- Monday 18th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 19th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party

INSET DAYS 2017/18

- Friday 20th October 2017
- Thursday 4th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018

Uniform

All the children in our school are expected to wear the uniform listed below. Wearing uniform ensures that all children have the same standard of dress and that they look and feel smart. If some children do not wear the correct uniform it can create problems for other parents who are trying to enforce the dress code with their own children. Please help us in ensuring that our school looks smart and feels proud.

Uniform:

Red sweatshirt preferably with school logo

Red or white polo shirt

Grey trousers/shorts/shirts

Grey socks/tights

Black school shoes (no trainers)

During the summer girls may wear red gingham dresses with a red cardigan

PE Kit:

Red t-shirt and black shorts.

During colder months black leggings or tracksuit bottoms may be worn with a red or black sweatshirt.

Please also ensure that no nail varnish or jewellery is worn to school.

Welcome meetings for parents

Please see below the remaining welcome meetings so that you can meet your child's teacher and find out about the curriculum, routines and expectations for your child's year ahead.

Year Group and Classes	Date	Time
YR Dolphins and Seals	Tuesday 17 th October (Please note that this is later in the half term and will focus on assessments and phonics)	7pm
Y1 Seahorses and Starfish	Monday 11 th September	3.15pm
Y4 Turtles	Tuesday 12 th September	3.15pm
Y2 Penguins and Sea Lions	Wednesday 13 th September	3.15pm

General information

If you would like to order any uniform please place an order with the office. Please remember that uniform consists of red tops (or white polo shirts) and grey bottoms with black shoes.

- Children should NOT be arriving unaccompanied before **8.45am**.
- Please **label** all uniform with **names**, not initials.
- If you have moved house or have a new telephone number, please let the office know.
- Please use the designated parking bays only in the car park.
- Please remember to phone into school by **9.30am** if your child is not able to attend school.
- Please fill out a green absence form (found at the office) for any absences including medical appointments.

No Nuts Policy - REMINDER

Please remember that we have a child in school who suffers from a severe air-borne nut allergy. If this child comes into contact with nuts or products with nuts in, they can suffer life-threatening consequences. We have taken advice on this matter and as a result the school has adopted a NO NUTS POLICY from September 2015. This has been discussed and agreed by the governors and therefore we require parents NOT TO SEND IN NUT PRODUCTS for children's snacks or in their packed lunches.

Examples of the items that we do NOT want children to bring to school either as a snack or in their packed lunch include:

- packs of nuts
- peanut butter sandwiches
- fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- chocolate bars such as Snickers that contain nuts
- sesame seed products including rolls
- Nutella
- muesli bars
- cakes with nuts in them

In general, on food products there is a section that contains allergy advice. If this says that it 'does contain nuts' or 'may contain peanuts' then we DO NOT want you to send these products into school. Many product labels say that the product 'may contain nuts' and this tends to be manufacturers being cautious, so these products are allowed to be brought into school.

This change of policy has not been taken lightly. We would ask that all parents adhere to it for the safety of all children. If there are any issues that you feel arise as a result of this policy, please do come and see the Headteacher to discuss them.

School meals reminder

- School meals cost £2.30 for KS2 only (KS1 meals are free). Please make cheques payable to **Interserve Catering Service Ltd**.
- Remember to clearly put children's names and year on all purses or envelopes.
- Hand in any monies or cheques for school meals to the class teacher at the start of each day.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please ask for a form at the school office. We have several children requiring a special diet, your child will be able to enjoy a range of gluten free meals, including pasta, pizza and packed lunch options.

Tuck for KS2 - Tuck is available for KS2 students every morning break, offering healthy snacks from 30p

Walking Bus

We are pleased to tell you that we are offering a Walking Bus to school every morning. What is a Walking Bus?

A Walking Bus is a line of children walking in pairs along a safe route with an adult 'driver' at the front and an adult 'conductor' at the back. Our Walking Bus will be manned by school staff for the first couple of weeks and, hopefully, by school staff supported by parent volunteers thereafter.

What are the benefits of a Walking Bus?

A Walking Bus can provide many benefits to children, parents, the school and the community:

Health benefits through regular exercise;

Improved awareness of road safety and promotion of pedestrian skills;

Reduction of traffic congestion, especially surrounding the school;

Improved air quality and health through reduction in exhaust emissions;

Time and cost savings for parents and children;

Encouragement of a more active lifestyle, including children arriving at school wide awake and ready to learn.

How does it work?

Our Walking Bus will operate from the Scout Hut in the library car park to the school each morning. Parents can drop off their children to two members of school staff who will be on hand at the Scout Hut from 8.35am to 8.45am. They will be joined by more adults (initially school staff but hopefully by volunteer parents over time) and the Walking Bus will depart for school at 8.45am. Adults and children will be provided with high vis jackets for the journey. Please park responsibly in the library car park when dropping off children for the walking bus.

Two routes have been approved by the Sustrans Officer appointed by Cornwall Council. On dry days, the Walking Bus will take a route which largely avoids roads, going up Polbreen Ave, turning right at the fenced off overgrown area and down through White's Close. On the other days, it will cross the junction with Polbreen Ave and walk on the pavement along Trelawny Road and up White's Close.

Children with bikes and scooters are welcome to join the Walking Bus, but must walk their bikes or scooters while taking part.

Invitation to the Opening of the New Building

We would like to invite you to the official opening of our new building on Thursday 19th October from 3.15pm. The building will be opened by the youngest member of our school and the oldest person from the local community who has previously attended St Agnes Primary School.

Following the official opening, you will be able to take a tour of the building.

KS2 End of day collection

To avoid end of day congestion we would like to trial the following arrangements:

- Year 5 and 6 children will be released from the far door of the new building. Parents collecting these children will need to wait for them on the KS1 playground
- Year 3 and 4 children will be walked down to the KS1 playground where they will be released by the teacher. Parents of these children are also asked to wait on the KS1 playground.
- Children attending after school club need to wait in the entrance of the new build for collection by the club leader.

Clubs

You will receive a club letter this week.

First week of clubs: 18th - 22nd September

Last week of clubs: 27th November - 1st December

Do It! Days

To ensure our children receive a broad and balanced curriculum we are introducing a Do It! day in each half term. These days will have a particular focus and will involve the whole school.

Make It! - Focus on designing and making

Be It! - Focus on citizenship

Perform It! - Focus on the performing arts

Create It! - Focus on arts and crafts

Play It! - Focus on sport

Explore It! - Focus on local history and geography

