

Newsletter

Autumn 1

October 9th 2020



Welcome back to school!

Halloween

We're going to hold a special Halloween celebration on the last day of term, Friday 23rd October. Children can wear their own clothes or a spooky costume. Please remember that we have little children in school so please nothing too scary or gory, no weapons or accessories that lots of children might want to touch!

There will be a special lunch and each child will have a trick or treat bag to bring home.

We hope it'll be great fun!



Doodle Maths and English

We now have subscriptions to Doodle Maths and English with every child having access. This is your child's homework so it is really important that all children are doing short sessions (10 mins) on both platforms at least three times a week. The children are excited that we have new badges to recognise children who are regularly doing their homework. We're counting from 1st October.

So children who have accessed Doodle Maths/English...

10 times will receive a blue badge

50 times will receive a green badge

100 times will receive a red badge

150 times will receive a yellow badge

We hope to give out our first badges next Friday which they can then wear on their school uniform.

Start and Finish Times

Thank-you so much to everyone who is making such a great effort to get the children in on time. We are pleased with how our family drop off and pick up is working and we think this is smoother than having a different time for each class.

We choose what time different families are allocated based on the phonics groups of children in EYFS and KS1. This is complicated by the requirement to do phonics within bubbles at the moment (so usually children would be mixed all the way across for phonics- at the moment we can't do this so we're having to run more small groups).

We have now reassessed the children and we're delighted with the progress they've made. Because of this, we need to move some children so that they are in the right group. We'll let everyone know on Monday if we need your children to start/finish at a different time.

Flu

All children in school are eligible for a free, nasal flu vaccine which will be done at school on Friday 6th November. We have a number of vulnerable children in our school community and would urge all parents to complete the form and agree that your child can have this at school. We all want everyone to be as healthy as possible this winter.

To support with this, the school is funding all staff to have a flu vaccine if they wish.

Friday 16th October

Just a reminder that there will be **no Oceans before or after school on the 16th** as Mrs Cannon and Mrs Geach will both be on a full day safeguarding training.

Oceans

At the moment we have to keep the Oceans group very small and consistent, as it is a mixed bubble group. We will send a form out next week for parents who'd like to book Oceans for after October half term. We are unable to take 'ad-hoc' bookings at the moment so families will need to book for the term, in advance.

October half term is Monday 26th October-Tuesday 3rd November. We'll be back at school on Wednesday 4th.



Cornish Pirates Rugby

Readymoney and Carne will be doing Rugby each Wednesday with the Cornish Pirates players next half term. Their first session will be on 4th November.

On a Wednesday they won't need to wear school uniform so please send these children into school wearing tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, hoodies/ sweatshirt type jumpers, waterproof light jackets. Children need to wear trainers with socks and should also bring a spare pair of socks.

They will be outside whatever the weather so please do make sure they come prepared!

The Cornish Pirates will be following all of the covid sports restrictions as well as the restrictions we currently have in school.



Music Lessons

We've put protocols in place to allow individual music lessons to continue. So far, only the keyboard teacher is in a position to resume lessons. We'll keep you posted on any teachers who can continue.



Admissions Consultation for 2022-2023

Every seven years we are required to hold a full consultation on our admissions criteria (the criteria we use to decide which children get priority when coming to our school). Our criteria have been the same for a number of years and are based on Cornwall Council recommendations. We don't want to make any changes to these arrangements but we have to consult anyhow.

You will receive a full letter about this on Monday but if you wish to have a read through now you can here https://www.fowey-ji.cornwall.sch.uk/website/draft_admission_arrangements_2022-2023_for_consultation/509153

If you have any comments on the arrangements, you should send them in to admin@fowey.sch.org by the end of November.

