

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have welcomed new families to our school who we hope will join us in September. We have one more Open Evening on 11th December at 6pm so please do encourage anyone (with children of any age) who may consider moving to Fowey Primary to come along and see all the great things we have to offer.

We have also held the first focus group session with the Fowey Festival committee and children from our school and three others. We hope to continue to hold these sessions throughout the year so that the children of the local area have a chance to feed their ideas into Festival planning. We are delighted to see that so much hard work is being committed to ensuring that local children and families feel part of the festival and we'd like to thank everyone involved for working with us.

Have a lovely weekend, please remember to send children wrapped up next week... it's set to get colder!

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Headteacher

Lantern Making

We've been asked by the Fowey Christmas Market team to prepare lanterns with children who want to walk in the parade on Friday 30th. Every child in school will make a lantern on Friday 23rd and bring them home the following week ready for you to take them to the parade, if you wish. You will need to provide an LED tea light for your child to use in the parade, no need to send them into school.

We will also need as much help as possible on the 23rd so if you are registered to volunteer with us and can help, please let the office know.

Diary dates 2018



- 23 November - Whole School lantern making
- 26 November - Porthcurno Trip (Year 4)
- 28 November - Plymouth Aquarium Trip for Yr 1/2
- 29 November - Year 6 Event at Wheal Martyn
- 30 November - Non-uniform day
- 30 November - Fowey Christmas Parade
- 6 December - Lunch and Learn - EYFS (Lantic)
- 7 December - Astronomer visit for Year 3 and Year 4
- 11 December - Year 6 Pop up Restaurant
- 12 December - Lantic Nativity-Fowey Parish Church
(10.00 am)
- 14 December - Christmas Gift Room, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 17 December - Porthcurno Trip (Year 3)
- 17 December - Christmas Service - Fowey Parish Church 6.00pm
- 19 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 20 December - INSET Day - School closed
- 7 January 2019 - Spring Term Starts

Cauliflower Cards

All children should bring home cards and order forms today. If you would like to order any of your child's cards, please do so by Monday 19th November online (full instructions on the form!). You must then return your child's form and card to their teacher on Monday.

Year 5 and 6 London Residential

Thank-you to all the parents who have replied to let us know whether or not their child will be joining us in London next year. We have to have final numbers by the end of November so if you would like your child to attend please make sure you have completed the form (paper copy coming home today) and paid your £30 deposit on parent pay.

This trip is essential to the children's curriculum so we are very keen that all children attend. If you would like to talk to us about financial support for your child or any concerns you have please speak to Mr Trudgeon, Mrs Warnham or ask at the office to speak to me.

One-Way System

Initial feedback from the one way system is positive and it seems to be easing congestion, especially in the mornings. Some families are not following the system which is causing some problems. Unless you have additional mobility needs which mean it is easier for you to use a nearer gate (which is absolutely fine) please do follow the one-way system, which has been requested by parents.

We will give it a go for another couple of weeks and then make a final decision.

Wheal Martyn WW1 Sharing Event

Year Six have been invited on Thursday 29 November for a sharing, celebration event from 6-7pm. Mrs Warnham has sent a letter and permission slip home today for you to return. We would love lots of Fowey children and families to be represented so please do come along and bring grandparents, friends and supporters.

If you have any questions, please do ask Mrs Warnham.

Porthcurno Trip Year 3 and Year 4

We've had to reshuffle the Porthcurno trips due to the availability of a second minibus. We'll now be going on the 26th November (Year 4 - Polridmouth) and the 17th December (Year 3 - Coombe) instead.

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:-

Lantic	99.52%
Carne	99.44%
Coombe	99.23%
Readymoney	98.85%
Polridmouth	97.73%



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

Cannis	92.41%
Gribben	90.83%

Welcome to New Friends

We are delighted to be welcoming seven new friends to our school in the next few weeks:

Welcome to TJ and Ailla in Lantic, Ava in Gribben, Freddy in Coombe, Sophia, Elouise and Ruby in Readymoney.

We are so pleased that you have all decided to join us at Fowey! Please do make our new families feel welcome.

Just a reminder that we do have spaces in most year groups (except Year 5). We do need to increase numbers across the school so please do encourage anyone you know who may be thinking of moving their child to consider Fowey. You don't have to live in our catchment to be able to come to our school as we have space so people who work in Fowey, as well as those living locally, attend our happy little school. Please ask any families who are interested to make a date to look around with the office.



FA Artificial Pitch

We are keen to apply to the FA for a substantial grant to build a new all-weather football pitch (it would replace the current KS2 playground). We would want this to be a community resource which would be available to local people in the evenings and at weekends, as well as Fowey River Academy and the Pre-School during the school day. In order to apply, we need emails of support from local sports clubs or people who would be interested in using the facility. You don't need to make any firm commitment, just an email of a couple of lines to head@fowey.sch.org to express an interest.



Please do pass this message on to anyone locally who may like to make use of the possible facility as without sufficient community support we cannot apply.

Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder that the 30th November is non-uniform day (teachers are always very excited to be allowed to wear our jeans).

There is no need to send any money but please do send some presents which could be given to other parents for our Gift Room.

Christmas Dinner

Dan's Christmas lunch is always so popular! We need numbers well in advance so that we can make sure we have enough turkey and crackers! Christmas lunch will be on Friday 14th December (with the Christmas Gift Room and Christmas Jumper day!). We will send an e-mail with details of how to book Christmas lunch early next week.



Class Contributions

A huge thank-you to all families who have made their class contributions, which has enabled the children to have so many exciting trips and visitors this term. Just a reminder that, if you wish to, you can pay the class contribution in little chunks... you don't have to pay it all in one go. The reason for putting it onto ParentPay early was to allow families (especially those with many children) to budget and pay it slowly across the term. Any contribution towards your child's class contribution is very gratefully received, even if this isn't the full amount.

The teachers will be making videos over the next few weeks to share the next project for January with you, including details of the class contribution for next term.