

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the launch of our new Facebook page, where we hope to share information and lots of pictures so you can see all the great things that are going on at school. We will be continuing with Lunch and Learn sessions, though we'll be changing the afternoon activities to have a practical English and Maths focus so that parents and carers can experience how fantastic the children are in these areas (dates are shown opposite).

We had fantastic feedback from parents about the new school photographer who was very fun with children and really took his time to ensure he got great photos of everyone. We hope the pictures will be great and we'll then be able to stay with this new company in the future.

Next week my daughter is in London for the next stage of her heart surgery so I won't be in school on Weds, Thurs or Fri. If you need anything during this time, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Miss Barnes.

Kate

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Headteacher

Diary dates 2018



- 18 October - Violin Lessons
- 18 October - Nasal Flu Vaccination
- 22-26 October - Half Term
- 29-30 October - NO CLUBS
- 30 October - Parents Evening
- 1 November - Parents Evening
- 5 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 1 (Cannis)
- 6 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 2 (Gribben)
- 7 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 3 (Coombe)
- 9 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 4 (Polridmouth)
- 13 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 5 (Readymoney)
- 16 November - Lunch and Learn - Yr 6 (Carne)
- 6 December - Lunch and Learn - EYFS (Lantic)
- 19 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 20 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 7 January 2019 - Spring Term Starts

Nasal Flu Immunisation Reminder

All children except Year 6 have been offered the nasal flu immunisation on Thursday 18 October. Please ensure that you have completed the NHS form online or telephone Kernow Health direct on 01872 221105/06/07.

Wild Works Forest Schools

Miss Oatham and Mrs Jones are on a 2 day course at Charlestown on Monday and Tuesday next week, learning all about how to work outside and make the best of our beautiful environment. This is part of our ongoing work to develop our outdoor curriculum for lower KS1 and EYFS.

Students

We currently have two PGCE and one BEd student at school. Victoria is based in Year One, Beth in Year 2 and Emma in Year 6. Having students around brings a fantastic energy to the school, they have lots of fresh, new ideas and we are very privileged to have experienced staff who can support them.

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.

Trips next term

Next week you will receive a letter from your child's class teacher about trips for next half term. There will be no additional cost for these as they have already been covered by your class contribution for this term. If you have still to pay this, please do so as soon as you can so that we can continue to offer a wide variety of visitors, trips and activities to your children.

Wheal Martyn Writing Experience

Year Six will be out on Weds 17th October at Wheal Martyn, working with a professional writer to develop their wartime writing. Please make sure that all permissions slips have been returned.

There is no additional cost for this as it has been included in the class contribution.

Painting and Ceilings

During the October half term we will be painting Y1, Y2 and Y3 classrooms. Ceilings will be replaced and new lighting installed in the main hall and atrium. We will then have the remaining classrooms and communal spaces painted in Feb half term and over Easter.

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	99.58%
Carne	97.78%
Cannis	97.59%



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

Readymoney	96.15%
Coombe	95.38%
Lantic	93.85%
Polridmouth	93.64%

Disco

Our FUNdraisers will be holding an end-of-term disco on 18th October from 6-7:30pm. We have had feedback that queuing at the beginning takes a very long time so please drop and collect your child/children from the following classrooms:

EYFS and Y1- Lantic classroom door (Mrs Jones' room)

Y2, Y3 and Y4- Polridmouth classroom door (Miss Nicholls' room)

Y5 and Y6- Readymoney classroom door (Mr Trudgeon's room)

If you have multiple children in different groups you will need to walk them round and make sure they are signed in at the correct classroom.

I am told that some children bring lots of spending money to the disco. The most children will need is £2.50. It would really help the fundraisers if this could be in change rather than notes.

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 e-mail the admin@foweych.org inbox and the office will forward your e-mail the next working day.

London

A letter has come out today about the Y5 and Y6 trip to London. This trip will be part of their key learning for the year so we are very keen that all children attend. We have deliberately kept the costs lower than our traditional Bude camp. Please do come in and speak with us if you need support with this or if you have any reasons why your child won't be attending

Fowey Town News

Look out for our new column in the Fowey Town News which will be written by three children from a different class each month.