



## Polruan Academy Newsletter

Autumn Term – No 1  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Welcome back! We are now officially Polruan Academy. The conversion happened on 1<sup>st</sup> August, when the stock of new uniform is ordered it will 'Polruan Academy' on it rather than school. Of course, we are still the same people in the same school, doing the very best for our children.

Our main focus for this week has been on inspiring our children. The Olympics were very successful for Great Britain and we took the idea from that; starting in our assemblies this week. On our INSET day, we began to devise our plans, detailing how we can focus on inspiring all of our children to achieve their very best. This main theme will continue throughout the year.

It's wonderful to see our children looking so smart in their uniform. Please remember to make sure that their PE kit is in school every day. Weekly class newsletters will remind you about forest school clothes.

Welcome to our Reception pupils; Alexia, Hallie and Andriy who have all joined us this week and we are looking forward to having Dylan to join us in Reception when he is better. We are very proud of the way they have started school. We have some wonderful children here who really help to make everyone feel welcome.

Our children's scarecrow came second in the regatta competition- he will be having a rest at the end of next week, so please take any photos early next week, if you wish to.

The builders have finally finished the snagging list and I am sure that you will agree, it was worth the pain! Our school looks so much brighter and is a better learning environment for our children.

Staffing:

Welcome to Miss Bagley-McClellan, who has begun her apprenticeship with us as a teaching assistant.

### Reading:

Please read every day with your child. This year, we are only sending home the reading records (not the Karate booklets). This means that you only need to sign and comment in one book and pop that back into the book bag. We will keep you informed when your child progresses up a level in reading with a comment in this book/certificate.

We will then fill in the Karate Bands chart at school and reward the children with the coloured bands for sustained reading. We will continue from where they finished last year, so that every child has the opportunity to progress. If your child has already earned a black band, they will move to white band 2, orange band 2 etc and go through the bands again.

### A few reminders:

#### Healthy Eating

Children in Reception and KS1 are provided with free fruit at breaktime. If your child is in KS2 and you would like to send them in with a snack, please feel free to do so, remembering that it needs to be fruit/yogurt/cheese, not crisps. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please pop in to the office and we can see if we can help you. School also benefits with extra funding for this. If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch, please do remember to pack a variety of foods that cover the main food groups, including fruit and veg- if in doubt, think 'Would Jamie Oliver be ok with this!'

Please check your child's hair regularly for headlice and treat any 'visitors' as soon as possible. This will help to stop the lice spreading in your family and at school.

Every child should have a school bag to help them with their organisation. We recommend a school book bag as this is the perfect shape and size for keeping letters and books neat and tidy.

Parent and Toddler group starts again on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

After School Clubs this Half Term starting w/b 19.0916 (Details to follow next week)

Mrs Trout is holding a Craft Club for Reception and Year 1 & 2 children on a Tuesday after school.

Mr Smith is running a Tag Rugby Club on a Tuesday for Tregeagle Class.

Mrs Woollaston is hoping to run a Cookery Club on a Thursday if there is enough interest – it will be for both classes on a rota basis and she would also be looking for parental help as well – please complete the attached sheet if your child is interested in the club.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

6<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
(Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October)

### **Spring Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
(Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer Term 2017**

18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
(Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)

### **INSET DAYS FOR 2016/17**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Fowey Library visiting Tregeagle Class  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Explorer Day at Trevarder Farm tbc  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – PSA AGM and First Meeting  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Year 6's visit to Fowey River Academy  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Tesco in Canute (Making Soup)  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Harvest Festival in Tregeagle Class tbc  
Autumn Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016