

Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 9 - 23rd February 2017



As Chris Williams wrote on Monday, I will be leaving Fowey with my family at the end of the summer term to take up the post of Head of Primary at a British International School in Southern China.

There are many things I will really miss about Fowey but am equally excited by the opportunity this post brings for my family and I. There will be plenty of time for goodbyes but wanted to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for a tremendous 8 years. I'm really proud of what the school has achieved and what it will continue to achieve.

In the meantime it's business as usual as we have plenty to be working on to continually develop this fantastic school.

Safer Internet Day

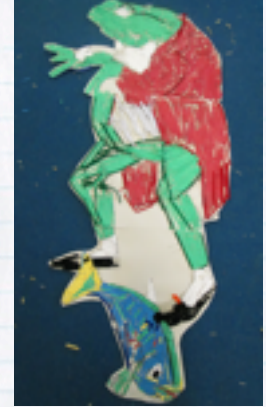
Just before half term, we marked Safer Internet Day by taking part in a variety of activities. Polridmouth (Y4) made a poster about being 'Internet SMART' which reminds us how to be safe, such as telling an adult if you have been bullied on the internet. Coombe (Y3) explored how to keep safe online, including role playing by giving advice to friends and creating a multiple choice quiz. Internet safety is a year long focus and is threaded throughout our curriculum. If you need any advice, please ask your child's teacher.

St Piran's Day

St Piran's Day falls on Sunday 5th March. We will be marking this event on Monday 6th March by learning about St Piran. In addition, there will be a change to our lunch menu on Monday 6th March:

- * Meat or cheese & potato pasty
- * Potato wedges, peas and salad bar
- * Blueberry muffin or Fresh fruit

Art House Challenge Day



The last day of half term saw Jeremy Fisher being created from art straws, Winnie the Pooh made from felt and the Gruffalo brought to life with clay and natural materials. The Art Challenge Day was a great success with children working in their house teams to create a story book character. There was an upbeat chatter of excitement as the children helped each other to work on one project and everyone really enjoyed the experience. The day ended with Treffry winning the most points: Treffry - 5400, Rashleigh - 4600 and Hanson - 4300

Parent/Teacher meetings

There is still time to sign up for our Parent/Teacher meetings taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please note there will be no after school clubs running next week. Oceans will run as normal though.

Netball/Football Results

Congratulations to our netball team, who won their league on Tuesday with a 6-2 win over Bishop Bronescombe, in their penultimate game of the season. Well done to our Y3/4 football team who played well despite losing to a strong Bishop Bronescombe team 1-3. Our Y5/6 football team won their match 3-2 in one of the best games of the season.



Tickets are still available to buy for the Quiz Night next Friday 3rd March. You can buy them from Katy Warnes, Jodie Morcom, Rebecca Davidson, Liv Goold, Park Road Stores, Brown Sugar or our school office.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our recent indoor boot sale. It was a fantastic atmosphere and we raised an impressive £325.

We hope to see you at one of the events coming up soon. The Quiz Night promises to be a great social event, where your ticket includes a pasty as well as the chance of a prize for the winning team.



Skipping Challenge

Our Jump Rope skipping day is fast approaching (10th March). Please try to collect as many sponsors as possible. Remember your child will receive a digital skipping rope if they manage to collect at least £50 in sponsorship. It promises to be an exciting event.

Volunteers Policy

We very much value volunteers in school and many of the extra curricular and fundraising activities we provide relies on volunteer support. Our Volunteers Policy has just changed to reflect best practice in regards safeguarding children.

Next week I will be writing to you about the changes and the implications for current and new volunteers. In the meantime you can find our new policy on our website, under *Safeguarding > Safeguarding Policies*. To help explain the changes and what this means in reality, current volunteers as well as parents considering becoming a volunteer are welcome to one of the following informal coffee afternoon/morning sessions where I will be able to explain the changes and answer any questions you may have: **Thursday 9th March 2:15pm or Friday 10th March 8:45am**

Request from Cannis (Y1)

Cannis' new topic is Posting and Places. Last year they requested postcards to be sent to the class from around the world. They had an amazing response and the children loved receiving them. This year they would like to open the request to the whole school. Do you have relatives in distant lands who can send Cannis a postcard? Let's see if they can receive more than 50 cards this year!

Red Nose Day

Red noses are available to buy for £1 from the office. We will be marking Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March within classes by taking part in a variety of activities. Due to World Book Day falling next week and our skipping challenge day, we won't be looking to do any extra dressing up/fundraising for this event this year. Children (and adults) are welcome to wear their red noses, but school uniform needs to be worn as normal.

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.