

# Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 16 - 12th May 2017



## Well done Year 6

Year 6, you should feel very proud of your efforts this week. It has been a privilege watching you tackle the SATs tests with such maturity and commitment. After a full week of tests, we're all looking forward to the Bude residential on Sunday. Get plenty of sleep over the weekend, as next week will be action-packed.

## Headteacher Update

We are delighted to report that, following a second set of interviews last week, a new Headteacher has been appointed for the school. Kate Sicolo, who is currently Headteacher of Burfield Academy in East Sussex, was the unanimous choice of an Appointment Panel consisting of representatives from the Local Governing Body and Peninsula Learning Trust. We were very impressed by her educational vision, her infectious enthusiasm and her rich experience, and we have every confidence that she will make a big impact at the school and build on all the successes achieved by Mr Wathern and his team. She will be taking up post on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and we are sure you will wish to join us in welcoming her to Fowey and to our very special school.

*Austin McNamara (Interim CEO PLT)  
and Chris Williams (Chair LGB)*

## Teaching Assistant Vacancies (x2)

We are currently advertising for two Teaching Assistant roles. Further details can be found on our website under the *Vacancies* tab.

## Jump for Heart Skipping

During Celebration Assembly this morning we gave out digital skipping ropes from the British Heart Foundation for children who raised £50 or more at the recent skipping challenge. Thank you once again to everyone who was able to raise money for this charity.

## Fowey Festival Choir



Well done to our school choir for performing so brilliantly at the Fowey Festival concert on Tuesday evening. It was a real treat to be able to sing alongside the Fowey River Singers and St Austell Brass Band. The look of amazement on the children's faces when the band struck up was something to behold. Thanks also to Andy Virr for including us in this sell out concert.

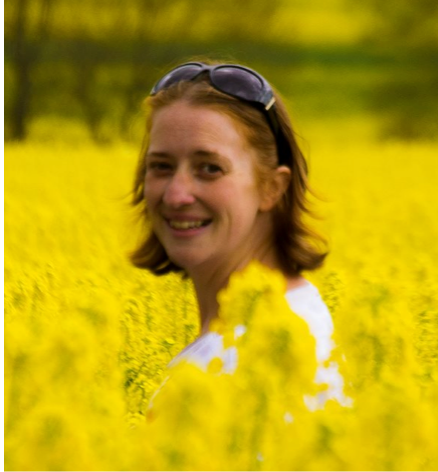
## Other Staffing News

After 20 years of service to the school, Janice Richards will be retiring at the end of July. Janice has mostly worked in Reception as a Teaching Assistant and has played a part in helping to develop young enquiring minds from an early age. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Richards at our Leavers' Assembly in July. She will be very much missed by the children, parents and staff.

I also want to thank and wish another Mrs Richards the very best. Pat Richards, our Clerk to Governors and PVG will also be retiring from her role in July after 14 years supporting the school. You may have seen Pat around the school, but many of her hours are spent attending meetings and typing up minutes. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Pat for all she has done and am pleased she will be volunteering at school in the future.

Following recent Lunchtime Supervisor interviews, I'm pleased to announce and welcome Andrea Lewry to the team. Andrea will be starting with us shortly.

## A Message from Kate Sicolo



I am delighted to have been appointed as the new headteacher for Fowey Primary School and will 'officially' join you all on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

I am currently a headteacher of a small primary academy in East Sussex and will be moving to the area with my partner and our baby girl, Ysella. We are all very excited to be moving back home after six years teaching in the Midlands and the South East. I grew up in West Cornwall (mostly in Falmouth and Helston) and lived there for 25 years, going to Truro College and University College Falmouth.

I was so impressed to see such a vibrant community at Fowey, with children working hard to achieve the very best outcomes and enjoying such a range of learning opportunities. I am also pleased to see that parents and carers are so involved in everyday life at Fowey as part of the parent voice group, as governors and by supporting the school with fundraising and special events.

Fowey is an excellent school, one in which you should be very proud and I am looking forward to working together to continue this excellence and build an even better school for the future.

I will be spending time over the coming term with Mr Wathern and Miss Barnes, as well as all of the other staff, getting to know the school really well before I begin.

Good luck to everyone undertaking their SATs this week, I am sure you will do your very best, and I hope to meet you all soon.

**Fowey Primary**  
**GROUNDS DAY!**  
**June 11th**  
**10am-3pm**  
**Come Along!**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
**BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS**  
**HOT/COLD REFRESHMENTS**  
**PASTIES & CAKES**  
**BENEFITS ALL OUR CHILDREN!**

### Grounds Day

Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday 11th June between 10am and 3pm?

Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand at our Grounds Day – just turn up when you can. There will be **free** refreshments. **Children need to be accompanied by an adult, thanks.**

There will be plenty to do on the day, e.g. preparing/clearing the area outside Lantic and Cannis for our new outdoor learning environment; sorting the raised beds; clearing the polytunnel and bottle greenhouse, as well as many other jobs.

So far this year we have raised an amazing **£6388.32** from fundraising events, donations and bids towards improving the outdoor learning environment. Thank you all for your continuing support. Grounds Day will help kick start preparing the outdoor area for development.

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.