



Weekly Newsletter

23rd July 2020

Dear Parents

I cannot believe we have reached the summer holidays already! This year has certainly flown by, with so many changes and difficulties to overcome. The children have adjusted so well to these unprecedented times, especially those that have continued to access school and they should be really proud of how they have shown determination, flexibility and endurance throughout. For those of you that have been learning from home, you have been as equally amazing – we know how tricky this has been for some of you and a task that has been a huge ask for parents.

I would also like to wish all of our amazing Year 6 children all the very best as they progress on to secondary school, it seems very strange that we have not been able to give you the send off you so deserve but I hope that you enjoyed your final day together at Halwin for the BBQ this week.

The staff have been amazing too during this tricky time and I know that we are all looking forward to a little bit more normal in September when we will be re-opening our doors to all of our wonderful children.

Staffing Update

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Jenkin has decided to retire from her post and will not be returning in September. I think you will agree that Mrs Jenkin has been a great asset to this school and has devoted so much of her time to the children of Halwin over the years, I know we will miss her terribly but I am sure that we will still see her around. We wish her all the very best for the future and hope that she enjoys her retirement.

At the start of the school closures, Mrs Holliehead came to the end of her maternity cover as Mrs Tamblin returned. Mrs Holliehead had been a super member of the team here and I also wish her all the very best for the future. Mrs Tamblin returned part time so she will be teaching in Robins Class Monday – Wednesday. We have employed Mrs Vivian, who is a very experienced teacher, to cover the remainder of the week and she has already slotted in to our team well.

Thankfully, Mrs Nisbet has kindly offered to stay with us a little longer so that we can recruit a suitable replacement during the Autumn term.

It is also with huge thanks that I would like to mention Mrs Street. Over the years, Mrs Street has helped out lots at our school and has been a tremendous asset to the Friends of Halwin, fundraising lots of money for the benefit of our children. She has also been a very valuable member of the school's Governing Body. Although she is stepping back from these aspects of her support, as her youngest is moving on to Secondary, she has kindly offered to continue to help us with some school trips in the future. Please join me in thanking Mrs Street for all her hard work.

School Reports

These have been posted out to you and you should now have received them. The children have clearly worked really hard over the last year and I hope you are as proud of them as we are. If you have not received your child's report, please do call the school so that we can resend it. Can I ask that you return the reply slip, with any comments, to the school as soon as possible so that we can keep these on file.

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Pre-School Update

From September the school is working more closely with Halwin Pre-school and supporting the management of this setting. The school is committed to working hard to ensure that this important service for our children and the community continues to run well. In the interim, I will be working very closely with the Preschool and managing the setting alongside school to ensure that we can keep this facility open while we consider possibilities for the future.

I would like to personally thank you all for your continued support and co-operation during this time and wish for you all to have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Head Teacher

School Uniform Online Ordering System

We have made some changes to improve the system for supplying school uniform. Please follow the link

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/pages/find-my-school>

then search for our school using the school postcode TR13 0EG, or find the uniform link on our school website.

There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform will be delivered directly to your chosen address for only £2.99.

Other ordering information including prices, sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available online.

A small stock of uniform is still kept at school for you to purchase if you prefer.

School badges (£3.10) and book bags (£5.00) are only available to buy direct from the school.

We hope you will find using this new service an

improvement in our school uniform supply.



Payment for School Meals Using ParentPay

From September this facility will be available, the cost of school meals will remain at £2.30 per meal. You must have activated your ParentPay account to use this facility. This will be the preferred method but we will still be able to accept cheques and cash. **Please note if you have any arrears owing from the previous academic year, this must be settled by cash or cheque only.**



Packed Lunches

As per the letter enclosed with your child's school report, for the foreseeable future, the kitchen will only be providing packed lunches when we return in September. Copies of the packed lunch menu will be on display on the school noticeboard.



Making The Most Of Technology During The Holidays

The July 2020 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents has been added to the school's website this week. It contains lots of useful information for keeping your child safe online.



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RNLI Water Safety

Hopefully the sun will shine for the summer holidays and we will be able to get out and enjoy our beautiful coastline but a timely reminder from the RNLI, that beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although they are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own and our families' safety.

<https://rnli.org/pages/beach2020>

They have also created a short film targeted at Primary age children.

Beach Safety

(<https://rnli.org/video-player/3E356418-9FC7-4B6D-A5D8AF30D2A53E82>)



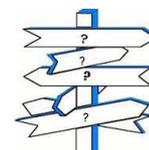
Primary Times

As it has not been possible to distribute the magazine this term, instead, for the summer they would like to offer parents links to virtual things to do and learning for children. The idea being to offer a regular update and refreshed information throughout the summer as and when they receive it Just follow the link for their E-Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/8a1309c4ab7b/sign-up-to-the-primary-times-cornwall-newsletter>

'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
Thurs 03 September	INSET Day School Closed
Fri 04 September	INSET Day School Closed
Mon 07 September	Autumn Term begins for pupils

As a part of the Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust our values are:

- Self-Help
- Self-Responsibility
- Equality
- Equity
- Democracy
- Solidarity
- Openness
- Honesty
- Social Responsibility
- Caring for Others