

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy end to term we've had! On Thursday we held a special re-enactment of the Great Fire of London on the playground with the Fire Brigade. The children loved seeing how the fire spread through their houses and how quickly they were able to put it out! We also explored the fire engine and thought about how to stay safe if there was ever an unplanned fire. Enormous thanks to the brilliant Fire Fighter team who came along to join us.

Year Five and Six have been focussing on how Fowey could lead the energy revolution, looking at renewable and green sources of power. We were delighted to welcome families and friends to join us and share their learning as well as entering our quiz!

We wish you all a happy Easter, a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday.

Kate and the Team at Fowey

Year Six SATS

The Year 6 SATS are looming but it's really important that the children take time to relax. Please use the holiday to ensure they have plenty of fun doing the things they love! It is important that they continue to revise but half an hour or so a day on the SATS boot camp website as well as anything specific Mrs Warnham has given your child is sufficient. Please also keep up their reading, enjoying a book they love every day.

We will be working hard when they come back so it's important they return refreshed, well and ready to do their very best.

Diary dates 2019

- 5 April - End of Spring Term
- 23 April - Start of Summer Term
- 24 April - Easter Service at Fowey Parish Church
- 29 April - 2.00pm Parent Forum
- 6 May - Bank Holiday
- 13-17 May - Yr 6 SATs Week
- 24 May - 2.00pm Parent Forum
- 27-31 May - Half Term
- 1 July - School Closed - Inset Day
- 3 July - 9.00am Parent Forum
- 25 July - End of Summer Term



Easter Service

We will take all the children down to Fowey Parish Church on Wednesday 24th April for the Easter Service. As always, we will need volunteers to help walk down/up. You are very welcome to join us at the church at 10am if you would like to participate.



Clubs

Club e-mails have gone out today to all parents who have completed the clubs form. There will be no clubs in the first week back so the first clubs will be on Monday 29th April.

Velux Windows, guttering etc

We are also having new Velux windows (ours are the source of the many leaks!), new guttering, soffits and fascias and all our external woodwork treated during the Easter break. We are very lucky that this essential work is being funded by the Peninsula Learning Trust as part of our Capital funding bid.

Fowey Festival Winners

We are delighted to be able to share that six children have been commended, highly commended or won prizes at this year's festival. Considering there were over 600 entries we are very pleased with how brilliantly the children have done.



There are special certificates on the way for the winners so we're keeping their names a secret for now but if you would like to go along and see their work displayed in the church the presentation is open to everyone on Saturday 11th May from 11am-noon.

Attendance

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

Unfortunately the sickness bug struck this week, but well done to Readymoney who managed to reach their target:-



Readymoney	97.41%
Gribben	96.25%
Carne	91.67%
Lantic	91.16%
Polridmouth	90.00%
Coombe	88.15%
Cannis	87.59%

Access Ramps

Thank-you all for your patience while we construct the new ramps, which are essential for some of our children. They should be finished by the time we return after Easter!



Parental Feedback

Huge thanks to the 64 families who completed our parental survey at Parents' Evening this term. We are delighted every family who responded felt that the school meets their child's particular needs, supports their child to develop skills and that the vast majority (over 98%) of parents feel their child is safe and making good progress at school. All except one family also felt that their child/ren are well looked after and taught well.

We have also seen significant improvement from the Ofsted parental questionnaire of Feb 2018, when 83% of parents would have recommended us to another family. This time, only one parent felt they couldn't recommend the school.

We agree with some parents that there is still work to do on ensuring that no lesson is ever disrupted by bad behaviour (19% of parents felt this was a concern). We are working closely with the families of children whose behaviour isn't always up to our high expectations and we are thankful to these families for working with us. The children concerned are also working incredibly hard to always be respectful and kind. Although there is still a way to go we are very pleased with the progress of these children and we have seen a very significant reduction in incidents of children getting hurt since February half term.

We know that lots of Fowey parents work with us brilliantly and are helping their child to learn that all children are different and some need longer or individual things to help them thrive. We are a proper community school and we are so proud that we can offer a place to all children within our community who want to come to us.

Parent Forum update

One of our parents has been in discussion with Cornwall Council this year regarding the positioning of the lollipop lady (Helen) and has shared the following useful information.

She is located in the position she is because:

- It is a main road that is the main crossing point for families coming from Hill Hay (including children walking to school without a parent) and carries all of the traffic into and out of Fowey (both schools in addition to commuters working in Fowey)
- The pavement is wide enough to accommodate waiting families on both sides of the road
- Crossing at the other pedestrian crossing point along that road (near the bus shelter, where there is a dropped curb and central bollard) causes significant issues with safety, namely that there is not enough space for families to wait on the pavement (house side) and in the past when the crossing was initially at this site a parent was clipped by a passing bus; and with the pedestrian refuge in the centre, cars are unable to see Helen clearly and also get confused as to if the traffic is stopped in one direction at a time.

Having read this, I think the Council would be very reluctant to accommodate a crossing point between the Squires Field car park steps and the school entrance as the pavement there wouldn't be wide enough to accommodate waiting families and the lollipop person wouldn't be able to be clearly seen, which may in turn create more of a hazard.

We have asked the council to come along and meet with us to discuss our concerns over safety on the road. We're currently not having much response but we will keep trying!