



Weekly

Newsletter

02nd October 2020

Dear Parents

Thank you to you all for your patience with the staggered drop off and pick up times, I know it is difficult for some of you, which is exasperated by the change in weather conditions. These staggered drops and collections are necessary so that we can manage the handwashing and movement around our school at key times and so unfortunately, we cannot open our doors earlier. Can I suggest that, on rainy days, children remain with you in your cars until it is time to enter their classroom. We cannot have you all gathered under the shelter at the front of the school due to social distancing guidelines, so please refrain from doing this to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Tamsin Price is sadly no longer working for us in the office. I hope that you will join me in saying a huge 'Thank You' to Mrs Price for all of her hard work during her time with us – she will certainly be missed and we wish her all the very best. Mrs Nisbet will be filling this slot for the time being but as you all know, Mrs Nisbet will also be leaving us soon, we are currently actively seeking a new recruit who will hopefully be able to step into both of their shoes towards the end of the term.

SATS and Phonics Screening

Due to the national lockdown that occurred from March onwards, the government has announced that our current Year 2 children will take their 'Year 1 Phonics Screening Check' in the second half of the autumn term. We are having daily phonics lessons to help support the children practice their letters and sounds and we will administer the check as we would have done in Year 1. These results will be reported to you.

Year 2 and 6 SATs – The Standard Assessment Tests are due to take place in the summer term of 2021 as usual, however this is subject to any change in government guidelines. The SATs are a series of standardised assessments for pupils, aimed at testing their learning progress. The tests are carried out very informally for the Year 2 children and often in small groups with no formal timings. More information will be provided for parents in the spring term.

FOH Fundraising Reminder – The Giving Machine

A reminder to sign up to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk to support Halwin School. If you shop with your favourite online retailer via TheGivingMachine, you can help raise money for our school by selecting 'Halwin School' to receive a free cash donation! You can make a free cash donation every time you shop online. Over 600 popular retailers participate including Amazon, Boots, Tesco, Next, Clarks and many more. With more and more of us making online purchases, including weekly food shops, this is a great way to raise some funds for the Friends of Halwin.

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

Many thanks,

Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

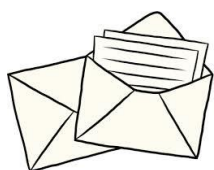
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KS2 Pupil ICT Use Agreement

If your child is in Year 3, they are now in Key Stage 2 and we need them to complete a KS2 Pupil ICT Use Agreement. Please can you make sure they sign and return this document. Forms have also been given to pupils in other year groups for whom we do not hold a KS2 agreement. Thank you.



School Photographs

Jo Buckley, School Photographer, will be coming to school on Wednesday 14 October. Obviously this year things will be a little different, sorry but in order to maintain the 'bubbles', we will not be able to include any family members who are not on roll at Halwin School. The children will be photographed individually, one class at a time and then staff will collect siblings who are in different classes so that a 'siblings' photograph can be taken as well.



New Intake Photo Special in the West Briton

We will be taking a photograph of our lovely new Reception pupils for inclusion in a special edition of the Helston West Briton.

We will let you know when the First Class edition will be published later this month, so that you can get a copy for a keepsake if you wish.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Please find attached a letter from Kernow Health. The letter contains a link to the online consent form along with a unique code for our school.

The visit to our school will take place on Wednesday 25 November and will be offered to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 inclusive. Vaccinating your child will help to protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ** this important communication; you need to respond to this either to give consent or provide a reason for not consenting. Thank you for your co-operation with this procedure.



Cornwall Council – Together for Families

The regular parenting courses are currently being delivered virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check out the following web pages for further information.

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<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/covidresilience>

<https://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall>



Letters Home

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

KS2 Pupil ICT Use Agreement Forms – Pupils as applicable.



What's On Diary?

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

National Maritime Museum October Half Term Activities

For all those who embrace the spookier side of October, Monsters is a treat – no trick. A menacing feegee mermaid, a giant sea spider and a killer whale skeleton looming from above – it's fun for all the family. For more information and to book a place got to: -

<https://nmmc.co.uk/2020/09/october-half-term-2/>



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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.



Health Events BNF Healthy Eating Week

This year’s BNF Healthy Eating Week will run from **28 September to 4 October 2020**. The aim of

the Week is to bring the UK together for a dedicated Week, focusing on key health messages and promoting healthy habits. This year’s health challenges are:

- [Eat more wholegrains \(Monday\);](#)
- [Vary your veg \(Tuesday\);](#)
- [Drink plenty \(Wednesday\);](#)
- [Move more \(Thursday\);](#)
- [Be mind kind \(Friday\);](#)
- [Get active together \(Saturday\)*;](#)
- [Eat together \(Sunday\)*.](#)

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/hew/1295-bnf-healthy-eating-week-2020.html?>



Events Diary

Date	Event
Mon 05 Oct 2020	KS2 Cross Country Round 2
Tues 06 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Tues 13 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Wed 14 Oct 2020	School Photographs
Tues 20 Oct 2020	Dance Session with Jo Simms, Ocean Academy – All Classes
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct 2020	Autumn Half Term

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