



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed



NEWSLETTER

19/01/2018

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.

⇒ Year 1 Class Teacher Vacancy

As Miss Bevis has returned from maternity leave on a part time basis, we are now be advertising for a permanent full time year one class teacher. Miss Wood's temporary contract, which covered for Miss Bevis while she was on maternity leave, will continue until the Easter Holidays while we carry out this process. The advert is available on the Cornwall Council website, and the deadline for applications is Thursday 25th January. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7th February, after which we will be able to provide further information.

⇒ Spring Term Clubs

The Spring Term clubs started this week and seem to be going well. As usual we had a very large up-take on the clubs and some were very over subscribed. If spaces become available throughout the term, we will inform you if your child is on the reserve list.

⇒ Head teacher Recruitment

Last Friday, parents were informed of Mrs Wicks' decision to resign at the end of the academic year to pursue her dream of travelling. Governors have sought the support of the Local Authority and are currently planning the process to recruit the best possible candidate. The recruitment process will take place over this term. Staff, pupils, and parents/ carers will have the opportunity to participate in the interview process in some capacity and further information will follow in due course.

⇒ Youth Speaks Competition

Following on from last year's huge success in the Rotary competition, I am delighted to announce that Nanpean are champions again! Nanpean's teams included, Polina Koleda, Willow-Amber Summers and Macy Hoole in 'The Believers' team. Chloe Gummow, Zoe Gardner and Mia Henderson were 'The Parent Police'. The children faced tough competition from Carclaze, Biscovey and St Mewan schools. Both teams performed brilliantly. Overall the judges awarded 1st place to 'The Believers' with 'The Parent Police' narrowly missing out on 2nd place. Also, congratulations to Chloe Gummow who was presented the prize of Best Overall Speaker of the evening.



REMINDERS

- ◆ If you ordered a tea towel at Christmas and as yet have not paid, could you please nip into the office to pay as they have now arrived. The ones that have been paid for have been sent home with the children. We still have a limited number of additional tea towels for sale: £4 for one or £7 for two. An example tea towel is available to view in Reception.
- ◆ Football and Netball fixtures against Foxhole School will take place on 23rd January 2018 at Foxhole School. Please note that there will be **NO football or netball after school clubs on that date.** Letters inviting children into the team have been sent home today.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning. **'Star of the Week' slips will go home in the book bags of the children chosen as our Stars every Thursday.**

This week our stars have been:

Eden— Elodie Marsh for fantastic, independent learning— gathering resources and helping others.

Hendra— Reece Gardiner for his creative and super original ideas in his story writing.

Prosper— Linsey Meaden for her super independent learning.

Karslake— Lily Eyre for her fantastic listening all week.

Melbur— Ellie Davies for being a super-star, role model pupil— thank you!

Drinnick— Bradley Whitford for his excellent, mature learning attitude.

Rosemellyn— Zoe Gardner for being a great team player and stepping in at the last moment to support her group.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

Lauren Bates—for being so proactive serving water and helping the younger children with their coats at lunchtimes.

BUSY BEES

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



Robbie Henderson - for his improved scores in his arithmetic tests.

Jowun Dawidiuk—for super times table knowledge.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 15/1/2018			
Eden	87%	Karslake	94%
Hendra	86%	Melbur	98%
Prosper	92%	Drinnick	96%
		<u>Rosemellyn</u>	<u>100%</u>

⇒ A Request from Board Games Club

Thank you to those who have already donated some very exciting board games to our Board Games club. We can still accept donations of good condition games. Please could any games can be dropped off at the office. Thank you.

- ⇒ **Winter Illnesses**
- There has been a lot of media coverage lately about Aussie Flu. With this in mind, we wanted to remind you of some tips to avoid catching any winter bugs:
- Have the flu jab
 - Wash your hands often and thoroughly with warm water and soap
 - Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze and then throw them away as soon as possible (then wash your hands)
 - Keep wrapped up warm
 - Drink plenty of water
- As it is important that everyone takes steps to limit exposure to viruses, any child who has had bouts of vomiting or diarrhoea should be absent from school for 48 hours since the last episode.

- ⇒ **Medicine**
- With the latest media coverage surrounding illnesses lately, we also wanted to remind parents as to the correct procedure for staff administering medicine. All medicine must be handed in via the school office as there are consent forms that must be completed and signed prior to us being able to administer medicine, this includes medication for conditions that require regular treatment, such as asthma or allergies. All medication must be prescribed by a doctor for your child. If you would like your child to have Calpol or similar medication that is generally not prescribed by a doctor, then you are able to come in and administer this to your child yourself.

- ⇒ **Valentines Disco ~ Friday 9th February**
- Letters for a school Valentines Disco letter, organised by our PTA, were sent home on Wednesday. Tickets will cost £1 and must be purchased in advance. Please return the consent form by Monday 29th January if your child would like to attend. Tickets will be sent home on Friday 2nd February. Please read the letter carefully to take note of the times and drop off/ collection arrangements. If your child did not receive a Disco letter, please pop into the office to pick one up.

- ⇒ **Road Safety**
- We have had complaints from people driving past the school of some erratic driving taking place during drop off and collection time. In the interests of safety, of pedestrians and car drivers, please remember to be careful when driving out of the car park or from your parking space, or when opening car doors, especially on sunny winter days as visibility can be poor with the low sun shining in driver's faces.

- ⇒ **Melbur Class Trip**
- Melbur's class trip to the Synagogue at the end of January will be going ahead. To complement their learning in their R.E lessons, Melbur Class will be visiting the Synagogue in Plymouth on Monday 29th January. If you have not yet made a contribution towards the cost of this trip, but you would like to, please send this into school in a named envelope prior to the trip. It is now too late to order a school packed lunch, however. Children will need to wear their school uniform, sensible shoes and should bring a warm, waterproof coat.

- ⇒ **Celebration of Learning Event**
- Our next Celebration of Learning Event will be taking place on Monday 5th February from 3.15 to 3.45pm. Parents/ carers are invited in to see our school environment and have a look at their child's work.

- ⇒ **Screen Time**
- The NHS recommends no more than **2 hours screen time a day**. DIY Health Academy have written an article on how too much screen time affects children's ability to function, resulting in:

- * **Sleep Deprivation**— the average child needs 10-12 hours of sleep a night.
- * **Obesity**— use of electronic devices requires sitting down for long periods of time.
- * **Vision Problems**—spending too long in front of the screen without a break.
- * **Loss of Social Skills**—children lack social skills that are needed to help them develop into well-rounded adults, if they spend too much time in front of an electronic device.
- * **Aggression**—children are drawn to games that use weapons to kill. That could translate into aggression as the child becomes a teenager.

You can find the article under the '**DIYhealthacademy**' site if you would like to read more.

- ⇒ **School Dinner Reminder**
- A quick reminder that School Dinners now cost just £2 a day (a total of £10 for a week of school dinners! Please ensure that money for school dinners is either paid in on a Monday for the whole week or a Wednesday. Money should be in a named envelope. Please also write that the money is for school dinners so its purpose cannot be confused.

Spring Term

Tuesday 23rd January—Football/ Netball Match Against Foxhole
Monday 29th January—Melbur Class Trip
Tuesday 30th January—Caretaker Interviews
Monday 5th February—Celebration of Learning event (no clubs)
Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February—Parents Forum
Wednesday 7th February—Year 1 Class Teacher Interviews
w/c 12th February—HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 16th February—Holiday Club
6th & 7th March—Parent Consultations
Friday 9th March—Year 6 Transition Day at Brannel School
Friday 16th March—SNELL CUP
Friday 23rd March—Sport Relief
Wednesday 28th March—Easter Service (led by Karslake & Drinnick)
Wednesday 28th March, 5pm—Y4/5 Easter Disco at Brannel School
Thursday 29th March—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 16th April—FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks

Head teacher

