

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a brilliant first term back at Fowey Primary and we've all been very busy! We've celebrated Talk like a Pirate day, held book launch days for our new projects, decorated our classrooms to immerse the children in the world of our novel study and rounded it all off with a fantastic Halloween disco. We are all ready for a rest now!

Next term will be equally as exciting, with the delivery of our new minibus, lunch and learn sessions, the planetarium visit in the first week back, parents evening and the Christmas gift room (as well as a surprise visit from a special visitor!) We will also be going on trips to the farm, Plymouth Aquarium and the Telegraph Museum at Porthcurno.

Thank-you to everyone who has paid their class contributions, it is due to this that we are able to access so many extra trips and exciting visitors in school. Teachers are already busy planning their next projects and letters will come out early next term with details of the contributions for the Spring term and information about what's coming next.

There will be no clubs in the first week back as we have parents evenings.

Unfortunately, my daughter has had an infection this week so wasn't well enough for surgery. It's been postponed until 1st November.

Have a lovely holiday!

Kate

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Headteacher

Miss Nicholls

Today we say goodbye to Miss Nicholls who has been an invaluable part of the team this year. We thank her for her huge commitment to our children and our school, single-handedly organising space camp and always being willing to help fellow teachers out. Miss Nicholls will be going off to new adventures in New Zealand and Australia and we hope she will visit us often.

Mrs Bird and Mrs Truscott will start in Year 4 after half term.

New HLTA Staff

We are delighted to have recruited two qualified teachers to replace Mrs Bingley. Mrs Bryant is joining us having just completed her BEd in Primary Education at the University of Plymouth and Mrs Thomas is a secondary school teacher, specialising in Art and Design. They will start after half term. We had a fantastic field of candidates and we are delighted to have found two brilliant teachers to join our team. We hope that having both Mrs Bryant and Mrs Thomas available will mean we need fewer supply teachers when staff are on training or unwell.

Disco

A huge thank-you to our brilliant FUNdraisers who organised our disco last night. They raised over £400 for the school. All money raised this year will go towards new climbing and play equipment for KS2.

Nasal Immunisations

Unfortunately, due to an admin error at Kernow Health, some children who should have had the flu inoculation didn't have it on Thursday this week. A nurse visited again on Friday morning and inoculated six children who had been missed. If your child was due to have the inoculation and hasn't, please contact Kernow Health direct on 01872 221105/06/07 to query this.

Lunch and Learn Dates

Please join us for lunch and learn on the following dates. After lunch we will be showing you our fantastic new reading and writing curriculum. Please ensure you have paid for lunch via ParentPay beforehand, if you'd like to eat with us.

5 November - Year One (Cannis)

6 November - Year Two (Gribben)

7 November - Year Three (Coombe)

9 November - Year Four (Polridmouth)

13 November - Year Five (Readymoney)

16 November - Year Six (Carne)

6 December - EYFS (Lantic) Christmas Special

Letters will come out from the class teacher's nearer to the time.

Spare PE Kit

Please do send in any spare PE kit for children who forget/ lose their kit. We would also be very grateful for donations of clean underwear, socks and trousers for little accidents.

Mobile Planetarium - 30 October

Year 3 and Year 4 will spend their day learning all about space in the Mobile Planetarium on the 30 October. We have arranged some extra shows during parents evening so if you would like to, feel free to pop along and see what's inside! Because of this, we will be holding our parents evening meetings in Gribben and Coombe classrooms. Please come in through the main doors as usual.

Attendance

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

This week the following classes have reached their target:-

Gribben	100%
Polridmouth	98.64%
Cannis	97.24%



The following classes missed out this week - good luck for next week:-

Lantic	95.92%
Coombe	95.75%
Carne	95.56%
Readymoney	95.38%

London 2019

We have had 26 replies for our London trip, which is fantastic! Just to clarify, we will be doing something different next year (we plan to do London every other year so that the children get two different experiences) so if your child is a Year Five and you wish them to have this experience they will need to go this year. We will be talking to any parents who have not replied or who have said no at parents evening so that we can understand your worries/ reasons. I understand it is difficult to let children spend time away from home, but we honestly believe the learning the children will gain from these days will be invaluable.

Lunch on 30 October

As the mobile planetarium will be in the hall, lunch will be a little different on the 30 October. Dan will prepare a special picnic lunch for all school dinner children which will be eaten in classrooms. Thank you for your understanding with this.

E-mails to Staff

A number of parents now e-mail staff directly, which is a great way to get in touch with a specific teacher or myself.

However, some parents are e-mailing very late at night or at the weekend. This is causing staff significant additional stress and worry as they can't meaningfully act on your e-mails at night or the weekend and some staff are finding this quite disruptive to their family life. Could we please ask that if you want to e-mail a member of staff directly you do this within the hours of 8am and 5pm? If you prefer to e-mail at night or at weekends please email the admin@fowey.sch.org inbox and the office will forward your e-mail the next working day.

New Furniture

We have ordered lovely new tables and chairs for every class, to replace the ones which have been here for over 30 years!

We will have lots of old desks and chairs which are no longer needed. We'll keep putting them at the front of the school, please help yourselves if you can give them a home.

Ceilings

Unfortunately the ceilings and lights have been delayed by the contractor so will now be completed in the Christmas holidays.

Coming up next term

- 30 October and 1 November - Parents Evenings
- 30 October - Mobile Planetarium Visit
- 31 October - Open Afternoon for prospective new families
- 7 November - Diwali celebrations across the school
- 8 November - Year 6 Music workshop
- 9 November - Fowey River Academy students in to work with Year 3
- 10 November - Armistice Concert at Fowey Parish Church
- 11 November - Tree Planting for Armistice Commemoration at Squires Field
- 13 November - Year 6 music workshop
- 13 November - Skypeathon!
- 15 November - Open Morning for prospective new families
- 23 November - Whole School lantern making for Fowey Christmas Market
- 26 November - Porthcurno Trip for Year 3
- 28 November - Plymouth Aquarium Trip for Year 1 and Year 2
- 29 November - Year 6 sharing event for parents (6pm) at Wheal Martyn Museum
- 30 November - Non-uniform day for Christmas Gift Room donations
- 30 November - Fowey Christmas Parade
- 7 December - Astronomer visit for Year 3 and Year 4
- 11 December - Year 6 Pop up Restaurant
- 12 December - Lantic Nativity at Fowey Parish Church (10am)
- 14 December - Christmas Gift Room and Christmas Jumper Day!

