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Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to see Mr Barnard back in school this week and the children have been full of chatter and questions for him! Mr Barnard is so excited to be back in school and catching up with everyone.

We had a fantastic Superhero Day last Friday for Comic Relief and I hope you managed to have a look at our photos on Twitter? It's not too late to make a donation – just follow the link <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

School dinners Caterlink, or school caterers have confirmed that they will be continuing the current menu when we return after Easter. If this changes at a later date, we will let you have the new menu. We would also appreciate all ParentPay accounts being brought up to date before the end of term.

Breakfast Club Following a review of our charges and the cost of providing Breakfast Club, we will be increasing the daily charge to £2 per pupil per day starting from 19 April 2021. Please remember to continue to book your child into Breakfast Club either by email or a phone call.

September starters For any families who have a child due to start school in September, please note that National Offers Day is Friday 16 April 2021. Since this falls in the Easter holidays, we will find out who our new children are on our return to school and will then make contact with the families.

Gorsedh A reminder that the Gorsedh homework will need to be finalised and submitted by Monday. Remember that you need to upload to Goggle classroom and also submit direct to the Gorsedh. When



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submitting your entry, please use the submission form and email your entry to: young-peoples-awards@gorsedhkernow.org.uk

Cool Milk During the Summer term, children in Robin class will have the opportunity of milk during morning break time. We are funding this as part of a well-being trial which we will review towards the end of the Summer term.

Plymouth Argyle After Easter, PAFC will once again be coming into school to lead PE sessions. Children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will need their PE kits on Mondays and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will need their PE kits on Wednesdays.

Please take a moment to read the following from the Friends of Cusgarne:

Hi everyone,

I am writing to regretfully let you know that I am resigning from my position as Chairperson of the Friends of Cusgarne. It has been a difficult decision as I have enjoyed the position greatly, but due to personal reasons, I am no longer able to commit the time I feel the committee, school and children deserve. Added that my daughter is in year 6 and will leave in July, it seems a sensible time.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given the Friends during my time as Chairperson; it has been an experience I have thoroughly enjoyed and together we have achieved great things.

I have watched smiles and laughter at the events we have organised, seen the enjoyment and enrichment on the faces of the children as a result of the equipment and resources we have been able to provide the school, and watched children (and adults) devour scrumptious cakes and treats at sales; it has been a heart-warming role that I have been proud to be a part of.

I wish the Friends of Cusgarne every success for the future and can promise my predecessor of a very humbling experience.

*Kindest regards
Cara*



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In Cara stepping down, please spare us a few moments of your time to read our “10 reasons why we need your help”!

As a parent / carer, you are automatically a member of the Friends of Cusgarne (FOC), but did you know we are dependent on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The school support us whenever possible, but without your support, we have no Friends of Cusgarne – your voice counts!

You may not know that we, the FOC, are a mixture of parents who volunteer some of our time to work together for the benefit of Cusgarne School. You will find some of us are full-time parents, some work part-time and some work full-time. None of us claim to be specialists in fundraising, but we all have one thing in common. Just like you, we want to personally ensure our children’s journey through primary, is the best it can possibly be. We can’t be in the classroom, but we can have influence through the friends; who wouldn’t want to be involved based on that?

Still not sure? Here are the reasons why your support is invaluable to the children and the school.

1) It is vital to the success of the school

- Each year, the school is becoming more and more dependent on our funds. (Each year we even provide the annual scrap store subscription so that the school has arts and crafts supplies).
- Without our funds, your child would not get the benefits of Chromebooks, outdoor play equipment, library equipment, books (including dictionaries), and bus trips such as to the Minack Theatre (when COVID allows), to name a few.

2) It is totally flexible

- There are small ways you can get involved. If everyone could spare an hour a term to help, just think what we could achieve.
- Meeting attendance is not mandatory.

3) Be part of a great network with a common goal - improving the school for our children (and you get to meet other parents in the same situation as you).

4) Feel more connected – know what is being planned, have your say, make new suggestions and get to know teachers and support staff in new ways.



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5) Make a difference

- By volunteering, you will use your skills for a noble cause that directly benefits your children.
- Be part of a group that strives to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

6) We are not just for mums!

- It is important to the Friends, our school and our pupils to have dads represented within our association.
- Your skill could make a difference.

7) Be a role model – by getting involved:

- You will show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. We have found our children really are proud to have parents within the FOC.
- Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more exciting.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

8) What the Friends does affects every parent and pupil

- Your voice matters – we are made up of people elected to represent you, so help us do this effectively.
- Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun.

9) It is fun!

- Help plan exciting events, socials and get-togethers.
- Suggest new enjoyable ways to raise funds.
- Get your whole family involved!

10) Finally....

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. Events we have held such as movie night, the rainbow run, Halloween disco, Easter trails, bingo night, Christmas fayre, will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources we have helped fund makes learning even more engaging and provides a legacy to our time helping. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.



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Join the Friends of Cusgarne today. Please contact Mrs Holmes in the office and ask her to pass on your details to us, we'd really love to meet you and welcome you into the team. Without your help, the Friends lose the team, the school lose our support and your children miss out on class resources and fun events. Many thanks for reading.

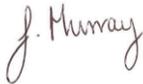
I know that I am speaking for all of the staff when I thank Cara for her hard work and dedication. The Friends are invaluable to our school community they are initiative, friendly and most of all, caring about our school. Please, if you can give them your support, contact Mrs Holmes.

Blackbird Pie The latest edition is available via their website and has ideas for the Easter holiday! Or follow the link [Blackbird Pie](#)

In a year like no other, it is hard to believe that we are now two thirds of the way through the school year. Your children are all amazing and have settled back into school life. Cusgarne has a lovely atmosphere, and it is delightful to see how the children are enjoying being around each other. Next week is our last week of term and school will close at **1pm on Thursday 1st April**. Please make a note of this earlier pick up time and be considerate to other road users whilst parking.

Have a lovely weekend – and don't forget that the clocks go **forward** an hour for the start of British Summertime!

Yours sincerely



Julia Murray
Acting Head of School



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