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FRIDAY NEWS

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A very warm welcome back to all of our parents and carers for the start of our Autumn Term.

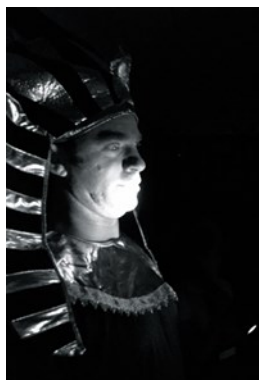
It has been a busy Summer for the school as we once again became a building site for the entire six weeks of the summer break. The work which was carried out, although extensive, will be largely un-noticed unless you are extremely familiar with the building. It included a new hall ceiling and lighting, two new classroom ceilings and emergency lighting being fitted and renewed in large parts of the school. The builders from Lorne Stewart, and in particular John who led the team, were excellent and took a great deal of care of in order to make sure the school was well looked after. Inevitably, there was a huge amount of work required to get the school ready in a short space of time (the builders left late last Friday night), and I am indebted to Alan Penn our caretaker and the cleaners who worked tirelessly to get the school ready to open on time.

I am equally grateful to all of the staff who came in to school during the final week of the holidays and over last weekend to lend a hand in getting the school ready, as well as transforming their classrooms into stimulating learning environments ready for the topic launch on Tuesday morning. Their hard work was certainly worthwhile however, as children returned to find themselves taking a trip around the galaxy in the space dome to start to answer the question "Are the aliens coming?". Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 were transported to Egypt and spent the first day as trainee archaeologists under the direction of the famous Howard Carter (or least a distant relation of his) excavating ancient sites and exploring the dark burial chambers of the Bodrifty pyramid with torches and disturbing the sleeping Pharaoh. I don't remember my first day, or indeed any day, of school being as exciting as this!



The children have all settled back into school life really quickly and, as always, are a credit to you. I am very grateful to all of our parents who have made sure that the children arrived back to school looking so smart in their uniform. It is much appreciated, thank you.

Last week saw all of our staff involved in some joint training with our new partners from Pensans and Newlyn Schools looking at how we can continue to improve the quality of the education we provide through the immersive and project based approach. This collaborative approach was very successful and was a really positive way to mark the beginning of our new Penlee Academy Trust which came into being on September 1st 2015.



There is a great deal planned this year both in terms of learning projects and the development of our school overall. We will continue with the action plan we set up in response to the 360° review in the Spring, focusing on improving the outdoor spaces and playgrounds as well as a whole range of other improvements. Progress with this plan has been very good and I am confident that we will achieve most of our goals before the next review. An updated copy of the development overview is included later in this newsletter.

Of course, we continue to be measured largely on our results and I am delighted to report that last Summer saw our pupils achieve the best results in the school's history in terms of both progress and attainment at the end of Key Stage 2. Full details will appear next week on the school website and as a Parent Guide.

As parents and carers, you are a key part of our school and of your child's education. If you have any ideas on how we can improve as a school, are keen to get more involved or have any concern, please don't hesitate to come in and speak to me.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming year,

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

CLUBS

Clubs lists for this term will be sent home on Monday. Please complete and return as soon as possible. You will be notified which clubs your child has got into by Friday 18th. All clubs will begin the following **Monday 21st September** except KS2 Choir which will begin on Monday 14th September (see right).

KS2 CHOIR

If your child is planning to sign up for choir after school on Mondays, Mrs Eddy would like to start a week earlier on **Monday 14th from 3.15-4.15pm** in the music room (Elliot hut) so please come along then. The choir will be rehearsing for a concert on 20th October with other schools in the area, singing 'The Bumblesnouts save the World' at St Mary's Church.

TENNIS CLUB

A reminder from Sammy that if your child would like to take part in his tennis club on Mondays after school (all years welcome) to please sign up. He can only run the club with a minimum number of 10 children. The cost will be £18 for 9 lessons, payable in full before the first club on 21st September.

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is currently in Year 6, you need to apply for their place at your preferred secondary school **by 31st October 2015**. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

If you have a child born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class for starting in September 2016. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2016**. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unwell or will not be attending school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence no later than 9.30am (there is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before 8am). If we have not heard from you by this time we will need to telephone home to ascertain the nature of their absence. This is in line with the Government's policy on attendance. Please note that any child who is ill with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to please keep us updated if your contact details change, particularly your mobile phone number. We send out lots of useful reminder texts and you won't receive them if we have the wrong number! Please let the office know if any of your details change.

Height & weight screening for Reception & Year 6 children

Next month the children in Reception and Year 6 will be weighed and measured by the school nurses. All children in these years will be receiving a booklet and "opt out" form about this. If you do **NOT** wish your child to be weighed or measured you must return the form to the office. By not returning the form, we assume you give your permission.

MILK AT LUNCHTIMES

Chartwells are no longer providing milk at lunchtimes. Water is provided free or juice at a cost of 25p per day.

VOLUNTEER MINIBUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Can you help?

We try to take as many opportunities to get out and about and to take part in enrichment activities. In order to be able to do as much of this as we would like, we are in great need of minibus drivers. If you passed your driving test before 1 January 1997 and your licence has a D1 code on it we would love to hear from you. Family members and friends are also welcome. We are committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and so a DBS (safeguarding check) will be necessary. We may be able to pay a small fee per trip for anyone who passes the minibus test and is prepared to drive on an ad-hoc basis.



MEET THE TEACHER

IMPORTANT!

Meet the teacher dates have changed. They are now as follows:

KS1 Monday 14th

LKS2 Tuesday 15th

UKS2 Wednesday 16th

All start at 3.15pm.

WRAP-AROUND CARE AFTER SCHOOL

We are currently looking into the possibility of running wrap-around provision for working parents after school. At this point, we are ONLY asking for an expression of interest. The charge would be a sessional rate and is likely to be approximately £5 until 5pm and £6.50 until 6pm. If you are interested in using this provision please complete the slip below and return it to the office. Completing this form will not commit your child to attending—this is only a fact finding exercise and initially we need to find out how many people would be interested. If there is not enough, we would not be able to take this further. Thank you.

After school provision

Child's name: Class:

Yes I would be interested in after school provision for my child/.....children (*number of children*)

I would require after school provision on days per week. (*please say how many days a week you would need this for approximately*).

Please return to the school office

STARS OF THE WEEK



Robins	The Whole Class	for a wonderful start to school life
Choughs	The Whole Class	for a wonderful start to school life
Puffins	Ruby	for trying her best all the time
Owls	The Whole Class	for settling, working and listening so well
Kingfishers	Phoebe	for fantastic listening skills
Trencrom	Ava	for a fantastic approach to her learning in Year 3
Lanyon	Alexis	for her great attitude and approach to learning
Kerris	Richie	for his amazing attitude and approach to his learning - a great start to Year 4
Bodrifty	Gonzalo	for settling into his new school so brilliantly
	Anto	for settling into his new school so brilliantly
Bosigran	Donald	for settling into Alverton School so well
Kenidjack	Logan	for starting the year with a great attitude
Dinnertime	Eva	for being a great help



TABLE TOP SALE

Friday 18th September at 3.30pm in the Hall

Shannon in Year 6 is organising a table top sale with books, bags, DVDs, children's jewellery and some yummy cakes. She is raising money for The Wave Project. Please come and support her.

FOR SALE

6 Yamaha school keyboards, approx. 4 years old, £20 each (£100 new). Please see Mrs Eddy or leave a message for her at the office. Please note, they do not come with a lead & plug.

DIARY DATES

September

- 16th Swimming for Y3 and Y4 begins today – Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 21st All clubs start today – letter for choices will be sent home next week
- 29th Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay

October

- 1st Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
- 8th Harvest Festival at 9.30am followed by the sale of produce
- 8th Y6 sleepover at the school
- 12th – 14th Parent Consultation evenings – appointment times to follow
- 20th Bernard Williams Concert at 6.30pm, venue TBC
- 22nd Individual and Family photographs – details to follow
- 22nd FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – HALF TERM

