

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

A blustery week at Fowey! This week we have said goodbye to Dan, who has become such a friendly and familiar face around school. The children held a lovely sharing assembly with him on Friday, where he was presented with presents and cards from us all. We wish him all the best in his new role at the Landhydrock Hotel.

The children remain very excited about our guinea pigs and I have had over 100 applications from children who'd like to look after them at school. Thank-you to all families who have signed up to help with them at weekends and during holidays.

As so many children are interested in being a guinea pig keeper, we will select ten children per term and then rotate so that as many children as possible have a turn taking the lead. Once we have chosen the children for this first term they will be given their first task - choosing and ordering a new guinea pig hutch!

We look forward to seeing you all for Parents' Evenings next week!

Kate and the Team at Fowey

Kate Sicolo
Headteacher

Diary dates 2019



18-22 March - No Clubs this week

18 March - Parents Evening

20 March - Parents Evening

28 March - Parent Forum

5 April - End of Spring Term

23 April - Start of Summer Term

6 May - Bank Holiday

27-31 May - Half Term

1 July - School Closed - Inset Day

25 July - End of Summer Term

HLTA Recruitment

We are delighted to have recruited a new HLTA, Miss Elliott, who will join us from Bishop Bronscombe School straight after Easter. She will lead PPA sessions in all the classes, including PE. She has lots of experience leading PE and currently leads swimming and netball after school at her current school. She is also a qualified paediatric first aider. Miss Elliott will also be running Oceans sessions on Monday-Wednesday each week.

Vegetable Beds

Miss Oatham and the school council are eagerly awaiting news of how much they have raised through the Tesco tokens. They hope to use their money to create vegetable beds for planting so we can grow our own crops. We will need parents who can come and help Mr Warnham construct some raised beds and top-soil to fill them with.

Please do speak to Miss Oatham if you can help.

Parent Forum

We have written to all parents/carers today to ask for suggestions of topics you would like to include in our first parent forum meeting on the 28th March. We will send a short agenda out to you all next Friday.

Class Contributions

Enormous thanks to all those families who have currently paid, or paid towards their class contributions for this term.

As a head-teacher and as teachers, we hate having to ask parents to contribute in this way towards trips and other activities which are so fundamental to the children having a brilliant experience at school. We find it very embarrassing to have to come to you but we all want the children to have the best possible experience and they benefit so much from trips and special activities.

It is our personal view, and we are sure yours, that these things are essential and so there should be central funding available for them. Sadly for us, there just isn't and the only way we can provide these things is to ask parents to make voluntary contributions. We know this isn't possible for everyone and so, we can make contributions for pupil premium children from that specific fund where parents aren't able to contribute.

If it is possible for your family to support us, please do pay your class contribution each term. If it is easier for you, you can pay in small chunks of any amount and all contributions are hugely valued.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently running at a deficit. We won't be able to book any more trips/special activities for these classes until this is cleared.

Oceans Time change

Oceans after school provision is currently running at a significant loss. Sadly, the school just cannot afford to subsidise after school care so it must break even. The loss is occurring because there are very few (usually only one or two, but sometimes none) children staying until 5:30 each day. To help with this, we are proposing reducing Oceans hours so that it finishes at 5pm.

We are interested to hear views on this, especially from those families who occasionally use the later Oceans session.

Please do send any thoughts or comments on this through to us on admin@fowey.sch.org by Friday 22nd March. We will send you a summary of feedback received and a final decision then.

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:-

Carne	99.44%
Polridmouth	99.09%
Readymoney	98.93%



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

Coombe	95.93%
Gribben	94.58%
Cannis	91.03%
Lantic	88.78%

Cornwall Schools Show Jumping Competition

We have been asked to find out if we have any children who enjoy horse riding/show jumping and would be interested in forming a team from Fowey Primary School to participate in the Cornwall Schools Show Jumping Competition.



If you are interested, please let us know.

Access Ramps

Thank-you all for your patience while we construct the new ramps, which are essential for some of our children. We know it is inconvenient to have them fitted during term time, they were scheduled for last summer holiday but due to problems with procurement at Cornwall Council this is the soonest they could be installed.

