

Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

# **Head teacher Weekly Update:**

I hope that you are all settled into the New Year and have had a good start to 2020. At school, it is clear that children are working well as they begin to focus on new Topics. This was evident when I visited classrooms this week.

On Monday, we once again welcomed Holly Lewis from the English Hub South West. Holly was very complimentary about our school and the positive impact on Phonics and early Reading that is evident through our work with the Hub. This was also evident on Wednesday morning as I enjoyed visiting each Phonics group.

On Wednesday, it was also lovely to welcome Rob Lane to our school. Rob is a former Teacher at Brannel and is working with Year 5 (Drinnick Class) to coordinate a Cluster production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. It was obvious that the children had an excellent day and are excited about this project and I am looking forward to attending the final production.

Also towards the end of the week I enjoyed visiting our Eden Class. All of the children were excited by their activities and well done to Halle and Skye who used the Story map confidently to retell a story (related to dinosaurs) that they were learning to me.

On Thursday, yet again the Cross Country event was cancelled due to the weather but again we will hopefully attend when the event is next organised.

On Thursday evening I attended the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Festival. Our children always perform exceptionally well in this event so well done to all children who attended and thankyou to Mrs Miskowicz and Miss Morton for coaching the children. A more detailed review of this will be included in next week's newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and are as excited as I am about the upcoming events listed elsewhere on the newsletter.

Best wishes,

# Mr M Nicholls, Head teacher

### **REMINDERS**

⇒ Please ensure all school uniform is labelled with your child's name.

# **ATTENDANCE**

w/c 13/01/2020		Karslake	99.04%
Eden	98.91%	Melbur	99.07%
Hendra	98.86%	Drinnick	98.44%
Prosper	95%	ROSEMELLYN	<u>100%</u>

# <u>NEWSLETTER</u>

# 17/01/2020

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.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. 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 - Trevor for always being polite and helpful.

Hendra - JJ for his excellent counting on skills (Maths).

Prosper - Lorne for working really hard with his reading.

Karslake - Tristan for his beautiful handwriting.

**Melbur - Kieran** for outstanding effort with presentation across all his lessons.

**Drinnick - Marlow** for showing great courage during our Shakespeare drama workshop.

**Rosemellyn - Summer** for an excellent attitude towards her new Maths intervention.



# **BUSY BEES**

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

Mia and Alfie (Rosemellyn) for excellent use of the "Sound! Cause" exciting sentence type.

# **SPORTS STAR AWARD**

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

Reuben (Rosemellyn) - for excellent dodging in tag rugby.

### **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:

**Jake (Rosemellyn)** for being caring to younger children in School.

# **DIARY DATES**

# Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 21st January, 3pm - Football/Netball v Whitemoor (H)
Friday 24th January, 6pm - Bingo

Tuesday 28th January - Full Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday 5th February, 9am - Parent's Forum meeting

Friday 7th February, 6pm-7:30pm - School Disco

Tuesday 11th February, 3pm - Football/Netball v St Dennis (H)

#### BINGO - Friday 24th January 2020

Doors will open at 6pm with eyes down at 6:30pm. Everyone will be welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available as well as a raffle. If anyone has any unwanted/ unopened Christmas presents, items no longer needed or simply would like to give something we would really appreciate any prize donations for this event. Items can be dropped into the school office.

### SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 7th February 2020

Following the success of previous school discos last year, we will be organising another one for **Friday 7th February, from 6pm until 7:30pm**. Letters giving all the relevant information and consent forms for this have been sent out this week. The fee for the disco has been applied to everyone's ESchools account. If your child is not going to attend the disco then you can just ignore this payment. If anyone is available to help on the evening please can you let Mrs Houston in the office know. Without sufficient volunteers, events like these will not be able to go ahead.

### February Half Term - Go Active Holiday Club

Go Active will be running a holiday club on **Thursday 20th February 2020.** This club will be a packed day of fun sports, team games, and the opportunity to try new activities. Letters including all the relevant information have been sent out today.

### ⇒ Class letters and Topic overviews for Spring Term

Class letters and Curriculum overviews have been sent home to parents/carers via ESchools and are also available to view on each class page on the school website.

# ⇒ Callum Masters Drum Tuition

Drum lessons are now available for students aged 6 and over and are available in school time as well as privately out of school. Paired lessons are £10 per student and one to one lessons are £15, these are both 30 minute lessons. For further information contact the number or email address below:

Mobile: 07927293954

Email: Callummasters2712@gmail.com

### ⇒ New Administrative Staff Appointment

Following interviews, which took place on Monday, we have appointed Miss Pascoe as a new member of our Admin Team. Miss Pascoe has spent some time in school shadowing Miss Dash following her interview and will officially start with us when all our school checks have been completed. Miss Pascoe is familiar with the school as she completed an apprenticeship here with Miss Dash a few years ago. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

# ⇒ Outstanding Payments

Please can we remind parents/carers to log in to their ESchools regularly to see if they have any outstanding payments.

Payments need to be made via ESchools. If you need assistance with logging in to your account, please speak to the Office.

# ⇒ <u>Embroidered Uniform</u>

Uniform items with the school logo on are now available to purchase from Speranza in St Austell. https://www.speranzaclothing.co.uk

#### Attendance

We would like to remind everyone before their holidays are booked 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. This year, we have taken advice from our Student Welfare Officer, and have reviewed our attendance policy and procedures. We would like to remind all parents/ carers of our procedure regarding unauthorised absences:

If a child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (the equivalent of 5 school days), then we will refer the matter to our Student Welfare Officer: Caroline Hunt, who will issue a first warning letter. If that child accrues any further sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period, then we will refer the matter to Cornwall Legal Services who may decide to prosecute. A conviction may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a prison sentence of up to three months or both. Alternatively, a penalty notice may be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in court action.

No leave of absence will be authorised except for in exceptional circumstances and this is at the discretion of the Headteacher. Additionally, if you report that your child is absent due to illness, but we have reasonable reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement, we will be within our rights to request evidence from your child's doctor confirming the illness. If your child is having any problems that you feel are affecting their attendance, please speak with your child's class teacher or Mr Nicholls.

## Farewell to Miss Dash

Today we said farewell to Miss Dash after 7 years of service in our office. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new job role and every success for her future. She will be hugely missed by everyone here at Nanpean School.



Yours Sincerely,

Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher











