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21st September 2018

Thank you to those parents and alumni who attended the Coffee morning this week. It was really useful to hear what you had to say about the school and some ideas and actions have been developed as a result. At the meeting the format of the newsletter was discussed and parents requested that news and diary events would be clearer if they were split between the different key stages so they know where to find the most pertinent information concerning their child/ren. On this first page there will now be dedicated space for each key stage to share their news and forthcoming events. The second page will primarily share news, concerns and events that involve the whole school.



Over the next few weeks we will share some of the further changes that have resulted from the meeting.

Virtues

Thank you to those parents who discussed last week's virtue 'responsibility' with their

child/ren. During our assembly on Monday many of the children were able to share how they are responsible at home: some sharing how they look after their pets and others even how they tidy-up!

Next week's virtue is 'kindness' so it would again be great if you could look for opportunities to praise your child for showing the virtue or how they can develop it further.

Foundation stage

Thank you to those parents who attended the welcome meeting on Monday after school; it was lovely to meet with you and discuss plans for the year ahead.

This week the children have been finding out about themselves looking at their face discussing eye colour, hair colour, and differences.

In phonics the nursery have been to make up sentences and talk in greater detail about sounds.

The Reception children have learnt the letters s a t and p. Please continue to practise these letters at home, the patter sheet should be in their book bags today.

In Numeracy, we have been focusing on numbers up to five counting objects, recognising the numbers, and forming them.

A date for your diary Tapestry coffee morning Wednesday 26th 910 am in the infant hall please return all reply slips asap.

Key Stage 1

Children have been enjoying learning about Richard Trevithick the inventor of the steam locomotive as part of their topic 'Local Pioneers'.

As part of their topic children will be visiting Pendennis Castle in Falmouth. Letters have been sent home this week and teachers request that reply slips be returned as soon as possible - thank you.

Parents should also have received letters yesterday in children's bags about the hearing screening. Please can you make sure that the reply slip is handed in to the school office by Friday 5th October.

Key Stage 2

Year 6 campers did a fantastic job of presenting their assembly to parents and fellow students showing the wonderful time they had on camp.

Key-stage 2 classes will be holding their parent welcome meetings on Wednesday 5th October after school at 3.30 and will repeat the meeting at 4.00 for those parents who may have children in different classes.

Year 3 & 4 have sent home a letters this week showing them how they can create their own compost bins at home as part of their science topic on 'Rocks and Soils'.

Years 5 & 6 have been learning about 'The Silk Road' as part of their topic on 'Fair Trade'.

Playgroup

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School dinners

American themed Lunch menu. This will take place on Thursday 4th October the change will be as follows:
American hot dog

With onions and tomato ketchup

Veggie hot dog with onions and tomato ketchup

Chips

Baked bean and peas

Sweet waffle with chocolate sauce and ice cream

The cost of school dinners has increased to £2.30. Please help us by ensuring that payments are correct, in a named envelope with dates that the payment corresponds to and that school dinner payments if made by cheque are made payable to Chartwells.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Parents would have received an email that had a letter attached regarding the upcoming nasal flu vaccination for children in Reception class, years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The letter has a link for parents to access the consent form online. If you have not seen this or have had issues there are paper copies of the consent form in the school office.

Inspire Week

In the week beginning Monday 1st October parents/guardians will have the opportunity to come in to school and work along side their child/ren and experience their learning at school. The focus for these shared lessons this term will be comprehension strategies in reading. Letters have been sent out this week and we request that you return them to the class teacher if you wish to attend.

School Fundraiser

To show our support for Toni Gunn and her daughter Gabriella's fundraising to fight motor neurone disease the school will be holding a non-school uniform day on **Friday 5th October.** We request that children who wish to attend school in non-school uniform bring in a pound to donate to the charity and show their support with Gabriella, who will be holding a sponsored silence. Mr Clayden will lead an assembly on Monday informing children of this future fundraising event.

Clubs after school

Below is a table of after school clubs. Please note that these are run independently from school and so if you have any further questions or anything you will need to contact them directly. Contact details are available in the office.

Day	Club	Who it is for	Times	Who is running the club	
Monday	Boogie Bounce	Years 2 & 3	Straight after school until 4:00 p.m.	Rachel Hall	
	Theatre Club	Reception - Year 6	Straight after school until 4:15 p.m.	Kids Theatre Club - Steve Anguish / Steph	
Trust	Football club	Years 4, 5 & 6 Boys	Straight after school until 4:30 p.m.	Gary Stevens – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust	
Wednesday	/ednesday Multi Skill Club Years 1, 2 & 3 Straight after school until 4:30 p.m.		Gary Stevens – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust		
Thursday	Football Club	Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls	Straight after school until 4:30 p.m.	Harry Badcock – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust	

School clubs

Day	Club	Who it is for	Times	Staff running club
Monday	Forest Club	Years 1 & 2	Straight after school until 4:15 p.m. This will run until October half term	Mrs Trounson
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday	Story club	Years 1 & 2	Straight afterschool until 4:15 p.m.	Mrs Power
Friday	Golden Club	Invite only	Straight after school – varied finishing time depending on activity. Please check letters	Mrs Figgins

Calendar - School term dates 2018/2019

Important dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Tuesday 2nd October Cross Country (2) for years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - also infant run at Helston Community College. Starts from 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 4th October 2018 - Nasal Flu vaccination for Reception class children, years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 at school

Tuesday 16th October 2018 - Cross Country (3) for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Mullion and starts from 4:00 p.m.

Friday 19th October 2018 - Year 1 hearing screening

Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018 - School closed for Half term

Thursday 20th December 2018 - last day of school

