#### FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

This week has been a busy one (as ever!) with us working hard to complete and submit our entries for the Fowey Festival. All classes across the school have taken part and we look forward to seeing our beautiful work exhibited in the town.

Miss Oatham has been working hard with a group of Key Stage 2 children to prepare a special performance with lots of other schools, which will be held at the Eden Project. Next week will be their first rehearsal of the finale song which will feature all the children singing and performing together. We will send more details of how you can get tickets as soon as we can.

Thank-you to the brilliant parents who stepped up to help with swimming.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate and the Team at Fowey

Kate Sicolo Headteacher

# **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.



### 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



### Parents Evenings 2019

18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March

Appointments are now available to book via eSchools. Should you have any queries or difficulties booking an appointment, please contact the School Office.

#### **Parent Forum**

We have written to all parents/carers this week to let you know we will be trialling an open parent forum on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (straight after drop off) in the hall. A form will come out by e-mail next Thursday enabling you to make any suggestions for things you would like to see included on the agenda.

#### **Lunch and Learn Sessions**

As we are about to have a change in catering staff, we will not be able to run lunch and learn sessions this term however, we will be sending out dates for the Summer Term as soon as possible.

### **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.

#### **LEAP Sessions at Penrice**

Year Five have had a great day at Penrice today - working with Mr Trudgeon and Mrs Geach alongside staff from Penrice. We are lucky to have been offered sessions this year for Y3-Y6 which we hope to repeat every year so that children have had more experience in a secondary school environment before their transition in Y6.

#### **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:-

Polridmouth 100%
Readymoney 99.21%
Cannis 98.85%

**Carne** 98.15%

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

**Coombe** 96.30%

**Gribben** 95.83%

**Lantic** 89.42%

Well done to Polridmouth (Year 4) who achieved 100% attendance this week.

Please keep this up.

# **Guinea Pigs... Our first school pets!**

This week has been an exciting one at Fowey! The children have decided that they'd really love to have some guinea pigs as their first pets so we've agreed that we can work towards this and should be joined by our new friends in late April. We will need to source hay, an indoor and outdoor run and lots of guinea pig supplies so please do let us know if you can help with this.

We will be asking the children to vote to choose their names and a group of children will be guinea pig keepers - responsible for their care and wellbeing.



We anticipate that they will live outdoors (on the little grassy area to the right of Polridmouth) when it is warm and in Coombe classroom when it is cold. Children who wish to be guinea pig keepers will need to apply and we'll choose a group for next term.

We will need lovely families to look after the guinea pigs during weekends and holidays- either by popping into school and checking them when they're outside or by taking them home in the colder months. If you are able to help with this, please complete the form here

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=424zsq4ymUCyOK\_Zptc-aPwYVJtWkIZCqc99zYWhuuNUNEtNMDhFWUxOSEk5RUFJT0wxT1hHWFFKWS4u

Lots of children are telling us that their family are happy to do this but we need to make sure we have parental permission so if you don't complete this form we won't add you to the rota.

We have told the children that we can consider other pets (e.g. chickens) if they show us they can look after the guinea pigs well.