

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th November 2021

Autumn Term Issue 11



Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you are all well and safe. A couple of important bits to tell you about this week, but as usual we shall kick off with COVID updates.

**COVID 19:** We are still experiencing confirmed positive cases within the school, however at the time of writing this, numbers are low. (Thursday 25th November). We continue to monitor the situation and I shall update you of any changes as and when they occur. No other Covid updates this week.

**Safeguarding:** After a recent safeguarding review with myself, Mrs Merrifield and Mrs Pascoe, it came to my attention that we still find ourselves chasing some parents for responses when their children are absent from school. I just wanted to really reiterate the importance of letting the school know if your child is not going to be in school, for whatever reason. If we have not been able to make contact with you by 10a.m on the day of being absent, it could well trigger a welfare check by either the police or social services. So please, please contact the school office via a phone call, email or reply to a text if your child is absent. We would hate to be in a 'perfect storm' situation whereby your child has potentially walked to school on their own and not arrived. Or, if a family has encountered, or is in the middle of an emergency situation. It may seem a little overcautious, but as always, Safeguarding remains a top priority for us. It goes without saying, thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who do inform us immediately when their child is not coming into school.

**Attendance:** Whilst on the subject of attendance, you may well have heard the news that the Dfe are really pushing for schools to improve their attendance figures. I appreciate that during these times it is a very precarious balancing act that we are all juggling with. We know that if too many children in a bubble test positive we run the risk of shutting a bubble, or even worse - the school. I am really grateful for parents being extra cautious and taking their children for PCR tests, if and when they display any symptoms, as we have had a large proportion of these coming back positive. I also fully agree with the Dfe and government's intent that good attendance at school equates to a good education and good mental wellbeing for children. The link between primary school children displaying poor attendance and then going on to achieve lower GCSE grades is undeniable. I therefore ask parents, just to be extra vigilant with regards to attendance for anything other than Covid. ie holiday request or time off for other reasons. Myself and Mrs Pascoe continue to monitor attendance regularly and will write to you if we have any concerns. In addition, the Educational Welfare Officer monitors us, as a school, and may well intervene and contact you themselves - as and when they see fit. It really is a tricky situation, and I thank you for your cooperation, support and understanding.

We now seem to have entered into the time now where the days and weeks are moving at an incredible pace towards.... dare I say it.... CHRISTMAS!!!! I will write to you next week with some more updates regarding Christmas. Sadly, we will be unable to have large gatherings again, however we are already planning away for ways to make it magical and special for all the children. Let's just say I had a chat with Santa last week and he is happy that Lanner school is back on the 'nice' list again. Phwee.

That is all the news from me this week.

Kind regards

Kieran Walsh  
Head Teacher

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## Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: Ozzy, Amelia Henry M

Y2: Riley, Ella-Louise, Kaian

Y3: Layla, Darcy, Harleigh

Y4: Perran, Archie, Esme

Y5: Jess F, Riley, Sylvie

Y6: Kasie, Billy, Charlie S

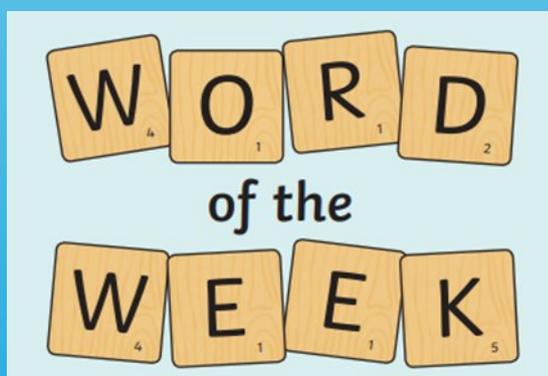


### Attendance Cup

The attendance cup was awarded to **Year 1** this week for their attendance.

Group	% Attend
Year 1	98.0
Year 2	95.3
Year 3	94.7
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	94.2
Year 6	95.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94.8</b>

Our word of the week is - **Immense**



Definition - Very large, huge

*An immense wave pulled the boat under the water.*

Please try and use this word as much as you can with your child.

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## Year 6

On Thursday, thanks to Cornwall Heritage Trust who solely funded the transport, Year Six were able to enjoy a fascinating morning at Kresen Kernow where they explored the strong rooms, viewed Cornwall's oldest book (900AD) and took part of a WW2 workshop. Not only did all they ask and answer questions articulately and maturely, they became true historians: investigating sources, analysing data and proposed new lines of inquiry. As always, the children were implacably behaviour and were true roles for our school. What a pleasure it is to teach you all!

Mrs Merrifield



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Cake Sale — Mon 29th & Tues 30th Nov @ 10.30am  
FOR CHILDREN — DURING BREAK TIME ONLY  
Please bring change

