

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Good-bye and Good Luck!

Today we wave goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children who are leaving us to move on to Year 7. They have been an absolute credit to the school and we have been so lucky to have them with us on this part of their journey.

We wish them the very best and hope they will come back to see us, whenever they can.

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Diary dates 2018



24th July - Last day of Summer Term

4th September - INSET Day—School closed to pupils

5th September - INSET Day—School closed to pupils

6th September - First Day of Autumn Term

22nd - 26th October - October Half Term

New Classes and Teachers 2018-2019

Lantic (EYFS) - Mrs Jones

Cannis (Y1) - Miss Oatham

Gribben (Y2) - Miss Barnes

Coombe (Y3) - Mrs Counter

Polridmouth (Y4) - Miss Nicholls and then
Mrs Truscott/ Mrs Bird

Readymoney (Y5) - Mr Trudgeon

Carne (Y6) - Mrs Warnham

A Royal Visit

We all went down to Fowey Quay last week to see the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. They spent a good amount of time with us chatting to children and shaking hands. We were also so excited to see the ceremonial uniforms and be part of such a momentous day for our town. Thank-you to all our parents who came and helped out on the day.



Year 5 and 6 Bude Camp and Coasteering

Here are some impressions from Year 5 pupils:

"On the first night at Bude we talked to our tutor about our activities for the week, then at 7:15 we went out to our tutor to play some games. We had a morning run everyday, and were very busy with lots of different exciting activities such as surfing, bodyboarding, caving, climbing, high ropes every day and in the evenings we would play games with our tutor and had discos and talent competitions!"

"Coasteering was great fun! We jumped from some very high rocks which was a little scary and even went through a tunnel which was full of water!"

Vonnie's Retirement

Today is Vonnie Vincent's last day as a cleaner with us. Vonnie has worked at Fowey Primary and at Fowey River for over 20 years and is now ready to enjoy a well-earned retirement!

We will miss having Vonnie around but hope to make her the guest of honour at school events in the future.

Thanks so much Vonnie for all your commitment to our school over the years and we wish you well for an adventure filled retirement!

School Dinners

We are very hopeful that Dan will be back from September! A huge thank-you to Sandra who has been fantastic in keeping the kitchen going in his absence. We will miss having her around (and her custard biscuits which were a revelation to us all!)

Cornwall County Primary School Athletics

On Wednesday, 4th July a group of Key Stage 2 pupils competed in the County Primary Schools Athletics Competition. The children performed extremely well against other children from across the county. Well done to everyone, but a special mention to Oliver Pannell who managed to win his race and became the County Champion.

Students

We are delighted that we will be joined by three PGCE students from September- December who will be working alongside our class teachers in Y1, Y2 and Y6. Student teachers are a fantastic opportunity to bring new skills into our school and to work with people who have the most up-to-date and innovative training. Our students will be based at the University of Exeter and Marjohms in Plymouth.

We hope you will join us in welcoming them to the Fowey family!

Changes over the Summer

If you live locally, you will notice lots going on over the summer holiday. Our roof is being cleaned, treated and repaired with replacement fascia's, soffits, guttering and flashing. We are also having new ceilings wherever they have been damaged and replacement flooring where needed. Lighting throughout the school will be replaced with new LED lights which we hope will be better to work in and more reliable than our current strip lighting.

We will continue replacing tables and chairs in the classrooms next year so that the classrooms are a nicer environment for the children.

All classrooms and communal areas will have been given a fresh coat of paint by this time next year.

More wheelchair ramps are also being installed, so that more classrooms are accessible from the outside.

We are also having new servers, wiring and 40 new devices for children to use. We hope that computing will become very much more central to our curriculum than it has been.

We are also creating a conference room (by relocating the music room to my current office) and a studio space for drama, music and art (by splitting the library into two). The staff are having some long overdue new furniture for the staff room.

We are replacing the old paving slabs by Lantic (many of which are damaged or missing) to create a more even, safe surface for our little ones. We also hope to relocate the shed and replace with more small, purpose built storage so that Mrs Jones can see the little ones (they currently hide behind the shed!). The outside will be a work in progress but we are confident we are moving in the right direction.

The monkey bars on top of the adventure have been condemned and the cost for replacing that one beam was over £3000. There is very serious rot at the bottom of each of the posts and we have been told that the whole structure will only do another couple of years. To get the best use out of it, we will be removing the top monkey bars over the summer (they'll be recycled into a floor climbing beam for Lantic) and the two towers will remain as climbing apparatus, which can then be used by all children.

We are very excited for these changes, which we are sure, will make our school a better learning environment for us all.

