



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

NEWSLETTER

17/05/2019

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.

Head teacher Weekly Update:

It has been a busy week at Nanpean School, as always, and we are lucky that the children have been able to enjoy the lovely weather.

This week, the whole school have been excellent and very supportive to their friends in Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class) due to the KS2 SATs tests taking place. Myself, along with Sue Seamarks and Dionne Thornhill (School Governors) have also been supporting with this process. The children have been a credit to themselves, their families, and the school. They have worked extremely hard; persevering with many extremely difficult questions. Although we hope that their efforts are reflected in the results, we know that these children have many other talents that the tests won't show.

Our Year 2 (Prosper) Class have also been completing their end of KS1 SATs tests. These can be completed at any time during the month of May, and they are currently in the process of revising subject areas and completing these. This test is a snapshot of what the children can do, but they are assessed by Class Teachers based on their progress and attainment throughout the school year.

We are extremely aware as a school of the pressures that tests can put on children. It is very interesting that this week is also National Mental Health Awareness Week. Hopefully your children can tell you about some fun activities that each class have been taking part in related to health and wellbeing. This could have been games to promote self esteem, some extra exercise or fresh air, or simply making each other laugh, as these things are so important for a healthy mind and body. I would also like to thank the St Dennis Fire Brigade for attending school last week. The Year R (Eden) children and staff were extremely excited to see the Fire Staff, the Fire Engine and squirt the hose. I ventured out to see everyone but didn't stay too long for fear of getting wet!

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and enjoy the last week before half term begins next Friday, the 24th of May.

Best wishes,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Go Active club letters for have been sent out, please can consent forms be returned by **Wednesday 22nd May**.
- ⇒ Year 5 Bikeability letters have gone out this week, please can consent forms be returned by **Friday 21st June**.
- ⇒ Year 6 leavers letters have been sent out, please can consent forms be returned by **Wednesday 22nd May**.
- ⇒ There will be no Line dancing club on Thursday 23rd May. Line Dancing will commence on **Thursday 6th June**.

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' texts will be sent home every Thursday. Please ensure we have the correct mobile number on record for you.**

This week our stars are:

Eden— Riley for accessing resources independently to make sandcastle flags.

Hendra— Lorne for trying his best to follow instructions with thought and care.

Prosper— Aila for excellent topic work, researching rainforest animals.

Karslake— Ollie for consistent effort and attainment in his spelling homework.

Melbur— Gracie T for extra effort at improving her knowledge of time.

Drinnick— Elina for consistent effort in all areas of learning.

Rosemellyn— The whole class! Our year 6 pupils have all worked so hard and demonstrated excellent perseverance and resilience this week that we couldn't choose just one pupil: They were all stars!

BUSY BEES

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



Noah (Prosper) for solving complex multi-step word problems in Maths.

Summer (Prosper) excellent arithmetic during Maths.

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:

Olivia (Melbur) for her prompt arrival for duty on Wednesday when the hall was busy because of swimming.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 13/05/2019		Karslake	97.02%
Eden	92.50%	Melbur	93.94%
Hendra	97.53%	Drinnick	96.49%
Prosper	94.44%	<u>ROSEMELLYN</u>	<u>100%</u>

⇒ **KS2 SATs**
We are immensely proud of our Year 6's; they have been incredibly mature, resilient and supportive towards one another during a week that feels very different to any other. Rosemellyn have worked hard to prepare for SATs, their practice sessions have focused on academic understanding and how to prepare for the emotions that can arise around this stage of their final year at Primary school. Despite a daily bacon sandwich offering, all the children agreed that Friday was the best day of the week. A great deal of thought, care and time is put into preparing students who are involved in exams so a huge thank you to Mrs Jago. Thank you also to Mrs Kitts, Mrs Williams and Ms Grindrod for being readers in some of the exams. We also greatly appreciate the communication and support from home and a special thank you to Mrs Seamarks and Miss Thornhill (Governors) for being extra Invigilators.

⇒ **KS1 SATs**
Our Year 2 pupils have been amazing this last couple of weeks as they sat their end of KS1 tests. All their hard work paid off as the children remained focused and positive. The marks children achieve in these tests are used to help inform teacher assessment, reported to parents in July.

⇒ **Free School Meals**
A brief reminder for parents/ carers who are in receipt of certain benefits that if you apply for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) your child will be entitled to free school meals, whatever their year group, discounts on trips and school holiday clubs as well as additional funding for the school to use on your child's education and discounts on music lessons etc. **The qualifying criteria are being in receipt of:**
- **Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, or Universal Credit.** Applications must be made to Cornwall Council at gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/cornwall or you can pick up an application form from the school office.

⇒ **Yr 6 Bingo Fundraiser Wednesday 22nd May 2019**
Please join us from 7:30pm at Foxhole Social Club for an evening of Bingo to help raise funds for our year 6 prom. Don't forget there's still time to donate prizes for the raffle. We are grateful for any support.

⇒ **Swimming Reminder**
A quick reminder that any parent/ carer wishing to contribute to our KS2 swimming lessons can do so through ePay. We are asking for a £3 voluntary donation from parents/ carers per week towards the cost of hiring the swimming pool (including a lifeguard) and teachers and the cost of transport. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we appreciate all support towards our swimming lessons as it allows us to use our school budget for other fun and educational experiences. Thank you to all those who already regularly contribute towards our swimming costs.

⇒ **Parent/visitor parking**
Please be mindful where you park your car when dropping off and picking up your child from our school. Parking on the keep clear yellow marking is not allowed and is now enforced by Cornwall Council. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN RESIDENTS DRIVEWAYS OR BLOCK RESIDENTS IN THEIR DRIVEWAYS AS THIS IS NOT CONSIDERATE.

⇒ **Sports Day 2019 ~17/06/2018**
Monday 17th June is our first attempt at Sports Day. Parents and families are welcome to join us for our afternoon of races that begin at 1:30pm. Parents can arrive from 1:15pm and make your way to the back of the school at the top end of the field. You will need to stay there for the duration of the afternoon, please do not filter down towards the races and activities. Please remember to send your child to school with a suitable sun hat and sun cream (we are optimistic!) Children will have access to their water bottles for a drink. If it rains over the weekend, even if the weather on Monday is dry, the field may not be in a suitable condition for safe racing. If we have to postpone we will make a decision by 9:30am and let you know via text and we will put a note on our website. Our reserve date is **Monday 24th June**. Please can children arrive in their PE clothes and bring their school clothes in a bag in case it is cancelled.

⇒ **School Cleaner Vacancy**
We still have a vacancy for a school cleaner to join our team. The role will be for 7.5 hours per week during term time and there will also be some holiday cleaning involved. The appointed candidate will be expected to work at the same time as our other cleaners: 5am to 6.30am during weekdays. More information and our application forms are available from the 'Vacancies' section on our school website. Closing date for applications is Friday 24th May.

⇒ **New Headteacher at Brannel**
We'd like to congratulate Chris Liles on being appointed as Head teacher at Brannel. We wish him every success in his new role.

DIARY DATES

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 5th June (am) - Sailing session for year 5 at Polkerris Beach

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 10th July (pm) - Swimming sessions for KS2 (Karslake to Rosemellyn) begin

Tuesday 21st May—Outdoor pairs cricket at Brannel School.

Monday 27th May to – Friday 31st May - HALF TERM.

Monday 3rd June - Inset Day: School closed to pupils.

Wednesday 5th June, 9am—Parents' Forum.

Wednesday 12th June to Wednesday 10th July (am)— Sailing sessions for year 5 at Polkerris Beach.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

