



West Wivelshire Federation
'I am me, together we are one'
Polruan School Newsletter

Autumn Term – No. 2
15th October 2015

We have received the Achievement for All Award which recognises improved aspirations of pupils and their progress made at school. Stella MacDonald led us through this, enabling us to show how we value each and every one of our pupils, from where they are academically, socially, emotionally and physically and help them to achieve well both in and out of school, by working with their families. A huge thank you to Stella for her very hard work.

We have our new head boy and girls: George Newton, Ellen Simmons, Jessica Crawley and Jasmine Salmon. They begin their role officially before we break up for half term.

Congratulations also go to our new Learning Detectives: Albie and Rosie and our new Health and Safety Officers: Katie, Brooke and Harlee. Our Health and Safety Officers have already been reviewing the school site and are creating a list of recommendations!

Our New School Council is about to be formed, please look out for a letter from Mr Smith with their names.

We've had such an exciting half term so far with our learning. Canute have enjoyed making their shakers and been writing letters or sentences in their books about stories they already know. Their art work in Tolbenny brightens up the room. Tregagle survived their Viking Experience and last week were using connectives to join their sentences ready to write a newspaper report about the trip.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee/cake afternoon. Heather is in the process of totaling the money raised and will let us know soon.

Our PSA have lots of activities planned to get us together as a community and also raise money for school. Please watch out for notices about 'Operation Shoe Box' and 'Film Club'.

At our Parent Voice Group we discussed the following:

- Year 5/6 residential to London. Suggested period of 3 nights. Trip currently being costed. Travel will be subsidised by Parliament. Trip to include visit to parliament, visiting a London school, science/history museum, river trip. The trip will develop pupils' cultural awareness and British values alongside their understanding of British history and geography (also having some fun too!).
- Bikeability- we will be able to provide bike training for the older pupils in the Spring/Summer term. This will include riding on the road and some basic bike repairs.
- We are going to trial a 'bug busting' week to try and reduce the incidents of head lice. A flier will come out to you before we start this. There will be one week per term.
- Throughout the year, we are going to hold a few 'open mornings or afternoons'. These will be a coffee morning with arts/crafts where the community-old and young can come into school. Some year 5 pupils could possibly help out serving drinks. At these sessions, we can provide information about the school and 'showcase' some of our talented pupils. Please look out for a flier.

It would be wonderful to see more of you at our next meeting.

We are reviewing 'morning club' next week and will be able to let you know if we can continue running the provision. Please remember that registration takes place at 8:55am. Therefore, if your child comes to the club, please send them in time for breakfast ie by 8:40am. Mrs Payne needs to be in Canute for 8:50am. Thank you.

We have seen some super homework this half term. Please remember to check your child's book bag daily for letters and books regularly for homework.

Last year, as a whole, our attendance figure improved. Please remember that you are not automatically entitled to take your child out of school. Our Educational Welfare Officer has been in school and reviewed some cases. She may be in touch with some families where the attendance is low, with no exceptional circumstances or punctuality is not good. All pupils with attendance less than 90% are monitored regularly. Please help us to work with you, come in and let us know if there is something we can do to help. If we don't know the answer, we may be able to signpost you to someone who can help.

We are in the process of building a new website which should be easier to navigate. Please do refer to this for lost homework and dates.

Thank you for your honest responses on the parent survey. The majority of responses expressed that your children are happy in school and that they are making good progress in a creative school. You value the ethos of our small, community school and our focus on outdoor learning. Some parents highlighted in school behaviour as an area for improvement. There are sometimes 'niggles' between pupils and these can, at times, continue and also sometimes escalate. As a result we have made sure that all staff are firm with following through our behaviour policy. Tregagle class are continuing to take this on board and we, as a whole staff, will continue to make sure that school is a safe place for all of our pupils. At times, some pupils need individual plans to help them be successful in school. We work with parents to do this on an individual basis.

There will be the opportunity for you to come into school and be involved in our anti-bullying week activities. We look forward to seeing you here during the week beginning 16th November 2015.

Headteachers Challenge: 'Get Caught Reading'. Bring in a photo showing your child reading (or email it to school). You are also welcome to send in pictures of the whole family reading. This is to promote the love of reading which is so important for our children. Deadline of half term please. We will soon be sending out some more information about reading to support with reading at home.

Next half term there will be new clubs. Please look out for details after half term.

A parent has mentioned that their children have come home from school without their school sweatshirts and PE white tee shirt (which have all got their names in). Please can you double check all your child(rens) uniform to see if any do not belong to them (we realise it is difficult when they are all the same !!) Please can you also ensure that your child's name is in their own uniform because we occasionally get some that are not named. Thank you for your help with this.

Bonfire Menu

Thursday 5th November

Banger in a Bun (Pork or Veggie)

Jacket (Tuna or Cheese)

With

Banging Beans

Popping Corn

Salad Bar

Chocolate Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit

Please note that there is no TUCK on a Friday while the children are having an early lunch because of swimming.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2015

03 September – 18 December
(Half Term 26 – 30 October)

Spring Term 2016

04 January – 24 March
(Half Term 15 – 19 February)

Summer Term 2016

11 April – 22 July
(Half Term 30 May – 3 June)

Inset Days

2nd November 2015, 4th January 2016
24th March 2016, 27th May 2016 & 10th June 2016

Forest Schools

Tuesday Afternoons – Canute & Year 3
Wednesday Afternoons – Years 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 20th October – Hockey at Fowey River Academy tbc
Thursday 22nd October – Harvest Festival at St Saviours Church (2pm)
Thursday 22nd October – Full Governors Meeting at Polruan (5pm)
Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
INSET DAY – Monday 2nd November 2015
Tuesday 3rd November – 1pm Individual & Sibling Photographs
7pm – PSA Meeting
Thursday 5th November – Bonfire Lunch Menu
Week Beginning 9th November – Parent Consultations (please look out for
letters in your childrens' book bags
Tuesday 10th November – Badminton at Fowey River Academy tbc
Wednesday 11th November – Par Cross Country
Thursday 19th November – 8am Governor Committee Meetings at Pelynt
Friday 27th November – NO SWIMMING
Wednesday 2nd December – Par Cross Country
Friday 4th December – Last Swimming
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Performances
& Christmas Fayre
Friday 18th December – Last day at school before Christmas Holiday.
**Christmas Holidays – Monday 21st December to
Friday 1st January 2016**

INSET DAY - Monday 4th January 2016
Children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016