



Weekly

Newsletter

6th November 2020

Dear Parents

As we have entered our second national lockdown, I wanted to reassure you that we are continuing to keep up to date with government guidelines and are making any necessary adjustments that are required to ensure that we are keeping our children and staff as safe as reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

I thank you for trusting us and for continuing to bring your children to school; our attendance remains good. Education is so important for our children, not only for academic reasons but for social and emotional reasons too. In a world of much anxiousness and change, it is very easy for children to become unsettled and distressed and so we will aim to keep things as calm and settled as possible during these tricky times.

Some children have brought in face masks in the last week and whilst I understand why, the government are not suggesting that this is necessary in primary schools. If any child wishes to wear a mask in school due to health reasons, we will have to insist on them bringing multiple disposable masks, so that they can be frequently changed throughout the day to prevent damage to their lungs from the moisture trapped in the masks. We would also have to ensure that they are not constantly touching them or taking them on and off, as this could potentially be a highly contaminated piece of material causing cross-contamination. If anyone thinks their child should be wearing a mask at any time in school, please do speak to me so that we can ensure a thorough risk assessment has taken place beforehand.

Pumpkin Celebrations!

Pumpkin Apologies! - Mrs Nisbet had trouble reading the names in the drizzle but well done to Penny who won 1st prize in Owls Class! Sorry Dennis, thank you for your honesty in clarifying that you didn't enter a pumpkin!

Online Safety

Please make sure you are aware of what sites and applications your children are accessing and that they are age appropriate for them. We are aware that some of our pupils are using platforms such as Tik Tok, which is for users who are 16+.

Parent Consultations - Reminder

The online booking form is still live and there are still spaces available for you to book to speak to your child's class teacher. If you cannot access this booking form or require an alternative slot, please do call the office so that Mrs Nisbet can book it for you.

The dates and links are below:

Kingfishers – Monday 9th November between 1 and 4pm

Kingfishers: <https://forms.gle/uPjoniSwXn2LoUVR9>

Owls – Wednesday 11th November between 1 and 4pm

Owls: <https://forms.gle/4VtzSC4ALuAydT847>

Robins – Mrs Vivian on Thursday 12th November between 1 and 4pm.

Robins: <https://forms.gle/qMmhuW1bH8vh3YGs8>

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FOH Christmas Cards

The children have been busy creating a picture for the new Friends of Halwin fundraiser: - Christmas/Winter cards/mugs/calendars.

Today, every child will be bringing home their design on the back of the booking form. If you would like to place an order, you must complete the form and return it to school **on Monday 9th November**. I am afraid that any arriving after Monday will not be sent off – we have a really quick turnaround for this and we must post them by Tuesday at the very latest.

Once the forms have been sent off from school, you will receive a log in for your account that will be linked to our school. You can then place your order, should you wish to, and the FOH will receive £1.00 for every order made.

I do hope you will join us in this new way of raising funds for our school and show your support.

FOH Final Plea

We are desperately needing new members to join our wonderful committee. Without your support, we are in danger of it collapsing which would be a real shame for our children and their school. The FOH have raised thousands of pounds in the past and every penny has been spent back on our school for the benefit of the children. Please do email Alexis McDermott on foh@halwin.cornwall.sch.uk if you are able to help in any way.

Children in Need

We have been debating as to whether we should organise a charitable event during times of such financial difficulty for some families but the children are keen to support, reflect and learn about children in need. To show our support for this wonderful charity, we have decided to run a relatively simple and relaxed event this year. We are asking all of our children to wear their pyjamas to school on Friday 13 November and if you would like to support this event financially we will be collecting donations in our classrooms. Any donation would be greatly received.

Poppies

If you would like to make a donation for a poppy, please send in the money in a marked envelope, clearly stating the child's name. Mrs Nisbet will be handing the poppies out individually (they have been quarantined) and the children will be encouraged to bring them home or place them on their clothing. We must respect the rules of not sharing and so if a poppy should fall off and we are not clear on whose it is, we will not be handing it back out. This year, we will not be offering the 'poppy shop' due to COVID risks and we are only offering the traditional paper poppy, we hope you understand.

If anyone has any questions about any of the items in this newsletter, please do contact me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

Telephone Answering System

There are two ways to leave messages on the school's new telephone system. If we are not able to answer the phone, you will be prompted to record a message for the office and

press # to save the message.
You can also report a child's absence by pressing 3 then pressing 1.



Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/halwin-primary> to browse the latest books and order online.

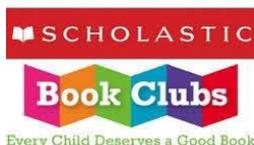
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For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by 20th November 2020. Please let us know if you want us to keep your order to collect from the office or send it home with your child. Thanks.



School Uniform Order

Mrs Nisbet will soon be placing a small school uniform order. Please let us know if there is anything you would like ordered if you aren't able to access the online parent ordering system with School Trends.

We have been advised that the Fleece Jackets are temporarily out of stock.



Nasal Flu Reminder

Just a reminder to complete the online consent for the annual nasal flu immunisation programme. Action is still required for 33 of our pupils. If you require a further copy of the original letter please let us know or if you are unable to access the online consent form, please ring Kernow Health on 01872 221105 and their team will be happy to help you. We will shortly be sending a reminder text to

those parents who have not yet responded.



Letters Home

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

Scholastic Book Club Leaflet – whole school

FOH Christmas Card Fundraiser– whole school



What's On Diary?

Parenting Courses

Please find attached details of Virtual Parenting Programmes for the Autumn Term (West Cornwall), together with information on how to contact the Early Help Parenting Worker Advice Line

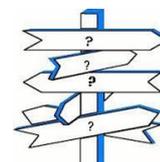


Posters for any events listed here and all other events will be on display in the main reception area.



'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.



Health Events

National School Meals Week

The annual National School Meals week is taking place from 9th-13th November. The aim of this campaign is to highlight the importance and benefits of school meals and to champion and celebrate school caterers. It includes a Taste for Yourself campaign to encourage pupils and parents back to school meals. Further information on NSMW can be found on LACA's website:

<https://thegreatschoolunch.co.uk/#:~:text=National%20School%20Meals%20Week%202020,has%20added%20importance%20this%20year>



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Events Diary

Date	Event
Mon 09 November	Friends of Halwin Virtual AGM 4.00pm
Mon 09 November	Kingfishers Class - Parent Consultation Session
Tues 10 November	Dance Session – whole school with Jo Simms – Ocean Dance Academy
Wed 11 November	Owls Class - Parent Consultation Session
Thurs 12 November	Robins Class - Parent Consultation Session
Fri 13 November	Wear your PJs to school for Children in Need
Mon 16 November	Rugby Session KS2 with Helen Ayotte – Helston Sports Partnership
Tues 17 November	Dance Session – whole school with Jo Simms – Ocean Dance Academy
Tues 24 November	Dance Session – whole school with Jo Simms – Ocean Dance Academy
Wed 25 November	Flu Immunisation Session (R - Y6)
Fri 04 December	Silly Santa Suit Run – Cornwall Hospice Care Event – further details to follow
Wed 16 December	Christmas Lunch
Fri 18 December	End of Autumn Term – 2.00pm

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