



Christmas Fayre, Swimming and Forthcoming Events

Just one week ago the school was a hive of activity preparing for the Christmas Fayre which proved to be a great success. I would like to express my thanks to the team of volunteers who made the event possible and such a success. The HELPP (PTA) has undergone some changes this year with new volunteers stepping up into the role of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and so being able to pull together such a lovely event was amazing. Thank you.

Events like the Christmas Fayre, raise a lot of money, £1300 this year, but, we cannot lose sight of the fact that they are such brilliant events to bring together the whole school community and for us all to have some fun and smile and enjoyment. The atmosphere was lovely and the range of stalls was interesting and the talent we have in our community to make crafts etc is incredible. Well done everyone.

On the sports front, this week we entered a team into the Redruth Swimming Gala. Last year was the first time we had entered simply because previously, our swimming was not strong enough and we worried that children might struggle. This year we entered 13 children into the Gala and a number of children came back with medals for first place that they have worn proudly in school since. It makes such a big difference to the children to experience that kind of success but equally, those children who didn't get a medal, simply by taking part and pushing themselves out of their 'comfort zone' is a huge step to take and prepares them well for life. Overcoming the strong feelings and thoughts we all have about NOT DOING SOMETHING that is difficult, then going for it, is a lesson we can learn from and our Pennoweth children like Cassie, Brooke, McKenzie and Kirsten. Well done everyone.

We have a busy time coming up shortly with performances and singing events alongside the excitement of Christmas. I really don't mean to be a kill joy or a 'grumpy old man' at this festive time but I would like to ask you all to think carefully about the changes to routine that easily creep into the time leading up to Christmas. Over the past couple of days I have seen a significant increase of 'behaviour' incidents and these range from children being so tired because they have not got their usual 8 hours of sleep to children arriving to school in clothes that are not recognised as school uniform. There have been occasions when normally calm children have hurt others because their routines have changed, they have not slept or had breakfast and prepared themselves for school. I know it is hard but please be aware of the pressures of Christmas and the potential impact on our children.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 have their Nativity performances next week and then on Friday we have Christmas Jumper Day where you can wear your tasteful or tasteless Christmas jumper! We also have our Christmas Run, organised by the School Council, taking place over 3 afternoons. We do not have a Christmas Disco simply because of the congestion of events leading up to Christmas so we will organise something in the New Year. School lunch is scheduled for the week after next and then we can all breathe a sigh of relief, get our families together during the holidays and bring on the Christmas Spirit! Bah Humbug!!!!!!

Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Christmas Jumper to School Day, Friday 14th December - donations will be shared between Save The Children and COMOC orphanage in Kenya.



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.

Check out our Website! www.pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk

What's for lunch?

Monday	Vegetable bolognese (V) Parmesan cheese Garlic bread Homemade salmon fish cake Cornish parsley potatoes Seasonal mixed vegetables Banana bread
Tuesday	Herby Etherington Sausage Jambalaya Cheese whirl (V) Cornish broccoli & cauliflower mix / peas Blackberry cheese cake
Wednesday	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy Cornish roast/boiled potatoes, Cornish carrots, cabbage Macaroni cheese bake (V) Home made cookie
Thursday	Mexican Pork with rice Tomato & olive bread Country mixed vegetables Vegetable lasagne (V) Garlic bread Rhubarb, apple crumble & custard
Friday	Oven baked fish fingers, lemon slice Rosemary & red onion sausages (v) Chips/ Fresh baked crusty roll Peas/mushy peas or wholewheat spaghetti hoops Lemon mousse cake

Pennoweth Buddies

For several weeks two Y6 children have been quietly doing something wonderful around our school. Every day Keleigh and Ollie go out of their way to support younger children who find lunchtimes a bit tricky. They do many fantastic things with these children including; sharing lunch, talking about their days and playing with them outside. While these activities are really fun, Keleigh and Ollie are also working hard to help the younger children develop important social skills and self-confidence.



Keleigh and Ollie have been recognised as Pennoweth Buddies, children who go out of their way to help others enjoy their time in school. Keep an eye out for them on the playgrounds!

WANTED



We are looking for any unwanted small world toys - miniature figures, vehicles, animals, etc. - for use in special school activities. If you would like to donate any of those to our school, there will be a labelled box in the reception where you can leave them.

THANK YOU

Guitar, Piano and Singing Lessons

Guitar lessons have finished now until after Christmas, they will start again on Monday 7th January.

Tuesday 12th is the last day for Singing & Piano lessons, they will start again on Tuesday 8th January.

Christmas Fun Run

We are organising a **Christmas Fun Run** to promote keeping fit and healthy. Children will be able to wear a Christmas hat and jumper as we want to make exercise fun!

It will take place on the following afternoons

Years 5/6: Tuesday 11th December.

Years 3/4: Thursday 13th December.

Years 1/2: Monday 17th December.

To prepare for this we are encouraging our classes to do some daily exercise such as a morning shake up or a mile run!!



Pennoweth Library News

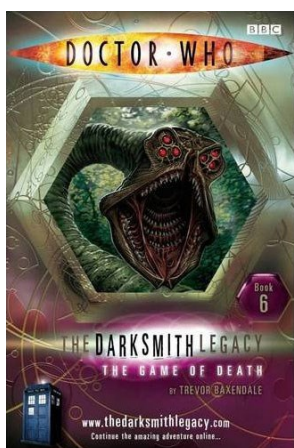
Every day in the school library between 8.00am and 8.30am
everybody welcome

Next week we will be reading - Doctor Who, Darksmith Legacy.

The game of Death by Trevor Baxendale

Certificates this week go to - Ivy, Tabitha, Harry, Gabriel, Taylor, Jonah, Albie

Gold Certificate awarded to Mrs Hitchens-Todd's class—well done!



Important Information from Cornwall Council

Starting Reception in September 2019

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school, you still need to apply.

If you have a child born between 1st September and 31 August 2015, you must apply for a place in a reception class. **The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.**

Visit the council's website for an application form:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 1234 101

LOST PROPERTY - LABEL IT OR LOSE IT!

Please, please, ensure that ALL items of clothing etc. are clearly named, as these items can then be returned to your child promptly.

ALL unnamed lost property will be placed in the clearly labelled containers in the Main Reception.

Please note that ALL unnamed items will be donated to the clothing bank on a regular basis.

Dates tbc in the Newsletter when this will be happening.

Pupil Premium Update

Many thanks to those parents who have returned the Pupil Premium Forms that were recently sent home. Unfortunately, we have several that have still not been returned. **Please** ensure you do your best to return these by no later than Friday 14th December.

We will be processing an updated application for Pupil Premium Funding to Cornwall Council on Monday 17th December. All children will be part of this process. If you DO NOT wish for your details to be included in this application process, please contact the school office by no later than Friday 14th December.

Many thanks for your continued support.

SCHOOL CAMPS PAYMENTS

Reminder - the next instalment for camps is due by the 20th December.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION

The blue token voting system at Tesco begins on 1st January, NOT February as stated in last week's Newsletter.

Data Protection

A reminder to parents, following new GDPR rules, class teachers are not able to give out a list of class names for birthday/Christmas cards etc.

Pupil of the Week

FS1/LK: Maddison

FS2/1FM: Freddie

1/2CHT: Amelia

1/2SH: Austeja

2SD: Amelia

3NS: Boaz

3/4RT: Harvey

4DS: Rio

5/6MW: Julia

5/6MD: Isobel

5/6PB: Ivy



Blue Cards

FS2/LK: Khian, Thomas, Harry

1/2SH: Tilly, Lily W

2SD: Izzy, Emily, Reade, Lewis, Israel, Travis, Walter, Dovydas, Iesha, Fletcher, Lily, Brandon

3NS: Caitlin x 3, Leila, Thomas, Christopher, Bo, Leo

3/4RT: Missy, Kyle, Mia, Markuss, Eliza, Harvey, Zennor, Dylan

Weekly Diary Dates

Monday 10th Dec - Stay and Play in school hall 9.00 - 10.15am
Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th Dec - Reception Children Christmas performance at 9.15am on both days
Tuesday 11th Dec - Netball tournament at Redruth Sch 3 - 5 pm
Tuesday 11th Dec Y 5/6 Christmas Fun Run
Thursday 13th Dec - Transition 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas performances at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 13th - Nursery Christmas Performance at 9.15am all children are invited, regardless of their session times
Thursday 13th Dec - Y3/4 Christmas Fun Run
Monday 17th Dec - Y1/2 Christmas Fun Run
Tuesday 18th Dec - Whole School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th Dec - Y5/6 Carol Concert
Thursday 20th Dec - School finishes at 2pm
After School Care available until 6pm, please book in advance.

Advance Notice of Forthcoming Events

February - 12th - Parents evening
14th - Parents evening
March - 7th - RLG Dance Event at Regal Theatre
13th - Transition 2 Dance performance
May - 8th - 10th - Porthpean residential camp Yr 3/4
13th - SATs week
June - 10th - 14th Isles of Scilly residential camp Yr 5
17th - 21st London residential camp Yr 6
July - 8th - EYFS sports
10th - Reports being sent out
11th - KS1 sports - am - CHANGE OF DATE
11th - KS2 sports - pm- CHANGE OF DATE
12th - Summer fayre tbc
22nd Whole school awards evening
23rd - Yr 6 leavers and presentation evening
24th - Thank You assembly

Term Dates

Autumn term - 6th September-20th December
Christmas holidays - 20th Dec (school finishes at 2pm) - 4th January
Spring term - 7th January - 5th April -
Training day - 25th February - NOTE date changed from 11th - After School Care will be available, please book in advance.
Half term - 18th February - 22nd February (school finishes at usual time)
Easter holidays - 8th April (school finishes at 2pm) - 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.

The class with the highest attendance this week is Mrs Sadler's Class.

Well done!

Position	Class	%
1st	4DS	97.6
2nd	5/6MD	97.4
3rd	1/2CHT	97.2
4th	3/4RT	97.1
5th	2SD	97.0
6th	FS2/LK	96.7
7th	FS2/1FM	96.4
8th	1/2SH	96.3
9th	5/6PB	96.1
10th	5/6MW	95.6
11th	3NS	95.0

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.