

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed



# **NEWSLETTER**

## 23/03/2018

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.

#### ⇒ **Headteacher Interviews**

After a rigorous day and a half of activities we have been able to make a formal offer to one of the candidates and they have accepted the post. We are unable to give you the name of the successful candidate until they have submitted their resignation to their current employer but we will share this with you as soon as we can. We would like to thank all the parents who came to our 'Meet and Greet' yesterday for all your feedback which has been used as part of the selection process. This, along with feedback from staff, and various other activities has helped us make our decision. We are positive we have chosen the right person for our school to follow on from the amazing work Mrs Wicks has done. We will update you further as soon as we are able. Karen Singleton, Chair of Governors

#### ⇒ Stranger Awareness

This week we were notified that a grandmother of one of our pupils felt that she was followed by a man up St George's Road. The police have been notified. Please be extra vigilant to ensure you and your children's safety.

#### ⇒ **Sport Relief**

Sport Relief took place this week and each class has participated in a daily mile. Be it running, walking, or jogging the mile, each pupil did an amazing job meeting this challenge to raise money for Sport Relief. Please can sponsorship money be sent in with sponsorship forms by Thursday 29th March.

⇒ School Dinners Menu Change ~ w/c 26th March
Wednesday 28th March—Roast Pork not Roast chicken.
Thursday 29th March:

Fish Cakes, Chips, Beans and Coleslaw, OR
Breaded Veggie Burger, Chips, Beans and Coleslaw
A new Summer term menu will be sent home next week.

⇒ Easter Egg Service ~ Wednesday 28th March

Parents are invited to join us for our Easter Service on Wednesday 28th March at 1.30pm which will be led by Drinnick and Karslake. There will be an Easter Egg raffle where there will be the chance to win an Easter Egg donated by school staff; raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day at 50p per ticket.

⇒ Easter Egg Hunts ~ w/c Monday 26th March

We are requesting donations of small Easter Eggs (roughly crème egg sized) to be sent in with children on Monday 26th March in preparation for their easter egg hunts!

#### ⇒ Mental Health ~ RRS Group

You may remember that our RRS Group have lead some assemblies about mental health and how we can care for ourselves both physically and mentally. This links to several of the Articles in the UNCRC; in particular, Article 13-every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and Article 24-every child has the right to the best possible education on health and well-being. This week we have sent home a leaflet entitled 'You're never too young to talk mental health', a campaign supported by HRH The Duchess of Cambridge with some tips for talking about mental health as part of continued work to promote good mental health for everyone.

#### **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— Eseme Igbiuwie—for her super blending in phonics.

Hendra— Amelia Davis—for her super efforts with her learning.

Prosper — Eden Marsh—for her outstanding attitude during the school council part of the Headteacher interviews.

Karslake— Willow Amber Summers—for her great delivery of lines in the Easter Service rehearsals.

Melbur — Jack Rouse — for his concentration on his handwriting.

Drinnick— Emily Norton—for always being on hand to help others.

Rosemellyn— Lucy Edmonds—for her outstanding maths skills, particularly in our Question of the Day reasoning problems.

#### **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:

Kaito Moore and Olivia Ludkin—for helping Miss Morrison to tidy up in the hall.

## **BUSY BEES**

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional. This week there were no Busy Bees.

#### **REMINDERS**

- ♦ No clubs next week. New club letters will be sent home the first week back, and clubs will commence on 23rd April.
- ♦ Achievement Assembly on Thursday 29th March at 9am.
- Our last day of the Spring term is Thursday 29th March and we return on Monday 16th April for the Summer term.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

w/c 19/03/2018		Karslake	96.67%
Eden	97.33%	Melbur	96.49%
Hendra	95.06%	Drinnick	88.60%
<u>Prosper</u>	<u>98.21%</u>	Rosemellyn	98.15%

#### Health & Safety Audit ~ 28/03/2018

On Wednesday 28th March, we will be visited by a Health and Safety consultant on behalf of the Local Authority who will audit our Health and Safety provisions. Our last audit was two years ago and went very well. Our Health and Safety Action Plan from the previous audit has been all but completed and we look forward to this opportunity to find out what we are doing well and what we can do to further ensure we are keeping our pupils, staff and visitors safe while on site.

## ⇒ Achievement Assembly ~ w/c 26/03/2018

Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday 30th March** as it is Good Friday. We will be holding our final Spring term Achievement Assembly on Thursday 29th March at 9am. The star of the week and lunch award notices will be sent out on Wednesday 28th March.

#### ⇒ Parent Questionnaire feedback

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our questionnaire at this year's Spring Term Parent's Evening. All of your views were collated and the feedback was sent home on Tuesday. We had overwhelmingly positive feedback again; with our learning environment, the children's progress and positive attitudes towards their learning, our high aspirations for our pupils and the instilling of these values into our pupils being particular aspects we are doing well and we are pleased to report that parents feel communication between school and home is improving. This is wonderful for us to hear; we will continue to do all these positive things and will begin to implement some of your suggestions next term. A copy of the feedback is also available on our school website.

#### ⇒ Pupil Visioning feedback

On Tuesday, we sent home a copy of our Pupil Visioning feedback. Please take the time to read it and find out more about what our children like the best and least about our school, how they learn best and what they aspire to be.

### $\Rightarrow$ Snell Cup

Last week our Year 5 and 6 netball and football teams took part in the annual Snell Cup at Brannel. After a difficult start, our football team showed fantastic improvement and won a thrilling derby match against Foxhole 3-2 after having been 2-0 behind. Mackenzie made a string of amazing saves as our goal keeper. Jack showed great composure when playing out of defence. Xander was rock solid in defence and made lots of important tackles. In midfield, Clark protected his defence well and made lots of passes. Daniel scored a lovely goal and also did well when in goal. Talik powered home an unstoppable penalty and made great assists. Ben scored a couple of thunderous long range goals, including the winner against Foxhole. Tom scored an important equalizer against St Dennis with a composed finish. The children's attitude and behaviour was fantastic throughout. The netball team came 5th despite playing amazingly well. Jake Young got mentioned as being player of the match. Well done to Year 6 as this will be their last participation in the Snell Cup representing Nanpean School.

#### ⇒ No After School Clubs ~ w/c 26/03/18

There will be **NO** after school clubs next week. A new club letter will be sent home when we return for the summer term, giving children the opportunity to sign up to some new clubs.







#### **Eligibility for Free School Meals Criteria is Changing**

From 1st April the Government intends to enter a 'rollout period' whereby eligibility for Free School Meals will begin to be assessed by Universal Credit criteria, which will replace the existing criteria of people in receipt of specific 'eligible benefits'. The rollout period is due to last until March 2022. Under the new criteria, families will be eligible for Free School Meals where their net earning are less than £7,400. Those already in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals will continue to be assessed against the current criteria during the rollout period but any new claims after 1st April 2018 will use the new criteria, which will apply to fewer people. Eligibility will then be reassessed for everyone in March 2022. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits: Income Support, Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner and the combined annual income as assessed by HMIR on a TC602 form is not above £16,190), The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit, Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, you may currently be eligible for Pupil Premium Free School Meals and we encourage you to apply before 1st April 2018, when the criteria becomes less broad and you may not qualify. There are a number of benefits to being in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals, including additional funding of £1300 per qualifying child to be spent on their education, free school meals in all year groups rather than just KS1, and discounts in some extra-curricular activities, such as school trips. Please note that Pupil Premium Free School Meals are different to Universal Infant Free School Meals, where reception, year 1 and 2 aged pupils are not charged for school dinners, and must be applied for through Cornwall Council. Please speak with a member of the Office staff if you have any further questions regarding this funding.

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### Spring Term

Wednesday 28th March, 1:30pm — Easter Service (led by Karslake & Drinnick)

Thursday 29th March — LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM Friday 30th March—SCHOOL CLOSED

## Summer Term

Monday 16th April—FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 17th April—Class photos

Tuesday 17th April—KS2 Swimming starts

Wednesday 18th April—Parents Forum/PTA meeting

Thursday 26th April – Wednesday 2nd May — Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd May—Parents Forum/PTA meeting

Monday 7th May—BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Monday 14th-Thursday 17th May—Year 6 SATs week

w/c 28th May—HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Wednesday 6th June—Parents Forum/PTA meeting

w/c 11th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening check week

Monday 11th June—Sports Day

Friday 15th June 1:00-3:30pm—Athletics Tournament, Brannel School

Tuesday 19th June—Sports Day (reserve date)

Tuesday 26th June, 5pm—New Reception Open Evening

Wednesday 27th June, 1:30pm—Summer Fair

Wednesday 27th June, 5:00pm—Brannel Cluster Awards night

Thursday 28th June—Transition Day

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks Head teacher





