10/09/21

NANPEAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 100%

Hendra -100%

Prosper - 96.43%

Karslake - 98.68%

Melbur - 100%

Drinnick -99.17%

Rosemellyn - 100%

<u>INSET DAY -</u> REMINDER

Just to remind you, the remaining INSET days for this Academic year are as follows:

Tuesday 4th January, 2022 (first day of the Spring Term).

Monday 25th April, 2022 (first day of the Summer Term).

Friday 10th June, 2022 (Royal

Cornwall Show Friday).

Monday 13th June, 2022 (extra
day for school staff due to Bank
Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee).
On these days, school is open for
Staff, but is closed to children.



HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome back to Nanpean School for the 2021-22 academic year. I hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful Summer and have enjoyed some lovely experiences during your time off school.

I personally always miss children, families and staff during school holidays, but had a lovely Summer with Thea (my daughter) and Kate (my wife). Throughout the Summer Holiday it was lovely for me to see Thea enjoying herself when we took her swimming and to places such as Dairyland and Lappa Valley, for example. She has just turned two and has also become very chatty now, which is lovely and often makes me laugh!

The school year officially started on Monday (6th September, 2021) as we had two INSET days for staff training. Lots of information was given to staff on these days in relation to school priorities and expectations, as well as ensuring they had some time for last minute preparation to welcome the children back on Wednesday.

On Wednesday 8th September, I enjoyed seeing children and families again in our school community. I ensured I was available to see children at the beginning of the day, and spent lunchtime talking to children about their holidays as well. I also visited each classroom a couple of times to ensure the children were settled and enjoying being back at school, while also taking some photos to update our website. I endeavour to be available to greet children and families each morning but apologise as there are some occasions where I am unable to make it outside for various reasons.

As always, I am writing this Newsletter on Thursday so it can go out on Friday, but I am looking forward to teaching a short MFL (French) session to each KS2 (Years 3 - 6) class every Friday afternoon this year (followed by the whole school celebration of achievement assembly). I have certificates to teach French, German and Spanish in Primary School, but am most confident with French, and I have checked with Brannel that this is appropriate as the majority of our children transition to Brannel at the end of Year 6. Hopefully the children will develop skills in the French language this year as well as in English!

I hope that you have all had a positive few days to begin this school year and have a great weekend before we return again on Monday. As mentioned elsewhere on the Newsletter, and this is also why I would still appreciate adults wearing face masks around school, Covid-19 cases are rising in Cornwall currently so please also stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



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 - Brody - For his enthusiastic approach to learning.

Hendra - Evie - For excellent concentration and effort with her handwriting.

Prosper - Ethan B - For working independently.

Karslake - Isaac - For a fantastic start to the year and following adults instructions with care.

Melbur - Lorne - For exemplary attitude in maths lessons and a motivated, mature approach towards his times tables.

Drinnick - Cooper - For being an outstanding and supportive helper to both his Drinnick friends and the adults.

Rosemellyn - Eden - For being a really supportive friend to her peers.



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:

Lexi, Ruby-Leigh and Lyra (Melbur), Molly (Drinnick) and Corey and Connor (Rosemellyn) - For being responsible and keeping the local area tidy.



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

Ethan B (Prosper) - for working independently this week to complete a 'dog care' poster.

Joel (Prosper - for his creative ideas when completing a 'dog care' poster.



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Ruby (Rosemellyn) - For excellent ball skills (football and netball) as noticed by staff this week.

HOUSEPOINTS



We have already started to award housepoints, however, as we are only three days into the term, we didn't feel it would be a true reflection of how well the children are doing if we counted them now! We will be returning to weekly housepoint counts from next week and can't wait to share this with you all. The winning house team / group from **last term** (Summer 20-21) was Lizard (Yellow), closely followed in 2nd by Trevose (Red) and 3rd was Wolf Rock (Purple). Well done to everyone!

PARENTS FORUM MEETING

I always enjoy meeting with parents to discuss positives and further areas for development at Nanpean School. The meetings will be half termly (instead of monthly) from now on, as I find this easier to schedule. Plenty of notice will be given via Newsletters and other communication platforms we use. The first Parents Forum meeting of the 2021-22 Academic year will be at 9am on Wednesday 13th October, 2021. I do intend to vary the days and times of these meetings to ensure parents can hopefully attend, but a Wednesday at 9am has often been the favoured choice amongst many parents, hence this is the time planned for the first meeting. Please add this date to your diaries / calendars and I look forward to speaking to many parents then about Nanpean School, the positives and areas for further development.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND AGREEMENT 21-

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This Policy and Agreement was approved by Governors in the Summer Term for this academic year. It is very similar to the previous policy as behaviour at Nanpean School is generally very good. However, as I always like to share it with children and families at the beginning of an academic year, it was sent via Class Dojo and Tapestry yesterday, and is also available

on our school website. I hope

you find such information useful.

LIBRARY - ST DENNIS AND NANPEAN COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

As many of you will be aware, I am a trustee for the St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust Fund. The fund has previously covered funding for us to purchase a school minibus and IT equipment. Miss Morton and I discussed further possible funding opportunities that would benefit Nanpean School, and following Miss Morton's application, I found out at the beginning of the Summer Holiday that we have successfully obtained funding to completely revamp our school library. The company we would like to complete this work, who specialise in school library renovations, are extremely busy, but we are now hoping that this work will be completed over the Christmas holiday period. Thanks to Miss Morton for submitting this application and to the St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust Fund for their support to our school and other local projects.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Attendance at Nanpean School

continues to be high, which is positive, and I thank all children and parents for this. However, with lockdown restrictions easing, I feel it is appropriate to write to parents to remind you that holidays in term time are still unacceptable, and can lead to penalty charge notices (fines) being applied by Cornwall Council. We would like to highlight the importance of attendance, as always, because all children are expected to be in school. If there are instances where we may have concerns we will have to contact the Student Welfare Officer (SWO). We would like to remind everyone that at our school we place huge importance on the value of good school attendance in improving both a child's academic and social development. Not only this, but it is a parent / carer's legal obligation to ensure that a child of school age receives an efficient and full time education. If parents or carers take their children out of school without permission, they will be committing an offence under the Education Act

1996.

<u>Staffing update</u>

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Prince to the team at Nanpean School. I know that children, parents, staff and myself are looking forward to working with Mr Prince this year and him being part of the Nanpean School community. Also, below is a reminder of our staffing structure for 2021-

Class	Teacher(s)	Morning TA
Eden (R)	Miss Jackson (previously Mrs Hayes)	Mrs Wade
Hendra (1)	Miss Morton and Miss Morrison	Miss Rosevear
Prosper (2)	Miss Bevis and Mrs Cooper	Mrs Williams Mrs Kitts
Karslake (3)	Miss Brotherhood	Mrs Grindrod
Melbur (4)	Mr Prince	Mrs Varney Mrs Kitts
Drinnick (5)	Mrs Jago	Miss Dash
Rosemellyn (6)	Mr Tonkin	Mrs Miskowicz Mrs Varney

ASSEMBLY AND EXTRA REWARD

Covid-19 related Guidance now states that whole school assemblies can go ahead, unless we have an outbreak of cases which would result in a return to 'class bubbles / groups'. As a result, there will be a KS1 (Eden, Hendra and Prosper classes) and separate KS2 (Karslake, Melbur, Drinnick and Rosemellyn) specific assembly each Tuesday morning, following themes on our collective worship timetable, and a whole school celebration of achievement assembly at 2.30pm on a Friday afternoon. I intend to invite parents to this assembly again as soon as possible (please note it is now Friday afternoon instead of Friday morning), but due to rising Covid-19 case numbers in Cornwall currently, I will not be doing so yet. Parents will be informed when I feel it is sensible (in relation to Covid-19) to invite them again. At the end of a half term, all children who have received a 'Star of the Week' nomination in that half term will be entered into a prize draw, with the winner receiving a £5 book voucher. This is another change for this academic this which I hope ensures children continue to work hard for the various rewards we offer.

