

11/12/20

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 98.70%

Hendra - 89.13%

Prosper - 94.02%

Karslake - 99%

Melbur - 98.62%

Drinnick - 91.00%

Rosemellyn - 99%

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

As Christmas draws closer, the cold and dark evenings are taking their toll and it is clear that children are tired. As a result, next week, we will be focusing on basic skills in learning, but also enjoying Christmas activities and some extra physical activities for health and wellbeing, as this has been a difficult and strange year for everyone,

This week, I updated some policies to share with our Governors at the beginning of the week.

On Wednesday, I covered Mrs Hayes in Eden (EYFS) Class while she attended a meeting and a course. I really enjoyed my time with the youngest children at our school.

On Thursday, I was due to meet another Headteacher who I personally 'network' with. We often share ideas. However, due to how busy the end of term has been, he had to cancel the meeting, though we did manage a quick phone call where we discussed Curriculum coverage, amongst other things. I am extremely pleased with our revamped Curriculum that was created during the 2019-20 school year. However, due to the expectation (following school closures) on the Recovery / Catch up Curriculum, this has only been partially implemented. I am already excited, in future, to be able to completely implement the Curriculum plans we have, and will explain to parents the processes and reasoning before doing so. However, following discussions with staff and other Headteachers, I feel that the time devoted to the Recovery / Catch up Curriculum hasn't yet completely enabled children to 'catch up' in their learning. Therefore, we plan to continue this Recovery / Catch up Curriculum into the Spring Term. Class Letters and Recovery Maps (that explain class coverage) will be completed and sent out at the end of the first week of the Spring Term.

Finally, I hope that you, your families and the community are staying safe and I extend my warmest wishes to you all in relation to health and safety and for the festive period.

Best wishes,
Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "Nocturnal"

Hendra - "Enthusiastic"

Prosper - "Tremendous"

Karslake - "Hibernate"

Melbur - "Luxurious"

Drinnick - "Defiantly"

Rosemellyn - "Tarnish"

REMINDER

The first day of the Spring Term (Monday 4th January, 2021) is an INSET Day.

Teachers have staff training but school is closed to children.

Children return on Tuesday 5th January and we look forward to seeing them all, hearing about their Christmas and wishing them a Happy New Year then.

HOUSE POINTS

SURVEY

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	14	19	11	22	17
Hendra	11	10	9	14	10
Prosper	14	11	12	13	14
Karslake	41	65	59	54	38
Melbur	15	25	25	25	25
Drinnick	15	18	12	18	12
Rosemellyn	12	11	10	11	10
Whole School	122	159	138	157	126
Term Total	1751	1966	1700	1945	1644



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 - Brodie for super concentration and being really helpful.

Hendra - Joel for his independent writing of an excellent senses poem about making gingerbread.

Prosper - Logan for settling into his new class with ease.

Karslake - Toby for showing his super crafting ability on our Christmas craft day.

Melbur - Sophia for confidently settling into her new class.

Drinnick - Eden for having an outstanding attitude towards her studies and school life.

Rosemellyn - Matilda for her impressive mental Maths skills in our problem solving activities.



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:

Mia (Melbur) for being very supportive to our new member of the class.



BUSY BEES



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

Bailey, Toby and Ethan (Hendra) for an excellent senses poem about making a Gingerbread Man.

Dalton (Karslake) for excellent writing of instructions in English.

Leland (Rosemellyn) for excellent effort in reading.



SPORTS STAR AWARD



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Harrison (Karslake) for his commitment and determination to complete the total of a marathon before the end of term.

At these strange times, it has been impossible to run the usual Parent Forum sessions. I am looking in to how we could possibly do this remotely, but need to check GDPR compliance, as I am concerned about how this link can be communicated to parents. I hope to be able to do so via the Newsletter but need to check this is acceptable and appropriate. In the meantime, and to end this term, we have compiled a survey which can be accessed by parents on the link below. Ideally, we would like one person from each family to complete this so there is a fair representation across the school. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete this (it may take a little longer if you wish to leave typed comments). **Please complete this by Monday 14th December.** Following collation of these in the last week of term, this will be used to inform discussion in the planned virtual Parent Forum session at the beginning of the Spring Term. I will communicate more about how this can proceed via the Newsletter in January.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KHBL9GS>

CALENDARS

Thank You to everyone that has placed orders for our school calendar. Your payments have been applied to ESchools and will need to be paid before we can distribute the calendars.

If you have any problems getting into your ESchools account please contact Mrs Houston or Miss Pascoe in the office.

XMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas raffle draw will be taking place on Monday 14th December.

We will do the draw using a random number generator online and then will share the winners and their prizes on the school Facebook page. THANK YOU to everyone that donated lovely prizes and to everyone that has supported the school in purchasing raffle tickets.

Our fundraising events have obviously been non existent due to Covid-19 but hopefully next year will be much better.

XMAS BOOK BAGS

St Austell Library **Christmas Lucky Dip Book Bags!**

You can now collect random "Lucky Dip" packs of 10 children's picture books, or 6 chapter books. No browsing required!

We'll also include some wintery and Christmassy colouring and paper activities to keep you busy over the holidays



BREAKFAST PROVISION

Unfortunately, our time as part of the National Schools Breakfast Provision (NSBP) programme comes to an end at the end of this term. Previously, children were given a bagel as they entered school in the morning, and due to Covid-19 guidelines, this has now become a bag of bagels and box of cereal to take home every two weeks. We appreciated being part of this provision and hope it has been positive for families to receive, even though we are aware through comments from parents that people have now had enough of too many bagels and cereals! I am currently trying to obtain some grants so that we have a fund available at school to support families with food if required. We also have Food Bank Vouchers available if required and would encourage parents to communicate with us if they are in need of such support.

STAY SAFE "INVACUATION" DRILL

Next week, we will have our Stay Safe 'Invacuation' drill which takes place annually. This is purely a drill / practise to ensure children are aware of possible situations that would result in the need for this. We explain to the children that it is in case someone dangerous or an animal managed to get into the school grounds, as has happened previously with a horse, and we were worried about how it could react being in unknown surroundings. Further information was sent to parents earlier this week via a letter through e-schools. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mr Nicholls, but please be assured this is something that all schools do with the purpose of ensuring the safety of children and staff.

ATTENDANCE

This week, we have been sending home attendance letters where the attendance of your child is a cause for concern. Some letters are sent following each monthly meeting. The National Expectation for attendance is 96%, and we expect all children to achieve this. If your child falls below this percentage, they are monitored closely and letters may be sent explaining this to you. As a school, we have a duty to ensure the attendance of children is high, and as parents / carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child(ren) attend school.



CHRISTMAS DATES



Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December -

Class Christmas activities that will be shared with School Community on **Friday 18th December.**

Wednesday 16th December -
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December -

Classes are permitted to have a class party to end term and celebrate Christmas on one of these dates. Individual classes will be informed of this by Class Teachers.

Christmas Jumpers can be worn by children (with usual school uniform but in place of the school jumper) on each day of the final week of term **(Monday 14th - Friday 18th December).**