



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

NEWSLETTER

09/09/2016

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues.

We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

⇒ **Welcome Back!**

We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed many of the sunny days. School has been reasonably quiet over the summer (compared to last summer when the building developments were underway); some refurbishments have taken place in the old build (paintwork and carpeting from Mrs Wicks' office down to Rosemellyn classroom) and the soil that was dumped on the field has finally been de-stoned and seeded. It was lovely to see some of you at our two Summer Holiday Clubs too.



⇒ **2 Weddings and a Baby!**

There are two new staff names to get used to. Not only did Ms Marsden get married but so did Ms Palmer— Congratulations! Ms Marsden is now **Mrs Wicks**; and Ms Palmer is now **Mrs Watson**.

Some **very exciting news** is that Miss Bevis (Y1 Teacher) is expecting her first baby (due the beginning of February). We will get her maternity cover sorted in good time so that there is minimal disruption for children in Hendra class.



⇒ **Achievement Assemblies**

Our Achievement Assemblies will continue to take place on **Fridays at 2:30pm** from next week and all parents/carers are invited to attend. Achievements from out of school are to be handed in to the school office in the morning with some information as to how it was achieved so we can celebrate the children's successes.

⇒ **September Parent Forum**

Mrs Wicks will be continuing to invite parents in to school on the first Wednesday of every month for a Parent Forum. These forums have been incredibly helpful in encouraging communication between the school and families, and we love to hear your suggestions and feedback to drive the school forward. There have been so many changes recently from within the school and from the Council or Government so if you have any questions about any of these changes, the forums are a great way to have these queries answered.

⇒ **Clubs**

Timetables for clubs will be sent home on Monday for children to sign up to clubs for this term. Clubs will start week beginning **Monday 19th September**.

⇒ **School Dinners**

Please note that school meals are now £2.30 per meal. The 5 meals for the price of 4 scheme will continue until Chartwells informs us that the scheme has come to an end. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will continue to benefit from free school dinners under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

⇒ **Accelerated Reader**

We will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader to manage and monitor children's individual reading practise this year for children in Year 2 to Year 6. We will be gradually introducing some Year 1 children to it over the course of the year. As many of you know, when a child has read a book, they take an online quiz to check their comprehension. To encourage our pupils to read their books carefully and to try their best in their quizzes, we are introducing a 100% raffle. Whenever a child gets 100% in an Accelerated Reader Quiz, a **raffle ticket** with their name on it will be added to a **prize draw**. At the end of every month, a ticket for Y1-Y3 and Y4-Y6 will be drawn out. Each of the winners will receive a **book as a prize**. We will also be setting **class challenges** for which class can get the best quiz average and most words read each month which will be rewarded with **10 minutes extra playtime**. We would also like to remind you about Home Connect as part the Accelerated Reader program. This will enable you to see all the books your child has read so far as well as how they have done on their quizzes. A letter has been sent home today with details of your child's log in details and how to access the website.

⇒ **Roald Dahl Competition!**

2016 is the annual Roald Dahl year and celebrates 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl. To celebrate the life and work of this well-loved author, we are running a competition for a chance to win one of Roald Dahl's books. The competition is based around the BFG. For a chance to win, children need to design their own 'Dream Jar'. They need to think about what their Dream Jar would contain and write a brief explanation of it. Entry forms will be given to children on Monday and once completed, should be handed in to their class teachers. In order to be entered into the competition, all entries need to be received by **Thursday 22nd September**.

⇒ **Safety Reminders**

A couple of health and safety reminders to start the new year with! Please do not let your children walk on any walls around the school. We shouldn't have to say that if a child falls off any of the walls around the site it could cause some serious injuries, not only to the child but to anyone they may happen to fall on.

We are very excited about the development of the outside area of the school and the children will love playing on our new Trim Trail during lunch and break times in their house teams. Following a comprehensive risk assessment of the trail, we have procedures in place to ensure the safety of children who use the trail that parents/ carers will not be aware of and so cannot ensure the safety of children. Please do not let your children play on the trim trail before and after school.

KEY DATES

A calendar of all the key events for the whole of the 2016/ 17 academic year was sent home at the end of last term. If you would like a copy of this calendar, please let the Office know. Key dates for this term are as follows:

Wednesday 14th September, 9am: Parents Forum.

Wednesday 14th September: Prosper trip to Lanhydrock (Y2)

Thursday 22nd September, 9am to 12pm: Individual Photographs with Tempest Photography

Thursday 22nd September, 1.45pm to 3.10pm: Family photographs with Tempest Photography

Wednesday 28th September: Hit the Surf trip for Year 5 & 6.

Wednesday 5th October, 9am: Parents Forum

Thursday 20th October, 2pm: Harvest Festival

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October: Half Term

Friday 28th October : Go Active Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 31st October: Secondary School place application deadline

Monday 31st October: Inset Day—School closed to pupils

Tuesday 1st November, 2pm to 5pm: Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd November, 9am: Parents Forum

Wednesday 2nd November, 3.30pm to 6.30pm: Parents Evening

Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November: Year 5& 6 London Residential Trip

Friday 11th November: Children in Need

Tuesday 6th December, 2pm: KS1 Nativity for the school and younger children

Wednesday 7th December, 5.30pm: KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December, 2pm: KS1 Nativity

Friday 9th December: Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th December, 1.30pm: Christmas Fayre

Monday 19th December: First Day of Christmas Holidays.

These dates are subject to change!

REMINDERS

⇒ Prosper Class will be going on their class trip to Lanhydrock on **Wednesday 14th September**. If you have not yet returned your child's consent form, another copy has been sent home with your child today. Please complete and return it by Monday.

⇒ Our London Residential Trip in November is fast approaching. Please take note of the payment dates in your child's payment booklet and ensure that payment is made by **Monday 16th October** at the very latest.

⇒ **Immunisation Routine Being Introduced into Cornish Schools**

This year routine immunisations will be taking place in schools. The routine immunisations for primary aged children include child flu for 5, 6 and 7 year olds. Immunisations in a school setting are proven to increase uptake, and have many benefits for children, parents and the community including reducing absence for the medical appointment, lessening any possible transport issues, and reducing pressure on GP services. Kernow Health CIC is coordinating the introduction of routine immunisations in Cornish schools and consent forms and information leaflets will be sent home with children at the appropriate time. On the day of immunisations, a nurse will check consent forms and ensure each child is well and able to have their immunisations that day. We will give as much notice as possible of the date of immunisation.

⇒ **Changes to Handing in Money**

A quick reminder that we have changed how money will be collected. We are no longer accepting loose money either at the Office or in classrooms. Payments less than £20 must be in a named envelope and either posted in the locked box in the Office or children can hand it in in the classroom to be sent to the Office, this includes payment for book bags. Due to this week being a short week, we have checked these boxes every day, but from next week, **class and Offices boxes will be checked on a Monday and Wednesday only**. All income will be checked and change sent home where applicable. As with this year, tuck and school dinners must be paid for on the Monday for the rest of the week, or you can pay termly. Please ensure that if your child wants tuck or school dinners on a particular day, that you write this on the envelope but bear in mind that if your child wants tuck on a Tuesday and you give them the money on a Tuesday, this will not be received by the Office until Wednesday. Any money put in the money post box loose or not named, will be kept in the Office until the end of the half term and then banked as a school donation. Any payment over £20 must be brought to the Office directly so that a receipt can be issued. Money for fundraising (for example, for Children in Need or dress up days) will be collected by class collection pots. We will be investigating online payment options further in the new academic year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks

Head teacher

