

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents

We were so excited on Thursday this week when we had 100% attendance and every child was at school. This is the first time this has happened this year and all children were given an extra special gold house point to celebrate. We hope to be able to award many more gold house points (which are worth 5 'normal' house points) throughout the term for extra special things.

Thank you to all the families who have given us their views on behaviour expectations, recognitions and consequences at Fowey. We've sent you all a draft procedure by e-mail and would welcome any additional views by the 11th May. If you would like a paper copy, please ask at the Office.

We've enjoyed beautiful sunshine since we came back... we're hoping it sticks around for Y3/Y4 camp at Porthpean next week and I am very much looking forward to spending time with the children away from school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate

Kate Sicolo
Headteacher

Diary dates 2018

May

3rd - 4th May - Porthpean Camp Yr 3 & 4

7th May - Early May Bank Holiday

11th May - Silly Socks for Autism Awareness Day

14th - 17th May - KS2 SATs

15th May - Choir at Fowey Festival

25th May - Inset Day

26th May - 1st June - May Half Term

Lunch and Learn Dates

5th June - Lantic (Reception)

7th June - Cannis (Y1)

12th June - Gribben (Y2)

19th June - Coombe (Y3)

21st June - Readymoney (Y4)

26th June - Carne (Y6)

28th June - Polridmouth (Y5)



Autism Awareness Day - Silly Socks

Just a reminder that we'll be celebrating Autism Awareness Day on Friday 11th May by wearing Silly Socks to school, with our school uniform. We would welcome all donations which will be given to Spectrum and the National Autistic Society. During the day we will be holding a special assembly to talk to the children about Autism and all classes will learn more about autism during the day in their classes.

In the afternoon, we will be painting pebbles to hide around our local area and raise further awareness of Autism and the need for tolerance and an inclusive society. Please start collecting flat pebbles and send them into school, ready for painting.

Ice Lolly Friday

We are very grateful to our lovely FUNDraisers who will be running Ice Lolly Friday every week until the end of term. I know they are always keen to find extra helpers to help raise money for the school so please do speak to them if you'd like to help out.

Curriculum Development

The teachers, governors, children and I have been working across the year to develop a new curriculum for September 2018 that will be fun, exciting and have many more links to the real world than our current curriculum. We are very excited to share this with you and so will be running two information sessions for parents on Monday 21st May (for KS2: Year Three, Four, Five and Six) and Friday 8th June (for KS1; Year One and Two), straight after school in the hall.

You are welcome to attend either day but you will find it most useful to attend the session for the key stage your child will be in next year.

Class Names

Some families are telling us they are very confused about the class names. The names have been in place for a number of years but I understand they do change, dependant on which class is using which room, which is confusing!

For clarity, they are:

EYFS (Reception)- Lantic

Y1- Cannis

Y2- Gribben

Y3- Coombe

Y4- Readymoney

Y5- Polridmouth

Y6- Carne

Music Lessons



We have asked the music teachers to move their lessons to the afternoons and most have now done this. This is because it is very challenging to teach English or Maths when children come in and out for instrumental lessons in the morning. Because we have lots of children learning instruments, this may mean that your child misses some of their lunchtime play to have their lesson. We just can't fit them all in, in the afternoon! The teachers will vary this each week so that no child is consistently missing their break.

Attendance

Welcome to the weekly attendance awards. We have been set a target of more than 97% attendance.

This week **all** classes have reached their target:-

Polridmouth	100.00%
Cannis	99.65%
Carne	99.65%
Gribben	99.36%
Lantic	98.21%
Readymoney	97.99%
Coombe	97.83%



Thank you for the wonderful attendance this week, especially Polridmouth who have had 100% attendance since the start of term.

Please keep this up.

First Aid Reporting



We have to report any incidents to Cornwall Council which happened at school and result in a child going to hospital (e.g. if you take your child to Penrice after school to have a bumped head checked). At Fowey, such accidents are very rare but please do let the Office know if you have to do this, so we can make sure it's correctly reported.

First Aid Letters

Alongside the other schools in Peninsula Learning Trust, we are introducing new accident/incident forms. This is to ensure that the school is compliant with regulations around the recording of incidents. Under this new system, a small, white form will be sent home with your child every time they have any kind of first aid. It is the same form for any first aid incident so bumped heads will be on the same form as a grazed knee, for instance. Please bear in mind that just because you have received a form, doesn't mean the incident has been serious and some children (who are more accident prone) may receive many forms as we have to send you one every time we do first aid, even if this is just to apply an ice pack.

Please do pop in and see us if you have any questions about this.