



Egloskerry School

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* **Egloskerry School Website:** *
* www.egloskerry.cornwall.sch.uk: You can also *
* view the newsletter on our website; please check *
* every week for more information and updates. *
* This week: details of: three of our new staff, *
* swimming, Y6 secondary school applications, the *
* Giving Machine, and the Aspens' school menu *
* app, the Health Box & the Disclaimer. *

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014?

If so, please go on to the website: cornwall.gov.uk/admissions, and make your application. These have to be in by 15th January 2018.

If you would like a leaflet with the details, please ask at the office. If you know anyone who is not an Egloskerry parent but has a young child, please pass on the message. Thank you.

We had an amazing time on school camp at the end of last week, and our adventurous Year 5 and 6 children now look well rested. We are very proud of how well they worked together and tackled all of the challenges they faced; however the observation that nocturnal children are pack animals certainly rings true! My thanks go in particular to Miss Prout and Mr Chorlton for accompanying the children on their trip. Please read an account from some of them later in the newsletter.

As the weather is so variable, please ensure that all school clothes, coats and hats have the children's names clearly marked in them so we can reunite any lost items with their owners. This is particularly important for those who are swimming on a Monday and the changing rooms can be a little busy!

We are busy planning for events later in the term. Please note our Harvest Festival will be held on **Thursday 12th October** and we will be opening up bookings for parents' evening on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October**. More details on these events to follow.

Mrs L Slater, Acting Principal

School Uniform: We have some garments in stock which usually need to be ordered. If you would like to buy one of these, please ask at the office:

Fleece, age 3-4, £13.50

Lightweight jacket, age 7-8, £12.75

Reversible coat, age 5-6, £18.50

Stormdry jacket, age 3-4, £22.50

Notes & reminders:

- **Some items missing after Camp Kernow**: we would be very grateful if you could check your child's belongings to see if they have brought home by mistake a Karrimore black coat with blue lining, or a girls' M&S sock (new!). Thank you very much.
- Please make all cheques for school payable to **Launceston College**. School meals cheques are still payable to **Aspens Services**. Thank you.

Could we please encourage all families who are entitled to **Free School Meals** to apply via the Cornwall Council website. Families are entitled to free meals if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Child tax credit (annual income less than £16,190)
- Guarantee element of the pension credit
- Immigration and Asylum Act (1999) support
- Universal Credit

All pupils in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) do receive free meals under the Infant Free School Meals programme. However, if you have a child in these year groups and you are in receipt of any of the above, the school is entitled to additional funding to support the learning of children at Egloskerry School, so we please ask that you apply. This Pupil Premium funding is extremely valuable in today's tight education budgets, and we would be grateful if all eligible parents could apply. Should you require any support with this, please contact the school office.

CAMP KERNOW

Last week Year 5 and Year 6 went to Camp Kernow for a residential for two nights. When we got there on the Wednesday, we had to climb up a hill that went 44 metres higher than sea level! Once we got up to camp we put our bags in the messy tent and got a tour around camp. We got shown the kitchen, home space and the garden, and Charlie (one of the runners of the camp) showed us how they get clean water from the underground, there is a 64 metres deep hole to show people that come, how they get clean water. Camp Kernow is very eco-friendly and have some solar panels. We got some free time to move in and have lunch. Then we split into two groups to do archery and fire lighting (making bread) for a couple of hours. After we went into the woods and met a Cornish woodsman who told us a story in the woods about Tom Blowy. Soon after we went to sleep (well, the girls kept the teachers up until 2:30am!).

The next day we went rock-climbing, tie dyed scarves and made pizzas in partners, we went to eat tea in the willow swirl. We had a camp fire with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows; we sang songs and had a blast! The last day we went out to build dens in the woods and Charlie made up a story that we got stranded on a desert island. He splashed water over our finished dens and got us soaked! We had to take them down because cannibals were coming to get us! We got back to camp, had lunch then came back to school. Thank you Charlie and Claire for this amazing trip!

Written by Holly C and Ruby B

****** Year 6! Please remember to apply for your secondary school place— please see the full notice on the website copy of the newsletter! ******

The Giving Machine: please help us to fundraise by joining The Giving Machine (free to join). It takes just two minutes to register, and parents and staff who shop online at the huge selection of shopping sites earn commission for the school. The company only supports charities and schools, and are members of the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Standards Board. Please log onto: thegivingmachine.co.uk, click on "Join our Giving Community" and follow the instructions. Please remember our school each time you shop online—thank you.

Please see the information on our website about Aspens Services' new app, which will enable you to see the lunch menu with just a couple of presses on your smartphone. Egloskerry's unique PIN number is: **18305882**, and the link is: aspens-services.co.uk/schools/egloskerry-cp-school/ You can search for the app at the App Store or Google Play, install, add the unique PIN number, and you will be able to view the menu, get in touch with Aspens, provide feedback and find out more about their services. The app shows **the new menu for the Summer term, which started straight after Easter.**


Swimming—for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Thank you to everyone who has paid for their children's swimming sessions. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £2 per child per week for transport to the leisure centre, and would be very grateful if you could send this into school now please.
If you are able to pay £20 in one go, that would be very helpful, or you can pay £2 per week. At the moment, because of our academy conversion, we can only accept cash or cheques—thank you.
Please remember every Monday: your child's swimming costume and towel, together with goggles if worn and a second towel for anyone with long hair. **Please name all items.** Thanks.


■ **Health Box:** We have children attending the school who are prone to picking up infections more easily, so we thought it may be a good idea to include a health box in our weekly newsletter.
■ We would ask if parents could please inform the school of any infections, viruses or diarrhoea and vomiting that your child may have, as you usually do. Could you please also inform us of any of the above which your children may have been in contact with recently without showing any symptoms, so that we are all aware. Please remember that all children should be at home for 48 hours following sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.
■ **A note regarding Hearing and Vision Tests:** It is very important to ensure your child does not have any problems with their hearing or vision. Screening is carried out in school, by the NHS, for Reception age children, but do please get in touch with your doctor or the School Nurse if you would like tests done at any other time. To contact the Nurse, phone 01288 320152. For vision tests, please contact your local optician, as tests are carried out free of charge for children. If you would like a referral to the School Nurse, please ask at the school office.
■ **Headlice:** if necessary, please see the information on our website about the treatment of headlice.
■ **Medicines/Cough Sweets etc:** please could *all* medicines, cough sweets, antiseptic creams etc be brought to the office, labelled with the child's name. We can administer medicines during the school day; we just need your instructions (a form is available to complete). Any medication kept in a bookbag or rucsac during the day could be picked up by another child, who might be allergic to it. Your child is also welcome to come to the office at break times to take a cough sweet etc. Thank you.

□ **"Signposting" information to parents—Disclaimer:** All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor One Cornwall will accept any liability arising out of those events.