

# Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 12 - 17th March 2016



## Farewell to Jacqui Kay

As I mentioned before, next week we will be saying our official farewell to Jacqui. It's likely you might see her around school again soon as she helps with transition work in the office.

Next week, we will be celebrating Jacqui's time with us as well as saying farewell. It's not too late to contribute to her leaving gift. Please hand in any contribution to the office by Monday, thank you.

## Governor Nominations

Thank you to the four parents who have put themselves forward for the position of Parent Appointed Governor. The Local Governing Board will consider all applications at their next meeting and let everyone know the outcome.

## INSET Days

Attached to this newsletter you will find an updated list of dates for the summer term. With such a busy term, it's likely a few more dates will be added, but we will try our best to give as much notice as possible.

You'll also find term dates for the next academic year, including INSET days. We have tried to plan these with the needs of our staff training in mind at the same time as causing as little disruption to parents as possible. The one date that may seem a bit odd is Monday 12th September - this is because we have joint Read Write Inc training with another school and are limited by the availability of the trainer.

## Readymoney's Road to Rio



Last week, our class began a Road to Rio dance project with Sam Smith (PE teacher at Fowey River Academy). The aim is to produce a whole class dance routine that demonstrates different sporting journeys during the Olympics. Once we've perfected our routines, the dance will be filmed and there will be an opportunity for our parents to watch the video of the performance.

*By Readymoney*

## School Easter Assembly Monday 21st March 9:30am

The whole school will be walking down to Fowey Church at 9:00am on Monday 21st March 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 walking to and from the church with the children. On this occasion, as supervised by staff, parents without a DBS are able to sign up to help too. Please sign up on the list outside the office.**

## Songfest at HfC



Last Monday, a packed Hall for Cornwall were treated to an array of talented musicians. Congratulations to everyone involved; it was a great night. Well done to Niamh, Arran, Elliot and Bruno. They were part of a joint PLT one-off choir singing with other schools. The massed choir sang Ocean Commotion very well.

## Polridmouth's (Y4) Class Assembly

Well done to all the children in Polridmouth for a fantastic Class Assembly today. We were treated to a version of *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway* with some storytelling about a 'tricky pixie'. They performed the story with great enthusiasm as well as sharing their knowledge about punctuation.

## Lantic's (YR) Produce Sale



This Friday, Lantic will be holding their Produce Sale in the playground after school.

## PVG Feedback

Please find below a summary from our recent PVG meeting. Full minutes can be found on our website and in the office foyer.

- **Snack time drinks instead of water** - Water is allowed during the day. Juice-based drinks are allowed at lunchtimes with either packed lunch or school meal. Milk is also available to have with a school meal should a child want it.
- **Re-establish PSA** - More than happy for someone to take on the role of leading a PSA – but in the past when trying to re-establish the PSA no-one has come forward. The school benefits from fundraising activities with parents offering to help out - reps felt this worked well as it was.
- **School dinners** - Jacket potatoes are available as an alternative option if requested.
- **INSET days** - Asked if INSET days could be clumped together to help with taking holidays. The school tries to tag on INSET days to the school holidays where possible. However, this has to be balanced with the training needs of the school.
- **Tracksuits for colder weather** - Asked whether the school could sell personalised tracksuits. Tracksuits are already allowed for PE in colder weather. It was felt that the cost of a personalised tracksuit would outweigh the price of a standard tracksuit. Reps asked whether a summer hat could be investigated.
- **Seagulls** - Like last year, the school is using the services of a natural deterrent.
- **Gutters** - These had been recently cleared out. Unfortunately, our gutters aren't fit for purpose with the amount of water that flows from our roof. But the gutters are cleared regularly.
- **Hedges** - The rep approached wasn't sure which hedges a parent was referring to as all are clipped back to the boundary. However, two hedges have been removed at either side of the carpark to help with visibility.
- **Walkways** - Two ramps have been installed for access purposes. Lantic's shed is to be moved back to help with the flow of children and parents.
- **Safer Routes to School** - See minutes for more details. School Council to write to parents.
- **Swimming communication if late back to school** - Information had been sent via e-mail, a notice on the school door, posted on twitter and our website. Some parents hadn't seen these and were already outside the classroom door – agreed that a sign would also go on the classroom door in future.

Thank you for all your support this term. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter! School finishes next Thursday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 11th April.

Best wishes,  
Chris Wathern

Don't forget to check the 'A' frame each week, our news (including calendar and twitter feed) and online calendar on our website.