



24th May 2019

Dear parents and carers

This half term has been jam packed and flown by! Our Y2&Y6 children have completed their SATS. We are so proud of their positive attitude and determination to do well. There have been lots of opportunities for our children to take part in experiences out of school too. With particularly exciting things like the reception children visiting the secondary school music department and class 3 visiting Cornish Orchards! I am hoping to add all of these to the website to share with you.

I hope you all enjoy a half term break

Miss Edwards

INSET days

When we return after half term the school will be closed on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June for staff training (INSET) days.

Attendance

Our attendance this half term has been 92.2%, the School and Academy Trust have a target is 96%, so ours has been considerably low and I am so hopeful for a healthier start for next term. I am meeting with our Educational Welfare officer in June and have to answer questions about our figures and the attendance of individual pupils.

The attendance policy is on our website, please take time to look at it. It has been produced by the Bridge Multi Academy Trust in order to ensure we comply with regulations regarding the attendance of our children. We have to regularly inform the Local Authority of any pupils who have irregular attendance or have missed a significant amount of days.

Schools have a duty, under section 175 Education Act 2002, to investigate unexplained absences. We have been asked to remind parents that we follow the law, abiding by legislation such as "There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday".

We have a form that you must complete if you are planning to take your child out of school for a specific reason. Every absence has to be accounted for.

Letters will be going out to inform you of your child's attendance if it slips below 93%.

We also have to report to the county the number of late arrivals to school. There has been an improvement this term so please continue to ensure that your children are arriving before the doors close at 8:55 am for registration.

I thank you all for always making sure that you contact us to make us aware of your child's absence.

We are working together to keep our children safe

Parent questionnaire

The summer questionnaire is now live on our school website. Please take the time to complete this as we value your feedback.

https://www.pelyntprimary.co.uk/Information/Parent_Carer_Questionnaire

Exciting curriculum

Look out next term for lots of exciting things happening with the curriculum. The teachers are busy setting up new plans to involve the children even more in directing their learning and developing their skills and knowledge in all subject areas.

Uniform and PE kits

This is just a reminder about the importance of children wearing the correct uniform and having suitable PE kit (especially footwear).

I have been asked to share this with you as a bit of fun next week!

Who remembers throwing jelly instead of balloons at the Looe Raft Race last year? You all did such a fantastic job of helping keep our river and sea clean of balloon litter that we are going to do it again this year. Before the race itself Looe Marine Conservation Group are holding a Jelly Takeover Day at the Old Sardine Factory in half term - Tuesday 28th May from 12.30-3.30. We will have the BBC coming to film the children at 2.30 throwing jelly at some kayakers in the harbour - see if you can hit them with the jelly! There will be book readings of the Duffy and Marli books by local author Ellie Jackson as well as colouring competitions where you can win your own book, seaweed scooping, seaweed pressing and much more! Come on down if you can and show us your best jelly throw!

