

Autumn Term

Week 15

13th December
2019

NEWS



Dear Parents and carers,

Seasons Greetings to you all. We are well and truly into the homeward straight for Christmas: the tree has been decorated and the classrooms are filled with paperchains.

Christmas Play:

The children and staff have worked brilliantly to be ready to perform the Nativity at the church. They have sounded superb in rehearsals and I am sure will do everybody proud this evening when they perform it for you all. Please do stay a while after as there will be a raffle and some festive songs to sing around the tree near the village green.

The road around school:

As I am sure you are aware, the road near school can get busy and on occasions: passing traffic have been seen to be traveling perhaps too fast for the road and some properties have been obstructed. Sadly some local pets have been hurt on this road and we certainly don't want it to be a child. Please do take care around the school area as we want the children to be safe. Where possible, for KS2 children, we will help them walk to your vehicle so that you are able to move your vehicle if it were in the way. I will be contacting Cornwall Council to see if there are any other measures we can put in place to make the road safer—especially around pick-up times and have already spoken with one of our community support officers to that end and he will help us with this.

Photos:

Thank you to Mrs Pearce who took some amazing photos of the children. And thank you to you all who bought you child's photo as it has also raised over £150 for the PTA to spend on the children for future resources or projects.

School Money:

Where possible, when using 'School Money', it is helpful to have the account in credit rather than paying off balances but I do understand this is not always possible.

Newsletter:

From next term the newsletter; other information about your child's class and dates will be found **only** on the school website. The head's blog will be the newsletter, class pages will have information and key dates can be found in the events diary after clicking the menu button. We will email you a link to the 'Head's blog' to take you to the key information. If you have any difficulties, please let us know.

Best wishes,

Matt Avery (Head of School)

Family holidays and days out

Please do not book family holidays in term time. The school now has a policy of enforcing this very strictly, in accordance with government rules. If this is done without consultation with the school, you could be fined for unauthorised absence.

Attendance

Whole school: 92.6 % so far this term. It is very important that children are at school as often as possible as it will give them the best chance to learn with consistent input. We really need attendance to be above 96% to have the best impact on your children's learning. Reminder we are unable to authorise the majority of absences and persistent absence could result in fines from the local authority.

Breakfast Club and After School Child Care Club

Breakfast Club is available every day (From 8am) and After School Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to 4.15pm. Please ensure that you book this [the week before you need it](#). All information regarding these clubs is on the school website.

If your child is attending breakfast club please ensure that they are in school by 8.15am if they wish to have a breakfast as we are unable to provide breakfast after this time.

Please be aware that any cancellations must be given at least 48 hours in advance or unfortunately we will have to charge for the full session due to arranging staffing and purchasing food for these clubs.

This is due to ensuring staff costs are covered. Thanks for your understanding. In addition to this, please could we ask that you collect your child at the agreed time.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Please also be aware that if you require the hour from 4.15pm to 5.15pm on a Tuesday (for example, after a club) you will need to pay the full hour charge at £8.00 per child.

Charges remain the same this year for clubs— £2.50 per session Breakfast Club or £2.25 per child (sibling discount), after school club is £5.00 until 4.15pm.

After School Clubs

If you have any hidden sporting or creative talents, we would desperately like you help in running some addition after school clubs. We have surfing being arranged for the summer term and others in the pipe-line.

This term there will be Netball and football club will run until 4.30pm due to light fading.

Confirmed clubs:

Thursday: Football and Netball Key Stage 2: 3.30-4.30 (Key Stage 1 Summer Term)

Friday: Dance at 3.15pm

Kensa Class Learning Characters

Please ask your children about the Learning Characters in Kensa Class!

Teamwork Turtle

Persevering Penguin

Work it out Worm

Have a go Hippo

Check it and change it Chimp

Please be aware that due to allergies, we are now a strawberry free school. Please do not send any strawberries in for your children for any reason.

Forms

Please can you ensure that any forms that are returned to school are given to Mrs Hawker in the school office and not to the class teacher or teaching assistant, many thanks for your co-operation.

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Louise Gilbert

DIARY DATES

Friday	13th December	School Christmas Play at the Church	5.45pm
Tuesday	17th December	Key Stage 2 Ice Skating at the Eden Project	12pm
Wednesday	18th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch	12pm
Thursday	19th December	Year One and Year Two trip to Plymouth to see the Elves and the Shoemaker. Fish and chips today for lunch.	12pm
Thursday	19th December	Christmas party for Nursery, Reception and Twiglets in the nursery classroom	1.15pm
Friday	20th December	Christmas party for the whole school, please come in party clothes for a fun morning and hopefully a special visitor will make an appearance. Lunch will be provided for all the children. Children can be collected from 1pm.	
Monday	23rd December	Christmas Holidays	
Monday	6th January	First day back after the Christmas Holidays	
Tuesday	7th January	Open PTA meeting in the canteen—all welcome	1.30pm
Thursday	16th January	Census Day	
Thursday	16th January	Caterlink Census Day menu	12pm
Thursday	5th March	Caterlink St Pirans Day menu	12pm
Friday	8th May	Bank Holiday	
Thursday	21st May	Census Day	
Thursday	21st May	Caterlink Census Day menu	12pm

School Times

Please ensure that your children arrive at school for registration between 8.45am and 9am and are collected at 3.15pm unless they are registered at an after school club.

School doors open at 8.45am unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club.

All children in the Infant class must be brought into the classroom in the mornings, even if they are late. Children of this age must never be dropped at the gate on their own. Please walk up the steps and bring them into school.

Inset Days 2019-20

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 5th June 2020

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Please be aware if you have ordered a school meal for your child and they go home because of illness after 10.30am, this will have to be paid for. This is because the food preparation will already have started.