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Spring Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been treated to some beautiful spring weather this week which has seen flowers popping up all around the school site. Lantic had a brilliant Forest School day at Cardinham Woods on Thursday, we cooked woodland stew for our lunch over the camp fire and built dens to keep us safe from bears. We've included some photos in the newsletter so you can see what a great day we all had! Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed their first swimming session and we have combined this with a tennis lesson (so we're all ready for Wimbledon!)

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all next week.

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Diary dates 2019



5 March - Health Screening for
EYFS and Yr 6

7 March - World Book Day

8 March - Yr 5 Science Workshop at Penrice

18-22 March - No Clubs this week

18 March - Parents Evening

20 March - Parents Evening

5 April - End of Spring Term

23 April - Start of Summer Term

Parents Evenings 2019

18th and 20th March

15th and 17th July

Appointments are now available to book via eSchools

Parent Volunteers



THANK YOU!

We would like to give a huge thanks to Kieron Peacy, Mackenzie Parkes, Tonya Stretch, Rachael Arthur and Kate Sutherland, who have all volunteered on trips this week.

We simply do not have enough school staff to meet the minimum ratios for trips without parents so without your support, things like swimming and the trip to Cardinham can't go ahead.

We do urgently need to find two volunteers to support Y3 and Y4 at swimming on Thursday afternoons for the rest of this term. If we can't find two more parents who can do this we will have to cancel these sessions. Please do speak to Miss Bryant, Mrs Truscott or Mrs Wright if you can help.

Year 4

We would like to thank all Year 4 parents for their patience this week.

Just to clarify a couple of points:

Mrs Bryant is now employed as a teacher and will be until the end of this school year.

Parents Evening meetings will be held with Mrs Bryant and Mrs Truscott/Mrs Wright for Year 4 and either Mrs Wright or Mrs Truscott for Year 3. Mrs Sicolo and Miss Barnes will also be available during both evenings if you require any further information about your child's progress or wellbeing.

Zip Oystercards

We know that some parents have had difficulties accessing a Zip Oystercard... sadly, the system isn't as simple to use as it states it is! If you haven't been able to arrange this please speak to the office and we will make separate arrangements for these children.



MOMO and Online Safety

A number of children in Year 5 and, today, in Year 3 have been talking about Momo. We would like to reassure parents that the school uses the South West Grid for Learning filtering system and that children do not have access to sites like YouTube at school. However, Momo is currently a very high profile news story and is featured heavily across the BBC. Yesterday this led a group of Year Five children, who were using the BBC news website to look for information about recycling, to come across a single image, which they found frightening.

Our messaging to children around online safety is very simple, and we would encourage parents to use the same kinds of messages when talking to their children

1. If you see anything online which scares you, close the screen or minimise the window.
2. Tell an adult what you have seen and ask them for help.
3. Remember that Momo isn't real and things you see on the computer, while upsetting, can't hurt you.

Please do let your child's class teacher know if they are upset by this so we can make sure we are following up at school.

Sensory Pod

We had great excitement when our new sensory pod was delivered this week. The pod is filled with special lights and will soon have lots of cushions and blankets to make it a comfy, calming space for our SEND children.

Attendance

Welcome to the weekly attendance awards. We have been set a target of more than 97% attendance.

This week the following classes reached their target:-

Readymoney	99.29%
Lantic	99.05%
Cannis	97.93%
Coombe	97.04%



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

Polridmouth	96.36%
Carne	95.56%
Gribben	94.21%

School Lunches and Dan

Very sadly, we have to announce that Dan (our brilliant school cook) has decided to move on. Dan has been offered a new role at Lanhydrock Hotel as their new breakfast chef. We will miss Dan and his delicious lunches and wish him the very best for the future.

From 13th March, Caterlink will be supporting us with school dinners. They are the same catering company who provided us with temporary support when Dan broke his leg. This isn't a permanent move to outside catering, simply a way of ensuring that we have good quality meals for the rest of the school year as it isn't possible for us to recruit a replacement for Dan before he leaves us.

Separately to this, the governors and I have been exploring options for school dinners for 2019-2020 onwards as we are the only school in our trust to use our own catering staff. While this is great in allowing us autonomy and control, it is placing a significant additional financial burden on the school. These discussions are in the very early stages and no decisions have yet been made. We will update all parents on this as soon as we can but this is likely to be in the summer.

Health Screening Checks

The School Nursing Team will be visiting on Tuesday 5 March to carry out Health Screening (weight and height) on children in EYFS (Lantic) and Year 6 (Carne) as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

School health checks are carried out on an 'opt out basis', if you do not wish your child to have them, please ensure that you have returned the green form (issued at the start of the academic year) to the School Office.

Further information about health screening can be found on the following website:-

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/ncmp>

New Disabled Ramps

We are very excited that the new disabled ramps are finally being installed to classrooms. We apologise for any disruption this may cause during drop off and pick up times, so please bear with us whilst these essential works are undertaken.



Painting and Ceilings

We were delighted to come back to a very smart looking school, having had the hall painted and ceilings/lights changed in lots of different areas. The school is looking much brighter and cleaner. We will have completed the rest of the school by the end of the year.

We have also had all of our glass, throughout the building, treated this week to ensure that it meets all current safety requirements.

Miss Thomas

Miss Thomas has been travelling to work as a HLTA for us from Liskeard every day. Unfortunately, with a small baby at home she has decided that this commute isn't manageable for her family and has taken a new role in Liskeard. We currently have an advert out for a new HLTA to start as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, this means that Miss Thomas will not be able to support Year 6 once Mrs Warnham begins her maternity leave. We will let you know the new arrangements for this as soon as we can but please, rest assured, if Mrs Warnham needs to start her leave sooner than expected Mrs Sicolo will teach Year 6.

SATS Boot Camp

We have noticed that while some children are using this regularly, a number haven't yet logged on. Please ensure your child is using this at least 3 or 4 times a week to support their revision.

Lantic's Trip to Cardinham

