

# Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 11 - 24th March 2017



## Class and Team Photos

Next Wednesday 29th March, the Tempest photographer will be taking class and team photos. These will take place during the school day. Please remember to bring in any netball or football kit beforehand.

## After School Clubs

A reminder that there won't be any after school clubs next week (Oceans running as normal though). A new sign up sheet for summer term clubs came home yesterday.

## Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently advertising for a lunchtime supervisor. For further details please ask at the office or check the vacancies page on our website.



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Everyone looked very comical in their red noses today. Thank you for supporting Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Together you raised an impressive £200 by buying a red nose (or two)!

## PVG Feedback

We had a very useful meeting on Wednesday where the following points were raised. Full minutes can be found in the office foyer and on our website.

- Second hand uniform: The FUNdraising group have kindly offered to look after this. Please drop off any second hand uniform at the office. The FUNdraising group will then hold regular slots to sell items of uniform at very reasonable prices.
- Y6 leavers' sweater: Miss Dymond will survey parents in Y6 offering this option and associated costs and we will make a decision based on responses.
- Access path to school: I will look at the access path area near the muddy bank and decide on the best course of action. For now however, please walk on the tarmac footpaths at the entrance rather than the banks.
- Skipping charity event: School to send the charity feedback that the incentive of receiving a skipping rope by raising at least £50 seemed too high an amount. All children will receive a certificate and should be congratulated on raising money (how ever much) for charity.
- Class trips: Each class aims for at least one class trip per year in addition to any residentials we offer. Discussed the hidden costs and how school already subsidises trips to minimise costs to families. Trips will be advertised in topic webs letters and staff are happy to build in further opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.
- Cake sales: This year we are trialling our class assemblies followed by a coffee morning due to the other fundraising events organised by the FUNdraising group.
- Cooking in the curriculum: Discussed our wide enrichment offer, including Wednesday Workshops, and to feedback to staff the possibility of including more cookery in the curriculum or as part of a workshop/club.
- Grounds Day: We will be holding a Grounds Day after Easter, which will include reviving the veg beds. Keep a look out for the date in next week's newsletter. A gardening club will also be offered after May half term. If anyone could volunteer their help with gardening at school, please let Miss Dymond know.

## Attendance

Following our recent EWO (Education Welfare Officer) visit, I have written to all parents whose children have attendance below 90% (persistent absence). Please can **everyone** support the school, your child and other children in the class by taking holidays out of term time and making non-urgent medical appointments out of school hours. Absences which are not exceptional can't be authorised and may lead to an educational welfare referral.

If your child is very unwell, then please call the school on (01726) 832542 giving the reason why they can't attend. If your child isn't present, and we haven't heard, we will call that morning to check all is ok. If your child just has a snuffle or a bit of a cough, please think whether they can attend - we will always call if they are struggling.

We want to work in partnership with parents to promote good attendance, so please can we ask that everyone is honest with us about their child's absence. In next week's newsletter, we will be sending out our term dates and INSET days for 2017/18. We hope with this notice, family holidays can be arranged using staff training days and the normal school holidays. Thank you for your support.

Helping your child get the most from school					
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
A whole year has 365 days A school year has 190 days This leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
190 days of education					
	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern - Persistent Absence	
Best chance of accessing education. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Less chance of accessing education. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action.	

\* Remember: 90% attendance is the equivalent to 1 day off each fortnight

\* If your child has an attendance of 90% for each year of primary, they would miss **133 school days** in their time with us - that's the equivalent of missing 70% of one school year.

\* If that pattern continued until Year 11 at secondary school, they would have missed **228 school days** - that's the equivalent of missing more than 1 year of education.

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.