



**Nanpean Community Primary School**



## **NEWSLETTER**

**06/12/2019**

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 Assessment week at Nanpean School this week, so when I have visited classes many children have been completing Assessments. These are nothing for children or parents to worry about and enable us to internally track the progress of all children, as well as identify areas to focus on for further progress.

It was excellent to hear about the positive feedback from members of the public in relation to Year 4 (Melbur Class) this week, who were impeccably behaved during their outdoor learning visit to the clay trails on Monday and Tuesday. I hear that the children had an excellent time with Mr Spriggs, who is a specialist in this area.

On Wednesday, I enjoyed meeting parents again during the monthly Parents Forum meeting. As always, I appreciate your positive comments and further suggestions for school improvement. So that other parents can attend, it has been agreed to vary the times of these meetings. Most will still be on a Wednesday morning, but one per term will be at an alternative time. As a result, the next meeting will be on Monday 13th January, 2020, at 2.30pm. I look forward to welcoming many parents then.

It was also amazing to see so many children wearing Christmas jumpers and having their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. It was lovely to be part of this celebration in school and the occasion and food was clearly enjoyed by children and staff. Thank you to Caterlink who sourced the food which was enjoyed immensely, and thank you to all staff and our Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class) children who were extremely helpful during this lunchtime.

It has also been lovely to get in the Christmas spirit and begin to hear Carols being sung (for the upcoming concert) and the Nativity Play being practiced in preparation for the performance on Monday 16th December. I eagerly anticipate watching these finished products!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and this improved dry weather continues. Best wishes,

**Mr M Nicholls,**

**Head teacher**

### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>w/c 02/12/2019</b>			
		Karslake	98.72%
Eden	96.97%	Melbur	96.91%
Hendra	99.17%	Drinnick	97.22%
Prosper	98.85%	<b><u>ROSEMELLYN</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

### **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 - Joel** for always being kind, helpful and an all round superstar.

**Hendra - Jaxon** for settling into his new class really quickly.

**Prosper - Ciaran** for showing great responsibility and enthusiasm during play rehearsal

**Karslake - Jacob** for working hard during Maths this week.

**Melbur - Kiya** for being extremely kind and caring to her classmates on our clay trail walk.

**Drinnick - Lily** for an excellent Science-Fiction story in English.

**Rosemellyn - Elina** for her resilience during this week's tests.

### **BUSY BEES**

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



**Dalton (Prosper)** for excellent writing content and good presentation (handwriting).



### **SPORTS STAR AWARD**

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

**Alfie (Rosemellyn)** - for brilliant reactions and catching skills in PE this week.

### **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:

**Lexi (Prosper)** for being kind and helpful to other children, especially at lunchtimes.

### **REMINDERS**

⇒ Year 4 and 5 children (Melbur and Drinnick Classes) are now entering school each morning through the same door used to exit at the end of the day. There is a staff member on this door who can pass on any messages. We are hoping this works better than the children coming in through the smaller library door.

⇒ **There will be no KS1 Football on Monday 9th December.**

⇒ **There will be no clubs w/c Monday 16th December as it is the last week of term.**

- ⇒ **Proposed speed restrictions**  
As people may have seen some notifications have appeared on the road outside of our School. The notification is a proposal to install two part-time 20mph flashing red lights either side of the School entrance. For many years now we have been trying to have some speed restrictions put in place outside of our School, so to see this happening is a good thing. However, you may have noticed that these 20mph lights are quite close to the School. I am concerned that they won't have the desired effect. If anybody has any views on the placing of these lights, now is the time to have your say. You can go online and create an account at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult) Ref No: EDG1601-SN07. Or you can write to **Engineering Design Group, CORMAC Consultancy, Radnor Road, Scorrier, Redruth, TR16 5EH**. Or I have written a generic letter for people to sign (if you agree), so that I can post them all with our petitions. These letters will be in the reception area of the School. I would really appreciate if everyone can either sign one of these letters or go online to have your say. We need more than just two 20mph signs but it's a start. Let's see if we can get more put in place!  
**Mrs R Herring (Community Campaigner)**
- ⇒ **Clay Schools Book Hunt launched by Brannel School**  
An Assembly was presented to the children on Thursday to give them information about this initiative launched by Brannel. The books have now been hidden around the school grounds for children to find. Remember that there are also books hidden in the local community. Instructions are in the bag containing the book, asking children, once they have read the book, to write five words about the book (a mini review) and to take photographs of this and also of where the book was found. The children then need to hide the book again for someone else to find!
- ⇒ **Rearranged Parent's Evening for Eden Class**  
We have rearranged Eden Parents' Evenings for **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January between 1pm and 3pm and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm to 5.30pm**. We expect all parents to attend parents' evening as it gives you a chance to discuss your child's progress individually with the class teacher. We are requesting that all parents book a parents evening appointment online through the eSchools website. If you are not able to book an appointment online, please inform the Office Staff who will assist you in booking a slot using our eSchools system. If we do not receive an appointment request from you, we will allocate you an appointment time.
- ⇒ **KS2 Carol Concert**  
This year the children from KS2 will be performing in a carol concert on **Tuesday 10th December at 2:30pm**. Children will be performing some classic carols and doing some readings about the traditional Christmas story. Parents/carers are invited to attend.
- ⇒ **Parent Friends Meeting**  
Our next Parent Friends meeting will be Wednesday 11th December at 9am. Anyone is welcome to attend to discuss and plan future fundraising events.

- ⇒ **A Note from our Chair of Governors**  
We are still looking to recruit a co-opted governor to join our governing board, so if you know of anyone who may be interested please let me know.  
I am really looking forward to this year's Christmas Fair, we have lots of great prizes up for grabs in this year's raffle.  
If you have any teddy bears that are no longer needed we would be grateful for donations for our teddy adoption stall. We would appreciate any donations of cakes/buns/mince pies for our cake stall. If anyone is able to help out at the fair, please make myself or the office aware.  
**Mrs Lee Watts, Chair of Governors**
- ⇒ **Attendance/Lateness**  
Letters are being sent out to Parents this week whereby our monitoring shows poor attendance or persistent lateness. The expectation is that children are in school every day, except when they are quite poorly, and the Government expectation is for children's attendance to be above 96%. In terms of lateness, we have a few children who are late for school quite often. We hope that this improves and decreases as this has an impact on children's learning: the start of the day is extremely important with Phonics and Reading being taught at this time. This is also disruptive to the learning of others when children arrive late to their classroom.
- ⇒ **St Austell Festival of Music and Speech**  
Well done to all children who took part. It is a fantastic achievement to overcome nerves and read a poem in such a big venue and in front of a large audience. All of the children were superb and we are very proud of them all for gaining excellent marks for their performances. Tegen and Imogen even won their classes and have trophies for this! Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Parents for 'Coaching' the children!

- ⇒ **Class Dojo**  
Staff have been busy updating Class Dojo this week to include pictures of some recent work from your child. I hope that you are enjoying this App and being given the opportunity to see examples of what your child has been doing at school. If you have not yet set up Class Dojo and need some assistance, feel free to speak to the Class Teacher or the office.

#### **DIARY DATES**

##### **Autumn Term 2019**

**Tuesday 10th December, 2:30pm** - KS2 Carol Concert  
**Wednesday 11th December, 9am** - Parent Friends Meeting  
**Thursday 12th December, 12pm** - Cross Country at Par  
**Friday 13th December, 2pm** - Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
**Monday 16th December, 2pm** - Nativity performance  
**Monday 16th December, 5:30pm** - Nativity performance  
**Wednesday 18th December, 1:30pm** - Christmas Fair  
**Monday 23rd December**—First day of the Christmas Holidays  
**Monday 6th January 2020**—INSET day, school closed to pupils  
**Tuesday 7th January 2020**—First day of the Spring Term

**Yours Sincerely,  
Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher**

