



Winter term Newsletter

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Star pupil & Outstanding learner of the week

Kynance Star of the week:
Kara for her fantastic phonics work!

Gwithian Star of the week:
Tommy for a super attitude to learning

Outstanding work:
Lexi-Leigh for a wonderful information booklet about dogs.

Sennen Star of the week:
Finley for really great focus and a positive attitude.

Outstanding work:
Cayzen - really neat and careful work in all subjects.
and
Max for making a great magnifying glass the same day he got his homework grid!

Fistral Star of the week:
Sky for always helping others in Learning and kindness to others.
and
Isaac for his enthusiasm starting our topic.

Outstanding work:
Willow for her efforts to learn the sign alphabet at home.

Pentire Star of the week:
Robyn

Outstanding work:
Thalia

Marazion Star of the week:
Callum for giving 100% effort to improve his understanding in maths.

Outstanding learner:
Zafira for always giving 100% effort to improve her knowledge and understanding.

Class news - what's happening

Kynance:

A super first week back from Kynance again and it was great to see them - they were all missed during the holidays! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. This week, our topic has been introduced: 'What happens when we fall asleep?' We will be following the children's interests and exploring the strands of 'space' and 'nocturnal animals'.

Next week we have an exciting visitor, bringing a range of nocturnal animals for the children to question and touch if they wish. A reminder that the cost per child is £2.50. **Please ensure that this is given into a classroom adult by Monday morning at the latest.** Thank you for supporting these fantastic experiences for the children, as these are incredibly memorable learning opportunities for them. We strive to make the children's experience of school a fun and fulfilled one, so there will be a trip every half term, if possible, to support our topic.

Gwithian:

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Gwithian class have returned with their learning caps on; what a fantastic first week! We have introduced our new topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' with a visit from a Qualified Veterinary Nurse who also brought along her spotty friend, Doris the Dalmatian. They learnt all about how a veterinary practice can help animals and their owners and how to keep dogs healthy. The children were then offered the opportunity to stroke Doris - who got so excited she began rolling over for belly rubs! We followed this up by creating information booklets, detailing the facts we learnt. The children are already really enjoying this topic and I cannot wait to see what exciting things happen in the coming weeks. Remember that next Friday is our Animal Carnival parade through the school where children will need to be wearing their homemade animal masks/hats made mostly from junk material - children are also welcome to spend the day dressed as their favourite animal.

Sennen:

Sennen have had a really positive first week of term. We have started our new topic called Street Detectives and have begun to think about Truro now and in the past. We wrote some great questions and asked Mrs Thomas about how Truro has changed, if you have a relative or know someone who has lots of knowledge of Truro long ago please let me know. In Maths, we have started to develop our Division skills. Practising counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s will really help these skills.

Fistral:

Happy New Year! Fistral have been having a rocking time getting into our new topic 'Tremors'. Ask us about identifying rocks after we created our own chocolate igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks on our launch day. Since then we have been writing volcanic poetry and finding out about the geology of our planet. In maths, we are continuing to study multiplication, the more practice you can do with times tables at home, the easier our maths in school will be.

Pentire:

Pentire class have enjoyed hearing the first few chapters of our new class text Stig of the Dump this week. Although the story is a familiar one to some of us, we have explored the characters and re-written sections of the text. In maths we are taking a break from our multiplication and division calculations and spending the next week focussing on shape and space, in particular, the area of shapes. Our new topic 'Playlist' has seen us begin to explore sounds and feelings with the instruments, something we will continue with next week.

Marazion:

During Literacy, we will be beginning to learn about the Titanic disaster and creating chronological reports linked to the event. In maths, we will be focusing on area and perimeter. In science, we will be using classification keys to sort living things according to observable characteristics. During topic, we will be using globes and atlases to find and name both Polar Regions and other significant geographical features of the world.

Attendance

A huge congratulations to Pentire class with 100% attendance this week..



Trips are now being added to Parent for all years, including EYFS. Can you please ensure your account has been activated for payments.

If we do not receive payment for a trip your child may not be allowed to go. Thank you.

School day

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am for registration and finishes at 3.15pm. Please drop off and collect your child on time please.

Contact details

It is extremely important that you update your address or telephone number if these have recently changed. Please see Miss Saunders in the office.

National School Census Day-Thursday 17th January

This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of **Reception and Years 1 & 2** children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

Chartwells are providing a fun menu 'Build A Burger' which the children will enjoy, helping us to ensure the uptake and funding on this day is as high as possible.

Your child will be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

Thank you for your support.

Medical forms

If your child has an inhaler and or prescribed medication for school we need a completed form each term. Please collect a form the school office. Thank you.

Food bank vouchers (Truro by the library)

Are now available through school. Our Family Support Worker can collect and drop off if families need this.

Also, if your children receive FSMs, we can get breakfast and lunch hampers for the holidays. You need to book early though so for February half term you need to order by first week in February. Please see Miss Saunders in the office who can arrange this.

Diary dates 2019

January

17th-School census day. Special menu: Beef or Quorn Burger and chocolate Brownie with fruit.
21st-Afterschool clubs start for KS1 and KS2 only. ***The list has been issued, check book bags***

February

18th-22nd Half term
25th-First day back to school

April

8th-22nd Easter Half Term 1pm finish
23rd-First day back to school for Spring term

May

27th-31st Half term

June

3rd and 4th-Inset days
5th-First day back to school for Summer term

July

24th-Last day of term 1pm finish