

ROSEMELLIN NEWS - Spring Term

Friday 15th
March 2019



Issue
No 9

ATTENDANCE

- 100% Crantock
- 98% Polzeath
- 97% Maenporth
- 97% Kynance
- 96% Porthcurno
- 96% Swanpool
- 94% Cadgwith
- 91% Gwenvor
- 91% Godrevy
- 90% Porthmeor
- 89% Fistril
- 88% Lamorna
- 88% Perranuthnoe



Overall
Attendance
for this
week
93%

SCHOOL CONTACTS



Phone: 01209 712313

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WAKE AND SHAKE

- Tuesday 19th March - Foundation
- Wednesday 20th March - Y1/2
- Thursday 21st March - Y3/4
- Friday 22nd March - Y5/6

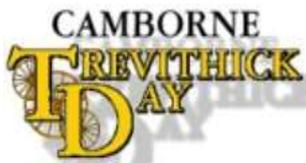


Wake and shake takes place from 8.30am in the KS1 hall.

Beams of the Week



Acacia Hartland
Leo Trist
Nevaeh Ball
Kieran Ellis
Maisie Jones
Evie Read
Emily Smith
Kady Bills
Alfie Curtis
Finley Routledge
Josh Towne
Harry Wearne
Aaron Laity



TREVITHICK DANCE

Mrs Smith has given letters out to children who are interested in taking part in the dance on Trevithick Day on Saturday 27th April. It is a great way to represent Rosemellin School. The children will be practising at break time and letters with more information will be given out nearer the time.

ADVANCED DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 4th April -Egg Rolling
Children can bring a decorated egg (more details to follow)



Friday 4th April - Last day of term
We finish at 2pm



Monday 22nd April - Bank holiday
School closed



Tuesday 23rd April - Start of term
First day of summer term.



Thursday 25th April - Class photos



SMOKING

Please can we remind parents that smoking is not permitted on and around school grounds. We have, once again, had complaints about children and parents having to wait at the gates while parents are smoking around them. It is not pleasant for them to be breathing in second hand smoke. Please be considerate of others when waiting at the gate. Thank you



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Letters have gone out to parents inviting them to meet with teachers. If you did not get a letter please contact the teacher via class dojo. Some classes have sign-up sheets at the class doors.



MOVE AND GROOVE

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Red Nose Day themed Wake and Shake session this morning. Please tune in to BBC Spotlight to see if our footage will be used in the video montage.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Here is another copy of the class assembly dates.

The assembly only lasts 10 - 15 minutes and the children enjoy showing their parents what they have been learning in class so we hope you are able to make it.

Please note: Due to parent consultations Lamorna and Godrevy class have swapped days.

PORTHMEOR - Mr Morris
Thursday 28th March at 2.40pm

TUESDAY	KS2 9.05am	KS1 2.40pm
19 th March	KYNANCE - Mr Alston	GODREVY - Mrs Brokenshire
26 th March	GWENVOR - Mr Rice	LAMORNA - Mr Davey
2 nd April	SWANPOOL - Mr Britton	Porthmeor postponed due to swimming
30 th April	PORTHCURNO - Mrs Mills	FISTRAL - Mr Hart
21 st May	POLZEATH - Mr Woodmason	CRANTOCK - Mrs Bellamy
4 th June	CADWITH - Mrs Combellack	



SWIMMING

Swimming for Godrevy class has now finished.

Please make sure any unpaid sessions are paid as soon as possible. If you are having problems please see the office.

- Tues 19th March - Polzeath & Porthmeor
- Tues 26th March - Polzeath & Porthmeor
- Tues 2nd April - Polzeath & Porthmeor

Please make sure your children come to school wearing school uniform and bring a swimming kit with towel.

Each session is **£3.75**. You can pay for each session individually or for the term in one go.

You have been sent payment details via school money. If you need a reminder password or barcode please contact the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our School Council have representatives from each class in Year 1 - 4, and two representatives from each of our classes in Year 5 and 6.

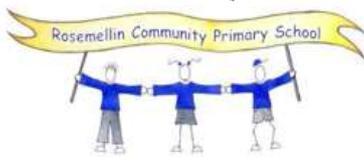
We are currently working towards our Bronze Learner Participation Award (Healthy Schools). Our projects have focussed on safety, the library and our outdoor space.

School Council Members:

Y1: Willow and Jago **Y2:** Riley and Charlie
Y3: Kayden and Noah **Y4:** Emily and Zuzanna
Y5/6: Zara, Lydia, Lewis, Megan and Jethro

QUIZ NIGHT

Calling all parents: Please come along to our quiz night. Have fun with friends, pit your wits against staff teams and raise money for school. Please make sure you order pasties by Monday 18th March.



QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 20th March

7pm

School Hall

Limited space so please ring the office to secure your place.

Rosemellin staff teams will also be playing.

£2 a person to enter

(No more than 6 in a team)

Pasties will also be available.



(Please order in advance)

£2.50 Standard

£1.40 Cocktail

Buy a raffle strip and get a free drink



(You can buy as many tickets as you wish)



£2.00 a strip - Glass of wine



£1.00 a strip - Soft drink

CHARITY

Here are some certificates we have received thanking us for taking part and raising money.



CONGRATULATIONS

Rosemellin CP School

This Christmas Jumper Day, you made the world better with a sweater.

YOU'VE RAISED

£ 120.00



Bree Jumper HQ



THANK YOU

Rosemellin School

...for raising a fantastic

£180.50

To help disadvantaged children and young people across the UK



Thank you from Rosemellin...



MORRISONS

As part of our World Book Day celebration, Morrisons' supermarket very kindly donated 30 brand new books for our school library. Diane Keen, Morrisons' Community Champion, presented the books in a special assembly and the children were thrilled.

POUNDLAND

A big thank you to Poundland in Pool who have very kindly donated items to school to be sold at future events such as the summer fayre. This is a great help, as well as parents donating items, and is a great way to raise money for school.

THANK YOU!



8th March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to contact you to provide an update on current issues relating to school funding.

Sadly, I have to confirm that despite intense lobbying of the Government and Department for Education, matters remain extremely challenging. In short, schools are still not being provided with adequate funding and resource to deliver the level of provision and support that is expected and that our families and children deserve.

Current Concerns

- Since 2010 school budgets have been reduced in real terms by 8% and by 20% at post-16.
- Class sizes are rising, and the curricular offer in many schools is being restricted.
- Increasingly, schools are being asked to support with children's emotional health and wellbeing.
- Frequently, we do not have adequate resource to meet a growing need.
- Often, the most vulnerable students in our schools - those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - are bearing the brunt of cuts and schools are struggling to provide the levels of support that they are entitled to.

These issues are not simply affecting a few schools. They are common features across our education system up and down the country. Levels of concern are so widespread amongst headteachers that we are all working together with a united voice.

As such, we have written to the Secretary of State for Education on three separate occasions since September 2018. We are dismayed that he has chosen to ignore our communications and repeated requests to meet. On 13 December 2018, we were informed by a junior civil servant that **"I am afraid that, on this occasion, the Secretary of State and the Minister of State must decline your offer to meet. I hope you will understand that their time is heavily pressurised and their diaries need to be prioritised according to ministerial, Parliamentary and constituency business."**

Given the seriousness of the current school funding crisis and the impact upon schools, children and families, headteacher colleagues and I believe that this approach is entirely ill-judged. On 14 January 2019, we wrote again to the Secretary of State for Education asking that he reconsider meeting with representative head teachers. Six weeks later, this request was declined once more: **"As I'm sure you will appreciate, both their diaries are very full and they are unable to accept your kind offer at this time."** Thousands of head teachers simply do not understand what issues could be seen as more important than the ones we are raising on behalf of schools, children and families.

In September 2018, over 2000 headteachers campaigned at Westminster in order to underline the seriousness of the current situation. This action was unprecedented.

The 'Worth Less?' campaign group now comprises 66 Local Authorities and Boroughs, covering thousands of schools and millions of families. This gives a clear indication of the levels of concern felt by reasonable and moderate headteachers and in England.

Governors of schools and academies are also very concerned, and only last week members of the National Governors' Association from across England travelled to Westminster to lobby parliament. The Association's CEO, Emma Knights stated "Governors and trustees are committed to giving pupils in their school the best possible educational experience, but instead of deciding how they can best invest in children, they are having to decide what to take away from them. Each school has a unique experience of the effects of funding pressures but what unites governors and trustees is immediate and long-term concerns about the damage being caused to education at a time when there are more pupils than ever and when more and more is being asked of schools."

Headteachers continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and also acknowledge that many local MPs from across the political spectrum are taking a supportive approach. We must make clear, however, that the current response from the Department for Education and the Treasury is inadequate.

Why headteachers need to meet government ministers:

- Headteachers want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.
- Headteachers want to reflect the serious concerns expressed by families regarding inadequate levels of resource and provision especially for our most vulnerable students.
- Headteachers want to ensure that schools receive a much better deal when future Government spending plans - the Comprehensive Spending Review - are drawn up over the next few months.
- Headteachers want to indicate serious and rising concerns relating to the wider pastoral and social care that schools are expected, by default, to provide against a background of severe cuts to Local Authority provision.

Headteacher colleagues across Cornwall feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much improved level of funding for our schools and pupils. Our Cornish MPs have been working hard in Westminster to improve funding for our schools, and we urge you to continue to make representations to them and to the Department for Education and wider government to do everything possible to ensure that matters improve.

We will continue to inform you of the facts and to campaign vigorously over coming weeks and months. A positive starting point should come, we hope, from the Secretary of State for Education in the form of an urgent meeting.

Yours sincerely

N. Finn

Mrs N Finn
HEADTEACHER