



## Lunches, Dance and Attendance

It has been interesting to see on the news this week issues arising regarding lunches at a local school. It seems as though that some students had not been offered a hot meal and parents were understandably, and quite rightly, upset and had spoken to the media about this and this has driven me to once again, review what we do at our school and to do my best to ensure that our children's provision is the very best it can be. There was also a sense of worry too because, after the recent snow, our fridge and freezer broke down, causing us to throw food away and our stocks to be depleted. We also had a couple of days after this when we were short of food at the end of service, so I do know how it feels when lunches go wrong! I am glad to say that the fridges are working again after being repaired and things are back to normal.

The local school in question has a kitchen operated by a company that comes into the school to deliver lunches. At our school, we are very fortunate to operate our own kitchen and we therefore have the ability to impact upon our provision very quickly and address issues that may arise. I meet with the Cook in Charge at least once a term to talk about menus, popular dishes, approach to service, food sourcing and special events amongst others. I am not saying that we are doing it right at all but there is certainly a drive within the school to 'get it right' but the recent media attention has caused me to look again. I will continue to work with the kitchen to make sure that the lunch experience and the food is the best it can be.

Next week brings an exciting opportunity to a number of our children with the dance performance at The Regal Theatre on Thursday afternoon and evening. It will be a wonderful event and something the children will remember for a long time to come. Good luck, or should I say 'break a leg'! The week after next Year 3 and 4 take part in our school dance event where there will be our first performance 'in the round'. This is where the audience will sit around the edge of the hall and the dancers will perform in the middle of the hall and under the lights. This time last year we had deep snow and the Regal performance had to be postponed! Please pray for good weather.

Talking about the snow - attendance over that period was great and I would like to say a big thankyou to all our families for being so determined to get the children to school. Our percentages over that period are more than comparable to other local schools, so all the hard work and tough conversations that have been had over the past months, are really impacting in a positive way.

General Data Protection Regulations. The information being collected will only be used within the guidance of the GDP regulations. More information can be found on our website.

[www.pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk/dataprotection](http://www.pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk/dataprotection)

# What's for lunch?

Monday	Vegetable bolognese (V) Parmesan cheese Garlic bread Homemade soup, fresh bread roll & Cornish butter (V) Winter sponge & custard
Tuesday	<b><u>St Piran's Day Lunch</u></b> Homemade steak pasty Homemade cheese and vegetable pasty Cornish jacket potatoes and various fillings Cornish Callestick ice-cream & wafer Saffron cake West Country yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, stuffing & gravy Cornish roast/boiled potatoes, Cornish carrots, cabbage Macaroni cheese bake (V) Carrot cake
Thursday	Gammon Steak, pineapple, gravy Cornish creamed potato Sweetcorn, green beans Cheese onion crispy bake (V) Garlic bread Florentine crispy
Friday	Oven baked fish fingers lemon slice Rosemary & red onion sausages (V) Chips/ Fresh baked crusty roll Peas/mushy peas or whole-wheat spaghetti hoops Pear & ginger flapjack

## Unauthorised Exceptional Leave of Absence Information

The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time.

We hope that when you have read the information outlined on our website, you will consider that your child's education is too important to take holidays during term time.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken, this may incur a penalty notice being 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

## Unauthorised Late Marks Information

If your child is arriving late - after the register has closed at 9am, it will be coded as a U which, is an unauthorised late mark. If your child accrues 10 unauthorised late marks within 100 sessions (10 weeks) you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

The School may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you., issuing a penalty notice 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/unauthorised lates, 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.

## Cake Sale

Our Reception and KS1 classes will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 7th March at 3.15pm this will be held at the bottom of the steps near Mrs Hitchens-Todd's classroom. Any amount raised will assist us with cooking resources for our classes.

Any donations of homemade or bought cakes will be greatly appreciated on the morning. All cakes will be 50p.



## Pennoweth Library News

Every day in the school library between 8.00am and 8.30am \*everybody welcome\*

Next week we will be reading—Treasure Fever by Andy Griffiths

Certificates this week go to - Gracie-Mae, Nathan, Callie, Kizzy, Harry, Gabriel



# Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

## 1 Set a good example with your own device use

Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.



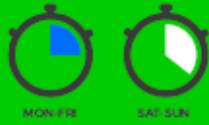
## 2 Talk together about the time they spend online

Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.



## 3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device

Ask to make a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.

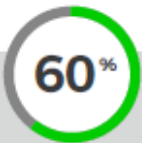


## 4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home



## 5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time

For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.



60% of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web



Parents of 12-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests



Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day

Research of 1000 parents of children using the internet between age 6 and 16 in 2013 and September 2016, carried out by Ofcom in leader.

## Raspberry PI Tech Jam

Robots, electronics, computer games, coding

Saturday 2nd March 10am - 2pm

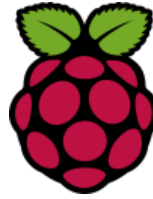
Cornwall College,

Opie Building

Entrance near the new Costa

Every one welcome

Free of charge



## INTERNET SAFETY

To ensure your children stay safe when using the internet, you can encourage them to search using this child friendly site:

[://www.kiddle.co/](http://www.kiddle.co/)

## RLG Dance

All dance tickets will be sent home on Monday. If you haven't already, please return your ticket request and payment ASAP. Tickets are given out on a first come first served basis.

We now have a further stock of RLG baseball caps for sale from the school office. These are priced at £10.00 each.

## Pupil of the Week

FS1/LK: Troy  
FS2/1FM: Keegan  
1/2SH: Malakai  
1/2CHT: Ava  
2SD: Ben  
3NS: Rhys  
3/4RT: Emma  
4DS: Sam  
5/6PB: Skye  
5/6MW: Caitlin  
5/6MD: CJ



## Blue Cards

1/2SH: Bobby x 2, Ruby Malakai. Sofia

2SD: Henry, Ethan, Summer, Amber, Jack, Sam, Fletcher

3S/T: Lucas, charlotte, Jonasz, Emilija x 2, Marisa, Dakota, Rhys, Dylan

WELL DONE

## Weekly Diary Dates

Mon 4th - Pennoweth World Book Day  
Tues 5th - St Piran's Day Lunch  
Tues 5th - Miss Blight's class swimming 8/12  
**Wed 6th - Mrs Shami/Tonkin's class assembly 10.30am**  
Wed 6th - Mrs Shami/Miss Tonkin's class swimming 8/12  
Wed 6th - Yr 5 extra swim session at Redruth School  
Thurs 7th - RLG Dance Event afternoon and evening performances  
Tues 12th - Miss Blight's class swimming 9/12  
Wed 13th - Yr 5 extra swim session at Redruth Sch  
**Wed 13th - Mrs Shami/Miss Tonkin's class swimming session CANCELLED this week only due to dance event**  
Wed 13th - Transition 2 dance performance 2.00pm and 6.00pm.  
Thurs 14th - Yr 5 Planetarium visit to Redruth Sch

## Term Dates

Spring term - 7th January - 5th April - (school finishes at 2pm)

**After School Care available until 6.00pm.  
Please book in advance.**

Easter holidays - 8th April- 22nd April

Summer term - 23rd April - 25th July, please note that the 25th July is a Training Day - **NO After School Care available on that day.**

Half term - 27th May - 31st May (school finishes at usual time)

Training day - 3rd June, **After School Care will be available, please book in advance**

**24th July - School finishes at 2.00pm**

**After School Care available until 6.00pm.  
Please book in advance.**

### Advance Notice of Forthcoming Events

#### March

4th- Pennoweth World Book Day  
7th - RLG Dance Event at Regal Theatre  
13th - Year 3/4 Dance performance at Pennoweth  
16th - Coose Trannack Cross Country  
18th- Book Fair 3.30 - 4.30pm  
19th-Book Fair 8.00-8.30am and 3.30-4.30pm

#### April

3rd-Yr5/6 Quad kids at Redruth School 1.30-3.00pm

#### May

8th - 10th - Yr3/4 Porthpean residential camp  
13th - Yr6 SATs week

#### June

10th - 14th Yr5 Isles of Scilly residential camp  
17th - 21st Yr6 London residential camp

#### July

8th - EYFS sports day  
10th - Reports being sent home  
11th - KS1 sports - am - CHANGE OF DATE  
11th - KS2 sports - pm- CHANGE OF DATE  
12th - Summer fayre tbc  
22nd Whole school Awards Evening  
23rd - Yr6 Leavers and Presentation evening

## CROFTY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

We invite you to hear all about the new partnership between Crofty MAT and Pool Academy on March 12th at 6pm in Pool Academy's main hall

We look forward to seeing you there!

Simon Hague- Crofty MAT CEO

Claire Meakin-  
Pool Academy Principal



Exciting things  
are happening in  
**OUR COMMUNITY**

Throughout the year, we will distribute fliers and magazines offering family services or post details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.