

# FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Newsletter 2

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### Dear Parents

The end of another term seems to have come far too quickly! The children were so delighted to see the snow this week, even though it was rather short lived and had great fun playing outside. Children from Coombe and Carne have loved their swimming sessions and I'm told are really growing in confidence in the water. Last week, I felt very privileged to join 15 of our wonderful KS2 children at the Writer's Block in Pool where they have been working with a professional writer and staff from Kernow Education Arts Partnership (KEAP) to develop their confidence in writing. Their work was incredible and I was delighted to see the joy they have gained from their writing. I hope that the children continue to see themselves as great writers and that we are able to include more children in events like this in the future, so that all our children have the opportunity to realise that they are all writers.

Have a lovely half term,

*Kate*

Kate Sicolo  
Headteacher

### Diary dates 2018



#### 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

19<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday Workshops begin

22<sup>nd</sup> February – Years 3 and 6 – Swimming

26<sup>th</sup> February – World book day

#### March

1<sup>st</sup> March – Years 4 and 5 – Swimming

6<sup>th</sup> March- Lunch n Learn Year 3 (Coombe)

8<sup>th</sup> March - Years 4 and 5 – Swimming

9<sup>th</sup> March – Lunch n Learn Year 4 (Readymoney)

15<sup>th</sup> March – Years 4 and 5 – Swimming

20<sup>th</sup> March – Lunch n Learn Year 5 (Polridmouth)

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Years 4 and 5 – Swimming

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Lunch n Learn Year 6 (Carne)

29<sup>th</sup> March – Years 4 and 5 – Swimming

**29th March – End of Term**

### Absence from School following sickness

Just a reminder that we have relaxed the rule on 48 hours absence after a period of sickness. This is because we had feedback from parents/carers that children were being forced to remain at home when families were very confident that they didn't have a bug but had been sick for another reason (e.g. asthma, tiredness or a one-off problem with a particular food). We now follow a 'common sense' approach where if your child clearly has an infectious condition they should stay at home for 48 hours but if you believe they have no signs of a bug and are well they are able to come to school. Please discuss this with the office staff if you are unsure as to whether your child should attend.

### Cartonera Festival and World Book Day

You will have received a separate letter about our writing festival and book day arrangements. We are still looking for local businesses to sponsor a prize for a child so please do speak to the office if you, or anyone else would be interested.

## This week's certificate winners:

### Worker(s) of the Week:

**Lantic:** Emily, Callum, Naia, Jack, Arthur

**Cannis:** Jacob, Daniel, Martha,  
Phoebe, Otilie, Orlaith

**Gribben:** Henry

**Coombe:** Ella, Samuel

**Readymoney:** Brynn, Kaya

**Polridmouth:** Chrissy, Ewan

**Carne:** Caitlin, Penny, Bex

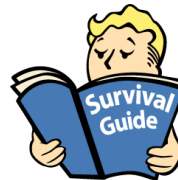


## Wednesday

### Workshops



We are very excited to launch a new series of Wednesday Workshops next term with several activities we haven't tried before (Karate and High Climbing have proved particularly popular). We will need several parent volunteers each week to ensure we have enough adults to support these activities. If you are registered with us to volunteer and are able to help on a Wednesday afternoon please do speak to Mrs Counter. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please ask for an application pack in the main office.



## Attendance

Welcome to the weekly attendance awards. We have been set a target of more than 97% attendance. This week the following classes have reached their target:-

<b>Coombe</b>	99.2%
<b>Lantic</b>	98.9%
<b>Readymoney</b>	97.9%
<b>Cannis</b>	97.6%



The following classes missed out this week – good luck for next week:-

<b>Gribben</b>	96.3%
<b>Polridmouth</b>	95.6%
<b>Carne</b>	91.3%

## Morning Drop Off Arrangements

As you should be aware, morning arrangements will change after half term. This has happened following concerns raised by PVG parents about the current arrangements. In future, children should be dropped at their outside classroom door. Cloakroom doors will not be open in the mornings. Class teachers (or TA's if the teacher is absent) will be at the external door to greet the children when they arrive and to speak to any parents/carers who have messages to pass on. If you need to speak to your child's teacher confidentially, please make an appointment with them or the Office.

If you need to drop things at the Office, please walk around to the front door.

Thank-you for your co-operation and support with this. I am sure that we will soon settle into the new system and that we will quickly see how independent the children are able to be.

## Children's Feedback on the Playground

Miss Oatham and the Student Council have been completing some work with the children about how they would like to improve the playground. Children have asked for a very large sand pit (we will ask for volunteers to come and help create this when the weather is drier), basketball hoops, writing and quiet resources in the outdoor classroom, quiet comfy areas around the playground and more equipment. We are delighted to have been able to spend £1500 from the Fowey FUNdrasing group on this new equipment which will be in use on the playground from after half term.



A huge thanks to everyone who has supported the group with fundraising for our school as we simply wouldn't have the funds to spend on these things without their support.

We would like to move the large shed from the back of the school round to the front, so that we are able to store this equipment nearer to where it will be used (we think it will need dismantling and moving). If you are able to help with this, please do let us know and we'll organise a moving day.



## Are you fed up of your child bringing home tatty books?

We all agree that our home reading books and library are very tired and in need of replacement. We are also in need of a wider range of books which expand the children's knowledge of poetry and non-fiction. As a school, we simply do not have the funds to undertake the scale of replacement necessary this year. To help us with this, we have created a wish list of books on Amazon for anyone who may want to help us by buying some books for the school.

You can access the list here <http://amzn.eu/jiWu3Sj> and please feel free to share as widely as you would like!

We have added a range of books and will add more over time as develop our library and book stock. Anyone can order a book from the list and it will arrive directly at school. If you include your name, we will then put a label in that book showing which family have donated it to the school.



## Trauma Informed Schools

From September 2018, we will be joining a number of schools across Cornwall as a Trauma Informed School. This status will mean that we have a member of staff in school who is trained to work individually with children who have experienced some kind of trauma (e.g. parental break-up, domestic abuse or bereavement). This is a very important step for us as we recognise how important it is that children access appropriate support at the time when such incidents occur so that they are able to process these events and manage their feelings.

Unfortunately, we know that it is becoming increasingly difficult for families to access this kind of support in the local community.

Mrs Van Den Broek has been chosen as our practitioner and will be attending ten days training this term. Miss Barnes has also attended a two day training course and all staff will attend an evening information session during the summer term.

We are very excited about the opportunities this will bring for us to provide bespoke support to children at school. Lots more information on this will follow later this year and sessions will begin in September, once training has been completed.