



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all!

We had a great first day back with lots of children dressing up as knights, princesses and dragons in Key Stage 1 and as Titanic passengers in years 5 and 6. Pupils in years 3 and 4 didn't miss out as they were treated to a visit by a very special four-legged friend! This was all in aid of getting our Spring term topics started with a bang and children were thoroughly immersed in their new learning—I was treated to some impressive medieval dancing and some exquisite ballroom dancing too! Watch out for some photos in next week's newsletter.

As you will know, we said farewell to Ralph Endean, our caretaker, at the end of last term as he embarks on a long and happy retirement. Many of his duties will be covered by Andy Roberts, who also works in some of our other MAT schools. Due to his other commitments, Andy will not be able help keep traffic moving in the mornings as Ralph did. The planned road improvements, which we hope will start in the Easter holidays, will no doubt ensure traffic and parking will be less of a problem. However, in the meantime, we ask that you are mindful of considerate parking and traffic flow. Thank you.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for a child's education and we want to work with you to ensure each child benefits from this. We understand that illness cannot be avoided, and would not wish you to send your child to school ill. If they are unwell and absent from school please call 01726 64322 to inform us, if no reason is given the absence will go down as unauthorised.

If your child is off for a sickness/diarrhoea bug, there is a school policy of being absent for 48hours after the last bout of illness to stop the spread of the bug.

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.



Applying for a reception place for September 2018 - If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a reception class place. Please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions to complete the online application form. This will need to be completed by 15th January 2018. Please note that attending a school's nursery does **not** guarantee your child a place at the school—you still need to apply.

2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Family Learning—KS1 Maths—Tues 9th Jan @ 1.45pm

Baby/Toddler group—Wednesday 10th January
UKS2 Trip to Maritime Museum—Thursday 18th January (leaving at 9am)

Year 5/6 HfC Performance—Tues 30th Jan

Class Photographs—Mon 19th Feb



Growing and cooking club

We are looking for a parent or two to run a vegetable growing and healthy cooking club starting either after Easter or in the summer term. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Mr Daysh via the school office.

