

12/05/23

# NANPEAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### ATTENDANCE

*Due to technical issues this week, we are unfortunately unable to update attendance. We will bring you up to date with this as soon as we are able to.*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 17th May - Family Worker Drop in sessions - More details elsewhere on this letter.
- Parents Forum - Wednesday 24th May - 2:30pm
- Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - May Half Term
- Friday 9th June - INSET day.
- Wednesday 14th June - Year 5 Cricket Tournament at Roche CC.
- Thursday 22nd June - Clay Schools Athletics Event at Brannel
- Friday 7th July - Sports Day - More details to follow.
- Wednesday 12th July - Summer Fair 1:15pm - 3:10pm

### IT ISSUES

As we have previously communicated, we are having major technical issues at the moment, meaning we cannot access most of our computer based materials at all. We are trying our best and hope these issues will be resolved within the next few days. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding.

### HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

It was lovely to have another bank holiday weekend following the King's Coronation. The children had a wonderful time at their celebration for this last Friday afternoon and were excited to receive their commemorative gift of a money box. Photos elsewhere on the Newsletter give a glimpse of activities at school during the celebration last Friday afternoon.

Each morning this week I have been working with Year 6, to support them during their SATS tests. I have been delighted with their effort and hope that their results reflect this. Despite this, I know they will leave our school as rounded individuals who are ready for their future (in education and life within the community).

On Tuesday afternoon I enjoyed taking Year 5 to their weekly sailing session, although it was a shame that (due to a weather warning of possible thunder and lightning) the children were unable to go into the water. Instead, they learnt about the parts of a boat and different knots used on a boat, all of which was extremely interesting. On Wednesday I met with a Student Teacher for her induction as she will be working with Mrs Jago in Year 5 (Drinnick Class) this term.

On Thursday, I met with Miss Morton, as we do weekly about a variety of things, and this always includes future improvement priorities. Attendance Monitoring also took place on Thursday (with a review of attendance for April). Any concerns will be communicated to parents next week through written letters.

Currently, while writing this on Thursday evening, I am looking forward to interviews at school tomorrow for a temporary teacher position for the next academic year. Once this appointment, as well as a part time appointment, have been made over the next two weeks, information about class structure and staffing will be given on the Newsletter just before half term.

I hope you all enjoy this weekend and it will be a shock for it not to be a longer weekend after the two bank holiday weekends! Best wishes to all families,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star.

This week our stars are:

**Eden - David** - for building the CVC words 'cap' and 'cot'.

**Hendra - Kitty** - for great perseverance during our weaving activity in Art.

**Prosper - Evie** - for using her knowledge of times tables to solve problems.

**Karslake - Ethan W** - for over-coming his fear of water and trying really hard to build his confidence in swimming lessons.

**Melbur - Riley** - for excellent enthusiasm and effort during swimming.

**Drinnick - Rianon** - for excellent partner work during Maths.

**Rosemellyn - Everyone!** - for an excellent attitude towards their SATs exams.

## 🏆 CITIZENSHIP AWARD 🏆

Each week we present a child with a Citizenship Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during the week.

This week our Citizenship Award goes to:

**Arwen (Rosemellyn)** - for showing kindness to everybody.

## 🐝 BUSY BEES 🐝

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.

**Lorne (Drinnick)** – for using excellent strategies during Reading Comprehension sessions.

## 🏆 SPORTS STAR AWARD 🏆

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

**Evelyn (Hendra)** - for her perseverance and determination when practicing for Sports Day.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	81	67	65	68	62
Hendra	22	24	21	22	22
Prosper	14	10	13	18	17
Karslake	15	20	20	25	20
Melbur	14	20	11	16	19
Drinnick	13	21	13	17	12
Rosemellyn	14	16	13	11	13
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Term Total</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>534</b>

This week Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 568 points, followed by Godrevey (Green) with 541 in second and Wolf Rock (Purple) in third with 534.

## FAMILY WORKER

### SESSIONS

The Early Help Team will be running some Family Drop in Sessions here at school. The next session is on 17th May 2023 at 9:30 until 11:00am, and then again on 28th June 2023.

These sessions are open to any parents / carers of children who attend Nanpean School.

### PARENTS FORUM

Advance notice for your diaries / calendar, the date of the next Parents Forum meeting, where parents can speak to Mr Nicholls to discuss anything in relation to Nanpean School, is **Wednesday 24th May at 2.30pm**. Further reminders will be given prior to this.

### MORNING ROUTINE

As you will be aware, school is open from 8.45am and Teachers are available to welcome children, and for quick conversations, until 9am. This time in classrooms is covered by HLTA's and TA's. However, Teachers do need to be in class promptly at 9am. Please bear this in mind when speaking to Teachers at this time. The purpose of this period of time is for quick messages to be passed on, relevant to the day. If a longer meeting is required, please see the administrative staff (Mrs Houston or Miss Tucker) to arrange an appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As we move into the Summer and (hopefully) some warmer weather, it is important that all children have their drinks bottle at school. Some children aren't bringing their water bottle (school has provided two in the last year) but it is important for them to drink at school to stay hydrated which helps them to concentrate. Also, due to unpredictable weather, it is also important that children have their coat at school as well, in case this is required.

# GOVERNOR PEN

## PORTRAIT - MR M

### NICHOLLS

Children and Parents will know me as Headteacher at Nanpean School, and, as Headteacher, I am automatically a member of the Governing Board, and this is a role I relish. I enjoy working with Governors as we all have the common goal of celebrating success but continually working hard to strive for further school improvement. I enjoy meetings, trying to ensure Governors are aware of priorities and progress within school.

I had always wanted to be a Teacher, even doing my Year 10 work experience (when at secondary school) in a local primary school. I began my career in education officially as a Teacher in 2004, following four years of 'teacher training', first at King Alfred's (Winchester) University and then at St Mark and St John (Marjon), Plymouth. I was fortunate to gain a job at Charlestown School when I finished University, as this is where I did my final teaching practice placement while at University. After four years of being a Teacher, I became Deputy Headteacher, moving to Bugle School five years later in the same role, and then becoming Head of School there, before moving to Nanpean in 2019. At both of my previous schools I also spent time as a member of the Governing Board, sometimes as the Staff Governor and sometimes as an Associate Governor when I was asked to attend meetings when the school already had a Staff Governor.

My personal interests include playing Squash and watching Football (when Man Utd are winning!) and relaxing with Kate, my wife. However, my main hobby is spending time with Thea, my little girl who is 3, and there is never a dull moment when I am with her as she always makes me laugh and smile!

## WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

This week, the weekly debate from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC) asked if people who commit minor crimes should give back (to society) or go to prison. This was the same question as a fortnight ago, so has already been discussed!

Last week, the debate asked if there is more that unites than divides us. Although it is clear that things divide people, as people have different viewpoints, the common consensus to this was that generally in life, everyone has a similar purpose, so there should be more that unites us.

## ATTENDANCE

Following a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we have taken advice from the NHS website, and have shared this below.

Should you need to keep your child home due to illness, when advising the school of the reason for your child's absence, please be specific with the reason given. If you report that they are 'unwell' we may call you back to obtain more details.

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school with a reason for the absence. If we do not receive any verbal or written communication from you then the School Office Staff will telephone home. If no response is received, other contacts held for your child will also be contacted. If we have not heard from any contacts, then a home visit may be conducted. If no response is received to this home visit your child may be referred to the Local Authority as a Child Missing Education. Contact may also be made with Children's Services and/or the police in line with safeguarding procedures. The absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Holidays in Term Time

Please be reminded that the school's stance on holidays in term time still remains the same, that an absence from school will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. This will be at the Head teacher's discretion and if he is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.

### The law states:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a penalty notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A of the said Act. Penalty notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.



## KING'S CORONATION TEA PARTY



The children had a fantastic time celebrating the King's Coronation last week, we hope you enjoy the photos shown below!

