



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Welcome to our new reception children!

A huge Penponds welcome to our newest children in Carn Brea class. The whole group have settled in very well and Miss Percy and all the staff have been pleased with how quickly the children have learnt the new routines and explored their classroom. Thank you to all our new parents for managing the transition so well. It was a privilege to be part of their first day of school. There is a lovely poem attached to the newsletter that is currently trending on social media from a parent with the teacher's reply.

### Message from Mr Richards

Dear Parents/Carers, welcome to the new school year! It was an absolute treat to be greeted by so many smiling faces on Tuesday morning even though the rain was nearly horizontal. The children have spent all week telling me about their summer holidays and their adventures. All the classes have settled down to learning very quickly and have got stuck into their topics. In Carn Brea class the children will be learning about Oceans, in Godolphin with Miss Souch and Miss Meyers the class will be recreating the Journey of the Mystery. Trencom spent time wrapping each other up as 'Egyptian Mummies' and Tregonning have begun their topic on Victorians with a study of the artist William Morris. To keep you further informed, next week we will be holding short class information meetings so the teachers can set their expectations on homework, PE kit, reading and so on. Godolphin and Tregonning class meetings are straight after school on Thursday with Trencom's meeting on Friday. You are warmly invited to these meetings which should last no-more than 10 minutes. Children are welcome to stay as well. The teachers have prepared class booklets with key information for the year which will be presented at these meetings.

### 50 things to do before you're 11

Well done to Emily Jones who completed all of the 50 things to do before you're 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  over the summer holidays and recorded everything in a lovely album. It's still not too late to start - see the activities here:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>



### Premises work

Numerous jobs were completed on our school over the holidays, the biggest of which was the exterior painting on the hall and guttering around the school. Inside, the school was deep cleaned, a new computer server was installed along with 25 new laptops for the children to use as class set. Tregonning and Trencom class used them for the first time today after our IT engineers finished installing them.

### Gardening club

Thank you to Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Floyd for helping weed the vegetable patch over the summer holidays. A whole wheel barrow load full of weeds had grown on the children's plots and now the patch is ready for winter planting.

## Dates for your diary:

### Clubs start:

11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017

### Half-term holiday:

23-27 Oct 2017

### Last day of term:

20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

### This week's awards:

#### Top Table:

Ben H, Emily J, Charlotte

#### Class Awards:

**Carn Brea:** N/A

**Godolphin:** Jowan, Emily T, Alfie K

**Trencrom:** Harvey, Keira, Terry

**Tregonning:** Alessia, Ryan

#### Headteacher:

Leon, Elijah A, Sophie J

#### Attendance:

Carn Brea: 98.53%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 98.53%

Y2 – 100%

Trencrom: 93.75%

Tregonning: 96.15%

#### Attendance Trophy:

Godolphin Y2 Class

#### Quote of the week:

The only thing better than singing is more singing. By Ella Fitzgerald

**New staff**

Michelle Pascoe joins our team as Site Supervisor – many of you will know her from her role as a lunchtime supervisor and learning assistant in Trencom class.

**Applying for a reception place for September 2018**

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2018. **The deadline for applications is 15 January 2018.**

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2018/starting-school-september-2018/>

**Penponds Fitness circuits**

Miss Marsh is also a qualified fitness instructor and runs evening classes at Penzance Leisure centre. She is able to run an adult fitness class in the hall on Wednesday evenings for any parents/carers who may be interested for a small charge. If you are keen to attend the circuits please email [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk) and we will see if the circuits are viable.

What is it?	Who is it for?	When is it?	What will my child need?	Who runs it?
<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>				
Surfing (£50.00)	Y3-6	Monday (last session 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct)  <b>Finishes at 6pm</b>  <b>Maximum 10</b>	Warm beach clothes  Swim kit  A healthy snack to keep them going!	Mr Richards and instructors  <b><u>See note below</u></b>  <b><u>Please contact the school ASAP to book a place</u></b>
Touch Rugby	Y1-6	<b>Monday – starts after half term</b>  <b>Finishes at 4.15pm</b>	Football boots  Old clothes that will get muddy  Water bottle	Mr Richards
Netball club	Y3-6	Thursday  <b>Finishes at 4.15pm</b>	Sports kit  Water bottle	Miss Smith
Choir	Whole school	Thursday  <b>Finishes at 4.15pm</b>	N/a	Mrs Holmes (ex Penponds Headteacher)
Friendship bracelets	Y1-6	Tuesday  Finishes at 4.15pm	n/a	Miss Percy
Construction club	Y1-2	<b>Tuesday – starts after half term</b>  Finishes at 4.15pm	n/a	Miss Percy
Sports for tots	Reception, Y1-2	Wednesday	Sports Kit	Nick Eagles, external provider

		<b>Finishes at 4.15pm</b>	Water bottle	
<b>LUNCHTIME CLUBS</b>				
Code club (computer programming)	Y3-6	Thursday lunchtimes  Max 24	n/a	Mr Richards
Gardening club	Y3-6	Thursday lunchtimes	Gloves  Wellies	Miss Marsh
Colouring and mindfulness club	Y3-6	Monday lunchtimes	n/a	Mrs Lawlor  Miss Souch
Football	Y3-6	Tuesday lunchtimes	Sports Kit  Waterbottle  Football boots	Mrs Watts
Running club	Y3-6	Wednesday lunchtimes	Sports Kit  Waterbottle	Miss Smith  Mr Richards  Miss Souch

<p>Dear Teacher</p> <p>I know you're rather busy First day back, there's just no time A whole new class of little ones And this one here is mine</p> <p>I'm sure you have things covered And have done this lots before But my boy is very little He hasn't long turned four</p> <p>In his uniform this morning He looked so tall and steady But now beside your great big school I'm not quite sure he's ready</p> <p>Do you help them eat their lunch? Are you quick to soothe their fears? And if he falls and hurts his knee Will someone dry his tears?</p> <p>And what if no-one plays with him? What if someone's mean? What if two kids have a fight And he's caught in between?</p> <p>You're right, I have to leave now It's time for him to go</p>	<p>Dear Parent,</p> <p>I understand that you are scared to wave your child goodbye and leave him in a teacher's hands don't worry if you cry!</p> <p>I'm used to weeping parents It's hard to leave I know. But it's time to share him (just a bit) To help him learn and grow.</p> <p>Let me reassure you That I'll give your child my best I'll wipe his tears, soothe his fears And change his dirty vest!</p> <p>If your darling child is full of cold I'll blow their nose all day Just like you, I'll care for them In a special way.</p> <p>I'll treat him like I would my own I'll catch him from a fall and If there is ANY problem I'll be sure to tell you all.</p> <p>It's true he'll grow to love us They'll talk of school a lot</p>
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I'm sure he'll learn so much from you  
Things that I don't know

Yes, I'm sure they settle quickly  
That he's fine now without me  
I know he has to go to school  
It's just so fast, you see

It seems like just a blink ago  
I first held him in my arms  
It's been my job to love, to teach  
To keep him safe from harm

So, when I wave goodbye in a moment  
And he turns to walk inside  
Forgive me if I crumple  
Into tears of loss and pride

I know as I give him one more kiss  
And watch him walk away,  
That he'll never again be wholly mine  
As he was before today.

It doesn't mean they hate you  
And that you should lose the plot!

I'll tell you a secret..  
That when your child is here  
They talk to me as much of you  
Of this please have no fear.

You'll always be their mother  
Whilst teachers come and go  
To them you are their number one  
This I truly know.

Soon you'll see some changes  
In your little girl or boy  
They'll become more independent  
And to see this, it's a joy!

I'll teach them all I have to give  
To share, climb and to write  
But to you they safely will return  
To tuck them in at night.