

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic start to term here at Fowey and we are delighted to see how much our children are enjoying the new curriculum. We have now rolled out Novel Study and Talk for Writing into each class and the children are so excited to get to the next pages of their books (Year 5 were cheering as I went in yesterday at being able to turn over the page!). I am hugely thankful to our talented and committed staff who are working exceptionally hard at the moment to make learning as fun and exciting for our children as we can.

Unfortunately, Mrs Counter has still not returned to work; having experienced two close family bereavements since the start of term. We send her all our love and we hope that she will be able to return soon. In the meantime, Year 3 are being taught by Mrs West.

We are also preparing for some changes in Y4 with Miss Nicholls finishing her maternity contract at half term and Mrs Truscott/Mrs Bird beginning to work with Polridmouth. They have been spending lots of time at school getting to know the class and preparing for a great start to term.

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Diary dates 2018



- 11 October - Violin Lessons
- 11 October - Individual and Family Photographs
- 18 October - Nasal Flu Vaccination
- 22-26 October - Half Term
- 30 October - Parents Evening
- 1 November - Parents Evening
- 19 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 20 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 7 January 2019 - Spring Term Starts

Electronic Communication

We are working hard to improve our communication with you and have been trialling new ways of reaching parents quickly and efficiently. We sent out a consent form by text last week (for photos) and were delighted that 140 parents had responded in the first two days. We will continue to try online methods of gathering key information like this as it significantly reduced the admin workload for staff at school and seemed to save parents time (the average time taken to complete the form was 31 seconds).

Please do ensure that the office has an up to date mobile number and e-mail address for you, so you don't miss out on key information.

School Photos - Thursday 11 October

Academy Portraits will be in school next Thursday 11 October to take individual and family portraits.

For those wishing to have family portraits taken with younger/older siblings who are not at school, please arrive from 8.00am onwards and wait for the photographer to call you.

Parents Evenings

30 October and 1 November

Further details and booking arrangements will follow next week.

Class Contributions

A huge thank-you to all the families who have paid their class contributions. These will cover:

EYFS

Beach Day, trips to the beach and rivers, Punch and Judy and a storyteller visit.

Y1 and Y2

Beach Day, trips to the beach and rivers, Punch and Judy, storyteller visit and a trip to Plymouth Aquarium.

Y3 and Y4

Space camp sleepover at school, Space dome visit and trip to Porthcurno Telegraph Museum (we're also looking into a visiting astronomer...)

Y5 and Y6

Pop-Up cooking school hook day, visits to local restaurants and food producers, ingredients and materials for children to run their own restaurant, trip to a farm in North Cornwall.

The children are seeing enormous benefit from a more practical, hands on curriculum and are looking forward to their trips next half term. This is a voluntary donation but if we don't receive enough donations to cover the cost of trips and special visitors we may have to cancel these.

Flu Immunisations - Thursday 18 October

This year the NHS will be offering the nasal flu spray to children in Reception - Year 5 (so only Y6 won't be offered the immunisation at school). A letter regarding this has been sent by email to you today. Please follow the link in this letter and ensure you complete the online return by Monday 15 October. Your child cannot have the immunisation if you haven't completed this online consent and, as a school, we do not receive details of who has consented until the nurse arrives on the day so it is difficult for us to chase this up.

Paper copies are available for those who do not have online access - please contact the School Office.

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	98.61%
Cannis	98.28%
Carne	98.15%
Readymoney	98.08%



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

Polridmouth	96.21%
Lantic	95.73%
Coombe	94.87%

London and INSET 28 June

The inset day previously scheduled for the 28 June has now been moved to the 1 July. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but it has been necessary due to the only available dates to take Y5 and Y6 to London including the 28th.

Term dates and Inset days for this academic year are:

Autumn Term

4 September 2018 - Inset Day

5 September 2018 - Inset Day

6 September 2018 - 18 December 2018
(Half Term 22 October—26 October)

19 December 2018 - Inset Day

20 December 2018 - Inset Day

Spring Term

7 January 2019 - 5 April 2019

(Half Term 18 February - 22 February)

Summer Term

23 April 2019 - 25 July 2019

(Half Term 27 May - 31 May)

1 July 2019 - Inset Day

Football and Netball v Mevagissey

On Tuesday 2 October, we had our first matches of the season in football and netball away to Mevagissey. The games were really tough, every one battled hard and there were some really good performances.

In the Year 5/6 match, Mevagissey scored the first goal but Fowey came back and won. We stuck together as a team, never gave up and showed a great growth mindset! Mr Trudgeon was proud of the effort and attitude, telling the team what they did well and what they need to work on. The score was 2-1 to Fowey. Well done Fowey. Let's keep this up!

Written by Lewis Y6

In the Year 3 /4 game, we played a really good match and scored some great goals. We had lots of possession and made a number of good tackles to win the ball back. The final score was 7-2 to Fowey. Great start to the season!

Written by Sam Y4

In our netball match, we were very nervous to begin with and Mevagissey scored early. We managed to improve our passing and get a goal, but then Mevagissey scored again to make the final score 2-1. It was a fair match and although we did go home a little disappointed, we have faith and hope that we will win the next match.

Written by Charlotte Y5

Collection for Matt Pickering

Thank-you to everyone who sent donations into school for our collection. We raised £130 which was given to the family at the funeral. We also sent flowers and cards from the school. All monies collected will be donated to the Behcets Syndrome Society, a national charity supporting people with Behcets syndrome.

PVG

Our first PVG meeting is to be held on 1st November. Please let your class reps know if you have any issues you'd like them to raise on your behalf. Please could PVG members let the office have any proposed agenda items by 12 October (admin@fowey.sch.org) so that we can get an agenda out to you by half term.

New Minibus

Our new minibus will be arriving on the 16 October.

We still need volunteers who are able to drive the minibus (it can be anyone, not just people with a minibus symbol on their licence) so please do come and talk to us if you'd like to be involved so we can get your checks done ready. No-one has currently come forward to volunteer and this will significantly limit our opportunities to get the children out and about in the local area.

Please do speak to the office staff if you'd like to know more.

