



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

NEWSLETTER

06/01/2017

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.

⇒ **WELCOME BACK**

We would like to wish all children and families a Happy New Year 2017. We have already made a positive start this week as the children have shown us some amazing work and returned with a refreshed attitude for learning.

⇒ **Class Letters and Curriculum Overviews**

Teachers sent home their spring term curriculum overviews on Wednesday. Each classes topics for the Spring term are as follows:

Eden—'Dinosaur Detectives'

Hendra—'To the Rescue' and 'Brilliant Bodies'

Prosper—'Sowing and Growing' and 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse'

Karslake— 'Around the World' and 'Shake, Rattle and Roll'

Melbur—'Shake, Rattle and Roll' and 'Art on our Doorstep'

Drinnick—'Fever, Fire and Fashion' and 'The Ancient Greeks'

Rosemellyn—'Voyage of Discovery' and 'Who is Taking Control'

Class letters were also sent home on Wednesday. Please take the time to read these as they contain important information about the term ahead for parents as well as children, such as information on P.E. and homework days as well as other vital information about what your child will be learning this term.

⇒ **Club Letters**

Letters were sent home on Wednesday giving children the opportunity to sign up for afterschool clubs. We are pleased to see that interest in afterschool activities remains high with some clubs already being oversubscribed. **All clubs will start next week, except Football club** as there is an away match against St. Dennis taking place on Tuesday 10th January (if your child has been chosen to take part in this match, they will receive a letter informing them).

BUSY BEES

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



This week, Busy Bees were achieved by;

James Jenking for working hard in maths solving one more and one less.

⇒ **Use of electronic devices/ age appropriate gaming**

We have recently noticed that a number of children at the school are discussing spending a large amount of time using electronic devices at home and are accessing computer games that are intended for much older children or adults. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents that children are advised not to spend more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV/PC/ Laptop/Tablet/Smartphone/etc.) and should not have access to inappropriate games in any format as this affects their ability to interact appropriately with their peers.

⇒ **Parents Forum**

Despite it being the first day back, this month's parents forum had a small turnout. Mrs Wicks and the parents discussed the Times Table Challenge, the annual Pupil Visioning event that took place today, this term's Parents Evening, the Clay's Gorsedh event, and the Easter Service. Please read the notes of this meeting on our website and in the folder in our reception area. **Next month's forum is on Wednesday 1st February 9:00-9:30am.**

DECEMBER READING WINNERS

Class that read the most words— **Rosemellyn**

Class with the highest quiz average— **Karslake**

These classes will receive 10 minutes extra playtime.

Winners of the 100% quiz raffle— **Jake Young and Owen Riddle**

These winners will all receive their prize and certificates in next weeks Achievement Assembly.

⇒ **Singing Club—Melodees and Harmonix**

Melodees and Harmonix is a singing club for children and young people aged 5-18 years. New children can try it free for a week to see if they like it. The club meets on a Thursday at St Austell Football Club, opposite Poltair School. Ages 5-12 years will be between 6pm and 6:50pm and ages 13-18 years will be between 7pm and 8pm. For more information contact Tracey on 07990 00568 or email mhsingingclub@gmail.com.

⇒ **Bikeability for Year 6 ~ w/c 9/1/17**

Bikeability will resume next week for our year 6 children. They will need to have their bikes, helmets, a spare drink and a change of clothes in school on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. Consent forms for this will carry over from those completed by parents for the level 1 aspect last term. As we cannot guarantee the safety of bicycles on site overnight, it is recommended that they are brought in and taken home at the end of the day. Children who completed level 1 of bikeability will move on to level 2, which includes learning about, and putting into practise, road safety. As with the last level, if the weather is poor, bikeability will not take place and we will confirm this via text and the app. If a child does not feel comfortable riding on the road, then they will not be forced to. Children who couldn't take part in level 1 last term are able to take part in level 1 instead next week. New consent forms will be sent home today for them.

⇒ **Attendance Update**

Our whole school attendance for Autumn Term 2016 was **96.49%**. This is lower than our attendance target for the year, which is 97%, and is lower than the same time last year. On a positive note, unauthorised absence at the school has decreased from this time last year. Attendance will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis and support offered where needed. Please note that where a child's attendance for the year is below 90%, it is classed as a persistent absence and parents/carers are at risk of receiving penalties from the Local Authority in accordance with Cornwall Council's policy. Regular school attendance is vital to a child's success and so we have a student welfare officer who offers support to the school and families in matters including poor attendance. Where a child's attendance falls below 75%, no absences are acceptable and stricter rules will be enforced to ensure that this improves dramatically. We are always keen to work with pupils and their families to maintain good attendance and so if you have any concerns about your child's attendance please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher or Mrs Wicks.

⇒ **Achievement Assemblies**

As this week was so short, we did not have an achievement assembly. Our first one of the term will take place on Friday 13th January at 2:30pm; parents/carers are welcome to join us. Stars of the Week, Lunchtime Award and Reading Karate will all resume next week.

⇒ **Census Letter**

Today each child brought home a letter regarding the School Census, which will take place on Thursday 19th January. The purpose of the Census is to allow the school to receive the correct funding for its pupils and for the Department for Education to collect statistical information for educational research and analysis. The letter sent home requests information on your child's country of birth and nationality. Asking for this information is a new requirement placed on schools by the Department for Education. Please do ensure that you complete this slip and return it by **Monday 16th January**. Also, if you believe that your child may be eligible for additional funding under the Pupil Premium/ Free School Meals scheme, please ensure that you apply for it via Cornwall Councils website before Wednesday 18th January to ensure that your child gets all the funding that they are entitled to. If you have any questions about Free School Meals, please speak with Miss Dash in the Office who can answer your question or refer you on to the Free School Meals Team.

⇒ **Spring Term Dates**

9/1/17, 10/1/17, 12/1/17, 13/1/17—Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 10/1/17, 3:30pm—Football match against St Dennis (away)
Tuesday 19/1/17, 2pm—Indoor Cricket tournament, Brannel School
Tuesday 19/1/17—Youth Speaks competition
Tuesday 19/1/17—CENSUS DAY
Wednesday 1/2/17, 9am—Parents Forum
Monday 6/2/17, 3:30pm—Celebration of Learning Event (parents invited)
Tuesday 7/2/17—Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9/2/17, 8:30-9:45am—School Nurse Drop-In
13/2/17-17/2/17—HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 13/2/17—Holiday Club (Go Active)
Friday 24/2/17, 1-4pm—5 a side football, Polkyth
Wednesday 1/3/17, 9am—Parents Forum
Thursday 2/3/17—World Book Day
Thursday 2/3/17, 9:15am—Tag Rugby tournament
Monday 6/3/17, 1:30-4:30pm—Parents Evening
Wednesday 8/3/17, 3:30-6:30pm—Parents Evening
Thursday 9/3/17, pm—Clays Gorsedh Event
Friday 10/3/17—Year 6 Transition Visit, Brannel
Wednesday 23/3/17, 9:15am—Snell Cup
Monday 27/3/17, 3:30pm—Celebration of Learning Event (parents invited)
Wednesday 29/3/17, 1:30pm—Easter Service

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks—Head teacher

