



School Newsletter

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DIARY DATES for Garras School

Thu 24 July	Last day of term
Thu 24 July	Celebration Assembly 2pm
Thu 4 Sept	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
Fri 5 Sept	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
Mon 8 Sept	New term starts
Fri 24 Oct	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
Mon 5 Jan 15	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
Fri 8 May 15	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils



Attendance last week 98.15%
Year to date 95.94%

Celebration Assembly

We are having a celebration assembly on the last day of term, Thursday 24th July, starting at 2pm. We would be delighted if parents and family would join us for this event. You are welcome to take your child home immediately after the festivities, but please, let your class teacher know.



MESSAGE FROM MRS EVANS

When I look back and reflect... I can only say what a marvellous and eventful year it has been! It hardly seems five minutes since we opened our doors for business last September. So much wonderful stuff has happened. New people, big and small joining our school family, changes to the learning environment and new ways of teaching which encourage children to be resilient and independent learners.

I think we have all lived out of our comfort zone for much of the year and the wait for Ofsted and the desire to be even better at what we do has helped us focus on the future.

A huge thank you needs to go out to you all for your faith when I said, "Trust me... this is the way forward" and for your keen interest, support and participation in our journey.

This year has been the year of 'paperwork trails' and data. In September we enter the year of 'people'... more new staff and just simply making Garras the most exciting place for a child to be!

See you in September.

Little Lizards Holiday Club starts at Landewednack School on Friday 25th July. Please see Mrs Nicholas if you would like a booking form.

Scooters in the Park

As you know, here at Garras the safety of our school family is our top priority. We have been asked to highlight a potential safety issue regarding the use of scooters/bikes in the Rec grounds. Can we please ask that all children on scooters/bikes are closely supervised and encouraged to ride at a sensible speed? Thank you!



Attendance

Remember, if your child is unwell or has an appointment, can we ask that you contact the school before 8.30am, either by phone 01326 221653 (using the answerphone if there is no-one in the office) or email secretary@garras.cornwall.sch.uk. The EWO (Education Welfare Officer) advises that if no reason for absence is given by 9.15am, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised.

THE WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO IS AVAILABLE NOW! There is one copy left! Alternatively you can order from Tempest in the usual way. The basic photo costs £11.50.

We are a member of



Universal Infant Free School Meals

We have given careful thought to all aspects of this, but inevitably there are bound to be teething problems when we begin in September. While we welcome any feedback from parents, may we ask for your patience and understanding in the early stages while we become accustomed to the new arrangements.

Message from Mr Birchall re the After school clubs letter.

'Thanks to all parents for the responses . In answer to a couple of queries;

- Feetbeat is a dance competition.
- More details will follow nearer the time as these are just ideas being floated for sports and healthy lifestyle after school clubs
- Other types of clubs may be run but that will be down to individual teachers.
- Healthy Eating and Healthy Start are not the same club
- Once I have all the responses I can see which ones are likely to run due to numbers interested.
- Details about sailing club will follow in the first week of September.

Have a great summer!'

Summer Reading Challenge 2014

Mythical Maze is this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

This scheme takes place in public libraries across the country and aims to encourage children to keep reading during the long summer holidays.

Children need to read six library books of their choice during the holidays, collecting stickers and gifts as they progress. Those who finish receive a certificate and medal.

Join up now – it's all free! If you have a library ticket, bring it along with you, or join the library on your first visit.

St Keverne Library (Old School Building)

Monday & Friday 3.30 – 5.30

Saturday 10 – 12

Helston Library

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30 – 5

Saturday 10 -1



FROGS fundraising review

A Huge Thank You to all who have supported our School's events this year. Through our fundraising efforts at The Ship Inn Meal, Bazaars, Christmas play and card selling, Raffles and the Community Cash Back Grant to name but a few, we have raised just under £2000 before expenses.

This money has paid for (amongst other things!) the Playground re-vamp including the new lines, plants and clock, the Didi Cars, donations towards ice-creams for School trips, Sports Day medals and a New Events Gazebo.

Anyone is welcome to get involved with FROGS or come to us with any fundraising ideas you may have. Our next organised event is a Ceilidh style evening with the fantastic Jonas Lift, on the 4th October at Gweek Village Hall. Tickets will go on sale next term.

Happy Holidays and Thanks again!

Sam Reed

