



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

Through the wind, rain, snow and hail we have reached half-term! It's been a busy one and I have very much enjoyed seeing the amount of progress children are making in all areas. I have never had so many children visiting my office, keen to show off their writing!

If you want to keep their enthusiasm for writing going, the BBC 500 words competition deadline is fast approaching. Entries are welcome from all ages. Follow this link to find out how to enter:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Not a day goes by without me seeing at least one volunteer at the school. We are so grateful for the time parents and grandparents give up to support with reading as well as supporting with our trips and sporting events, not to mention our fantastic Friends who organised a great Valentine's Disco! —your help is very much appreciated!

I hope you all have a restful and fun half-term holiday!

Mrs Carmichael

Last Friday, the children in reception were visited by staff from the Fire Station. Following the children's interest in the emergency services, the children were really excited to be able to sit inside the fire engine, listen to the sirens and to practise using the hoses. I was really impressed with the children's engagement and curiosity and the way that lots of the children were able to confidently explain how to keep safe and how their equipment was used to manage risk. A huge thank you to Gemma for organising this visit and to Melanie from Mevagissey Fire Station for being so informative!



On Thursday 7th Feb, children from Rainbows had the opportunity to engage in a ballet lesson. We welcomed Maureen Pascoe into school, who leads her own School of Dance in the St Austell area for children from 3 years and above. Maureen offers classes in tap, ballet and Modern Theatre Dance. Maureen kindly offered to deliver these sessions in order to follow on from some of the children's recent interests in dance. The children particularly impressed us with their enthusiasm and focus during the session, especially when they were encouraged to act out stories through movement. It was a pleasure to see the children inspired to develop their posture and performance and moving in response to classical music. Whilst some children were able to showcase the dance skills they have been mastering outside of school, others were excited to try a new and exciting experience.

For more information about Maureen Pascoe's School of Dance, please call 01726 843043



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year

Our attendance for this week is **96.38%**

Our attendance for this school year is **95.86%**

Well done to **HOPE** class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	95.63%	0	Pelicans	96.67%	7
Little Fish	91.57%	4	Angels	96.17%	2
Little Lambs	93.7%	2	Faith	97.78%	0
Peacocks	94.81%	2	Hope	98.89%	2
Phoenix	94.44%	2			

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

18th—22nd Feb—Half Term

Mon 25th Feb—LKS2 trip to Eden

Mon 25 Feb—Year 6 SATs information session—3.30pm

Tues 26th Feb—Class Photos

Tues 26th Feb—Yr 1 Phonics info session—3.30pm

Thurs 28th Feb—KS1 (Yr2) SATs info session—3.30pm

Mon 4th March—Coffee & Cake session with PSA and Family Support Workers

Thurs 7th March—World Book Day ‘Reading snuggle-down afternoon’ 1:30pm,
followed by: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm

2nd & 3rd April—Parent Consultation Meetings

Tues 2nd April—Easter Communion—2pm all welcome



2019/20 INSET DAYS

4TH SEPTEMBER 2019

28TH OCTOBER 2019

5TH JUNE 2020

22ND & 23RD JULY 2020

After February Half Term, Mrs Bray will be offering KS2 Family Learning sessions focusing on your child's Literacy journey.

KS2 Dates

Thurs 7th Mar

Thurs 21st Mar

Thurs 14th Mar

Thurs 28th Mar

Thurs 4th April

Letters went out earlier this week. If you are interested, please fill in the reply slip and return back to school. Thank you.

BAD WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of snow or extremely bad weather, we will text out to all parents any closure news. It will also be posted on our website and announced on Radio Cornwall/Pirate FM. If we take the decision to close the school during the school day, you do not need to contact us before collecting your child as this would only overload the telephone lines. Please rest assured we will NOT close the school until all children have been collected.

Many Thanks

BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

BB Sports News.....

Great effort from the footballers this week.

Year 3/4 dominated the game with goals from Korey, Kunal, Ellison and Matas! This was followed by a tense game for Year 5/6, which ended with a victory due to a goal from the reliable Fin!

Great effort and determination from all.

A super win for the netballers this week - an 11-8 victory during a very tense match . The team played together so well and showed great sportsmanship - well done to everybody

Every half term we have a visit from our local Education Welfare Officer to discuss general attendance and lateness throughout our school. She has noticed that there are a number of pupils arriving late to school, which has a negative impact. Being late can:

- Disrupt lessons
- Affect achievement
- Embarrass/upset your child

More information on the importance of arriving to school on time is contained later in this newsletter. Please take a few moments to read.

PSA INFO.....

The PSA is holding a Coffee and Cake morning where the SENCO and representative from SENDIASS will be available to give information on a range of subjects. If you would like to attend, please either log onto our Parent Booking System (accessed through our website on Parent tab), or text the PSA phone with Coffee and Cake and your name on 07903 613074.

There is also a challenging behaviour support group at St Dennis Children Centre on 27th February 12.30–2.30pm, which is a drop in session, so no need to book. If you require any further info, please call the Family Hub on 017216 74969.

The next Face to Face Oasis group session, held at Pondhu Children Centre, is 25th February 10-12pm; this is for families who have children with additional needs. Drop in session, so no need to book!



**STUDENT
DROP OFF
ZONE**

We have had a few complaints from parents wanting to drop their children off in the drop off zone in the mornings, but finding cars parked there. **Please do not park in the drop off zone** as this causes congestion. Thank you



Argyle Soccer Roadshows

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Prices from £5 - £30

Registration opens at 9.40am

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years

New membership reward cards available

Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Tiny Tots 10am to 12pm

MID & WEST CORNWALL

VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME	NO.
Penair School, Truro	Mon 18th Feb	£16	£12	Soccer Roadshow	C1
Treviglas School, Newquay	Tues 19th Feb	£16	£12	Soccer Roadshow	C2
Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	Wed 20th Feb	£16	£12	Soccer Roadshow	C3
Poltair School, St Austell	Thurs 21st Feb	£16	£12	Soccer Roadshow	C4
Falmouth School	Fri 22nd Feb	£18	£14	Feb Special	C5

The Importance of Arriving at School On Time

If your child is 5 minutes late a day they lose:				
25 minutes a week	1 hour 40 minutes a month	2 hours 30 minutes a half term	5 hours a term This is equivalent to 1 full day	16 hours 15 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 3 days

If your child is 10 minutes late a day they lose:				
50 minutes a week	3 hours 20 minutes a month	5 hours a half term This is equivalent to 1 full day	10 hours a term This is equivalent to 2 full days	32 hours 30 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 6 full days

If your child is 15 minutes late a day they lose:				
1 hour 15 minutes a week	5 hours a month This is equivalent to 1 full day	7 hours 30 minutes a half term This is equivalent to over 1 full days	15 hours a term This is equivalent to 3 full days	48 hours 45 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 9 full days

If your child is 20 minutes late a day they lose:				
1 hour 40 minutes a week	6 hours 40 minutes a month This is equivalent to over 1 full days	10 hours a half term This is equivalent to over 2 full days	20 hours a term This is equivalent to 4 full days	65 hours a school year This is equivalent to 13 full days