



Weekly

Newsletter

11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

We are busy planning some exciting activities for your children this term, please see class newsletters for information on this. If anyone has any skills, expertise or knowledge that links with our topics please do speak to your class teachers, we would welcome any ideas or suggestions from you.

Swimming

Our swimming lessons are almost upon us, they are due to start next week and all of our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be expected to take part every week. It is not just part of our school PE curriculum but so essential when living this close to the coastline. I look forward to seeing how the children's swimming skills and techniques develop over the term. We could still benefit from a couple of male adult helpers to ensure that the children remain safe in the boys changing rooms, just a couple more helpers would take the burden off someone helping every week. If anyone has any concerns or queries regarding these lessons please do not hesitate to contact me.

If there are any outstanding permission slips or payments can they be returned by Monday, please.

Parent Questionnaires

You should all have received a parent questionnaire (1 per family), please can you take the time to complete this and return it to school by Monday. Your views are important to the school and help us to make it a better place, thank you to all of you that have already returned them.

Screen Time vs Bed Time!

“Switch off their screens an hour before bedtime, child health experts tell parents”

An interesting publication in the Independent this week, please take the time to read:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/smartphone-child-use-time-bedtime-sleeping-health-experts-uk-parents-a8709911.html>

Christmas Fayre

What an amazing event this was, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did! The FOH worked so hard in the run up to it and in the smooth operation on the day, I would like to express my/our sincere thanks for all the time and effort you all put in. The Fayre raised an astounding sum of money this year - £1169.35 which is absolutely brilliant! Thank you all for supporting us not just at this event but throughout the year as the FOH funds help us to make sure the children have a wonderful school experience and are ploughed back into the school to make improvements or buy essential resources.

The FOH have recently offered each classroom £300 to spend on resources for their current children. We have placed our orders and are awaiting the goods, more info will follow on this.

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Book Boats

This week, we have been extremely lucky and have received some wonderful book boats for our classrooms. Mrs Tamblin has been working closely with Simon Coombe from Falmouth Marine School over the last few months to create some new furniture for our classrooms. I think you will agree that they look absolutely stunning! A very big thank you to the team at Falmouth Marine School for our new book boats, who have made them free of charge. Thanks also to Mr Dunn for collecting them and to the FOH who have covered the cost of the materials – this was money well spent!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you again for all of your kind donations, we managed to raise £36.42 for the Save the Children Fund.

Cold Weather School Closure

We recognise that the decision to close the school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents. Our priority is to ensure that all children in our care are kept safe and warm. We will undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to decide whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. If the decision is made to close the school during school time a member of staff will remain at school until all the children have been collected. Before school hours start, the school will assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school and if not we will forward the closure notification to the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Parents are advised to listen to updates during periods of inclement weather. In addition to the above, we will send text messages (if signal will allow), so please ensure you update us with any new contact numbers.

Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time. A full list of schools closed in Cornwall will be found on the cornwall.gov.uk website.

Thanks for the continued support,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

Karate Readers

Congratulations to Rudy and Charlotte who collected their orange bands during the week before Christmas, to Ruben who collected his white band this week; to Eiva who collected her yellow band this week; to Rosie who collected her orange band this week and

to Amelia and Alex who collected their purple bands this week.

Well done everyone, keep reading!



After School Clubs

Cookery Club

This will now begin next week (Tues 15th Jan) as Mrs Styles has kindly offered to stand in for Mrs Street.

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Football

The Friday football club with Supastrikers will not begin until Friday 25th January as the school is closed on Friday 18th January for an INSET Day.

The Thursday football club with Mr Barnard is to give the squad extra practice in preparation for the Cluster Small Schools Primary League. This is open to all KS2 children.



KS2 Swimming Sessions

These will begin on Thursday 17th January. All children will need to bring a swimming costume, towel and goggles with them on the day and will also need a warm coat and hat to wear afterwards. It is not necessary for them to have a swimming hat. Please ensure all items are named in case anything gets lost at the pool or on the bus. Thank you.



Letters Home

Please make sure you have received the following information this week:-

Owls Class Letter

Kingfishers Class Letter

Swimming Spring Term Letter – KS2 pupils

Clubs Letter – whole school

Residential Payments Letter – pupils signed up for Carnyorth 2019

Parent Questionnaire – whole school

Chartwells Menu Change – Build A Burger

There will be a change to the lunch menu on Thursday 17th January for Census Day. There will be a choice of beef or Quorn burger that the children can top with their choice of lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, mayonnaise or tomato sauce. Dessert will be chocolate brownie with fruit wedges. Please note that sandwiches will **not** be available on the day but there will be the option to order a jacket potato.

We would like to encourage children entitled to the universal infant free school meals to try the lunch on Census Day as it has a positive impact on our funding.



INSET Day Reminder

A reminder that Friday 18th January is an INSET Day and school will be closed to pupils.



Starting School September 2019

If you have a child due to start school in September 2019, please be aware that the deadline for applying for a place in a reception class is 15th January 2019. Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



What's On Diary?

Posters for any events listed here and all other events will be on display in the main reception area.



Love Your Liver Month 1st – 31st January 2019

January is Love Your Liver month, and the Love Your Liver campaign is a national awareness initiative about liver health by the British Liver Trust – the UK charity for adults with liver conditions. For more information go to: www.britishlivertrust.org.uk



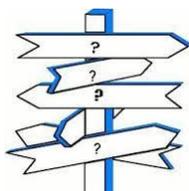
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'Signposting'

We would like to make it clear that all 'signposted' activities are external to the school. Parents should make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the provider before engaging their service.



Events Diary

Date	Event
Mon 14 Jan	Small Schools Football League – HCC North Site 4.15pm
Tues 15 Jan	Open the Book Assembly
Thurs 17 Jan	Build a Burger menu change
Thurs 17 Jan	KS2 Swimming Session 1
Fri 18 Jan	INSET Day
Mon 21 Jan	Owls Class – 'Country' topic day (see class letter)
Mon 21 Jan	HCC Transition Programme – Y6 – Art
Tues 22 Jan	Open the Book Assembly
Wed 23 Jan	Y5 Bikeability – whole day (further details to follow)
Thurs 24 Jan	Y5 Bikeability – half day (further details to follow)
Thurs 24 Jan	KS2 Swimming Session 2
Fri 25 Jan	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Tues 29 Jan	Open the Book Assembly
Thurs 31 Jan	KS2 Swimming Session 3
Fri 1 Feb	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 4 Feb	Small Schools Football League (further details to follow)
Tues 5 Feb	Open the Book Assembly
Wed 6 Feb	E-safety workshop and performance for parents (further details to follow)
Thurs 7 Feb	KS2 Swimming Session 4
Fri 8 Feb	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 11 Feb	Parents Evening (further details to follow)
Mon 11 Feb	Y5/6 High Five Netball Tournament 1.00-3.30pm @ HCC
Mon 11 Feb	HCC Transition Programme – Y6 – English
Tues 12 Feb	Open the Book Assembly
Thurs 14 Feb	KS2 Swimming Session 5
Fri 15 Feb	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb	HALF TERM
Tues 12 March	HCC Transition Programme – Y5 – Science
Mon 25 March	HCC Transition Programme – Y5 – Languages
Fri 5 April	End of Spring Term
Tues 23 April	Summer Term begins
Wed 8 May	INSET Day
Mon 20 May	HCC Transition Programme – Y5 – PE
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	HALF TERM
Fri 28 June	INSET Day
Thurs 25 July	End of Summer Term

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