

Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 1 - 9th September 2016



Welcome Back!

It is lovely being back at school and seeing everyone eager to start and looking so smart in their uniform. A special welcome to children starting with us in Lantic who are settling in well. We also welcome some new families to the school in other year groups. Next Saturday 17th September is a perfect opportunity for everyone to come together at our Autumn Fayre. We look forward to getting to know you all.

Office



Ros, Hazel and Fran are always happy to deal with any queries in the office. The office is open from 8:30am to 3:30pm daily. The mornings can get quite busy, so if you're able to come back or call later that might be of help.

Our preferred day for selling **school uniform** is on a **Wednesday**. If it helps, you can complete an order form and it can be ready for you to collect at a later point.

Harvest Assembly



Advance notice that our Harvest Assembly will be on Tuesday 27th September. The whole school will be walking down to Fowey Church at 9:00am for a 9:30am start.

Family members are very welcome to the assembly.

If you are able to come, we would really appreciate your help supervising the children walking to and from the church. Please sign up on the list outside the office.

If possible, we would like the children to bring a food donation for a local charity.

They would really appreciate donations of items with a long shelf life, e.g. tins, pasta, rice, etc. Please send your child with their donation on the day, thanks.

Travelling to school

If your child cycles to school, we recommend wearing a safety helmet. Please remember to secure bikes and scooters under the shelter; we cannot accept responsibility for any damage or theft.

If you drive to school, we kindly ask that you don't stop outside the school on or opposite the zig-zag lines but use the car park in Squire's Field to ensure pedestrian safety, thank you. Please take a look on our website at the School Council page which describes our safer routes to school plan.

Newsletters by email

Every family has been sent a paper copy of this newsletter. Our next newsletter will be sent home via email if you have requested this/did so last year. We encourage as many families as possible to sign up for this service if you can, as not only does it save paper/ photocopying for the school (and money) it also does a bit for the environment. If you would like to change your preference, please let the office know.

Volunteers

We very much welcome volunteers in school. If you would like to volunteer in class or on a trip, please have a chat with your child's teacher in the first instance. If you haven't had a DBS check already, you will need to pick up a form from the office and a Volunteer's Handbook and complete an up to date suitability declaration.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Earlier this week, two children in each class were elected as School Councillors for their class.

Congratulations to everyone who was elected and to all those children who put themselves forward. Names of children elected can be found displayed around the school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Several children from Carne (Y6) have also put themselves forward to be considered for the position of House Captain. They will be writing their 'pitch' and during our staff meeting next week we will decide on who will lead *Treffry*, *Rashleigh* and *Hanson* this year.

Pupil Premium

Please check with the office to see if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding – the process is very quick and confidential. Alternatively apply online via our website. Click on *About us* and then *Pupil Premium*.

Not only does this mean your child would be entitled to free school meals in the juniors, but the school receives additional funding to support provision for learning.

If your child is in the infants, they automatically receive a free school meal. However, your child might still be eligible for pupil premium funding.

Non-Uniform Day Friday 16th September

Next Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day. We are asking that if you are able to, please donate something for our Autumn Fayre *General Tombola*, e.g. filled bottles, jars, cans, gifts, etc.

A good start to the day

At the start of the year, it's useful to remind everyone about the start of the day:

- 8:30am Gates open.
- Wake and Shake starts.
- 8:45am Start of school day - all children need to be settled in class ready for the register.
- By the time the bell goes at 8:45am, we kindly ask parents to have left the classroom and made their way out of the school building. Going back to class, checking through the windows or going back to another sibling can really disrupt the start of the day for everyone.
- If you arrive after 8:45am, please go to the office where your child will be signed in. As the class would have already started, we ask that parents say goodbye to their child in the office foyer. Children will make their own way to class, unless they need accompanying to the classroom. In this instance, a member of staff will do this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Children starting Reception in September 2017

The closing date for applications for places in Reception is **15th January 2017**. These applications will be for children who were born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013. *Application forms need to be completed even if you have a sibling already at our school.*

If you wish to make an on-line application, you can do so until the closing date on 15th January 2017:
www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Secondary transfer September 2017

The closing date for secondary school transfer applications is **31st October 2016**. If you have a child in Yr6, you will receive a letter from Cornwall Council in the post with further details. Should you have any queries, please contact the office. If you wish to make an on-line application, you can do so until 31st October: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Attendance

A few years ago, the rules about absence requests changed. Please can everyone support this by taking holidays out of term time and make non-urgent medical/dental appointments out of school hours. Unfortunately absences which are not exceptional can't be authorised.

If your child is ill, please call us on 01726 832542. If your child isn't present, and we haven't heard, we will call that morning to check all is ok.

The DfE announced last year that a child is said to have 'persistent absence' if they miss 19 or more school days within the year (90% attendance or less across the year). This is roughly 6 days each term or 3 days each half term.

The following statistic has been provided by the DfE showing a link between absence and results at GCSE:

- Of pupils who miss more than 50% of school, only 3% achieved five A* to Cs including English and Maths.
- Of pupils who miss between 10% and 20%, only 35% achieved five A* to C GCSEs including English and Maths.
- Of pupils who miss less than 5% of school, 73 % achieve five A* to Cs including English and Maths.

I realise GCSEs are a long way off, but establishing a good pattern of attendance at primary is vitally important to ensure children access the curriculum in its fullest sense. Please can everyone support us by establishing a routine of attendance so that we give children the best possible start in life.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Carne (Y6) will be organising a coffee morning in aid of this charity on Friday 30th September. Please pop this date in the diary and look out for further details from Carne.

Bude Residential

Next Thursday after school in Carne, we are holding a meeting for parents/children in Readymoney (Y5) and Carne (Y6). We'll be giving an overview about this exciting trip and answer any questions you may have.

INSET - Monday

A reminder that school is closed for staff training next Monday 12th September. Our staff are taking part in joint training at Carclaze School ready for us to introduce a new approach to teaching phonics and spelling.

Dates 2016-17 (so far)

September

Monday 12 th	INSET day – School closed
Wednesday 14 th	Wednesday Workshops start
Thursday 15 th	Club allocation letters out
Friday 16 th	Non-uniform day
Saturday 17 th	Autumn Fayre (11am – 2pm)
Monday 19 th	Spellings out and After School Clubs start
Tuesday 20 th	1:00pm 5-aside Football match
Tuesday 27 th	9:30am Harvest assembly at church
Friday 30 th	Y6 Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Monday 3 rd	No After School Clubs this week
Tuesday 4 th	FRA Y6 Taster Day
Wednesday 5 th	Individual and Family Photos Parent/Teacher meetings
Thursday 6 th	Parent/Teacher meetings
Friday 21 st	Global Challenge Day (House Competition) Break up for half term
Monday 31 st	INSET – school closed

November

Tuesday 1 st	INSET – school closed
Wednesday 2 nd	Back to school
Friday 11 th	Children in Need
Monday 14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Influenza immunisation for Yrs 1, 2, 3
Monday 28 th	Last week of After School Clubs

December

Friday 2 nd	9:30am Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
Monday 5 th	9:30am Christmas Play Morning Performance 6:30pm Christmas Play Evening Performance
Tuesday 6 th	6:30pm Christmas Play Evening Performance
Friday 9 th	Non-Uniform Day (Gift Room Donations)
Saturday 10 th	Fowey Christmas Market (Handbells)
Sunday 11 th	Fowey Town Carol Service (Handbells and Choir)
Monday 12 th	Christmas Gift Room Experience
Tuesday 13 th	3:30pm Nativity (Lantic)
Wednesday 14 th	6:00pm Carol Service at Church
Thursday 15 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th	Christmas Parties and End of Term

Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	INSET day - School closed
Wednesday 4th January	Back to school
Friday 10 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 20 th February	Back to school
Thursday 31 st March	Break up for Easter
Monday 18 th April	Back to school
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs week
Sunday 14 th - Friday 19 th May	Bude Residential
Friday 26 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 5 th June	Back to school
Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 26 th July	End of term

Lunch 'n' Learn (12:00 - 1:15pm)

22nd September - Readymoney (Y5)
 11th October - Polridmouth (Y4)
 18th October - Cannis (Y1)
 8th November - Gribben (Y2)
 16th November - Carne (Y6)
 30th November - Lantic (YR)
 8th December - Coombe (Y3)

Class Assemblies followed by Coffee Morning

20th October - Polridmouth (Y4)
 24th November - Readymoney (Y5)
 2nd February - Carne (Y6)
 16th March - Gribben (Y2)
 27th April - Lantic (YR)
 25th May - Cannis (Y1)
 22nd June - Coombe (Y3)