



## **Polruan Academy Newsletter**

**I am me, together we are one**

Autumn Term – No 2

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

### **Learning**

Recently I have observed pupils making some fantastic progress with their language development.

Tregeagle have been writing based on The Tunnel- a text they have used to develop their 'multi-sensory' language. We have some really creative authors. In Maths, they have been focusing on the key basic skills such as place value, which is enabling them to answer word problems quicker.

Canute have been developing their own songs based on Old McDonald and using their topic well to create their own songs about people who help us. Then they have been writing about these people, focusing on what makes a good sentence. In Maths, they have been developing their number bonds, really focusing on those numbers that add together to make 10 and beyond.

### **Leaders**

We have selected a new head boy and girl: Tom T and Rosie.

Congratulations to them and also our other pupils with key responsibilities: Deputy Head Girls: Brooke and Ameila, supported by Emma. Our chair of School Council is Katie and deputy is Harlee.

Congratulations also Mia, who is our adult helper.

We have so many delightful pupils, who want to help our school to improve even further and want to play a part in this.

## **Assemblies**

We have been focusing on dyslexia and mental health awareness weeks in addition to being thankful this month.

## **Attendance**

At the moment, our attendance percentage is very low. Some pupils have had absences for various reasons, but also we have had some illnesses. We cannot help these at all; but ask you to keep doing what you are doing, and keeping in touch with us. We understand that children become ill- they all do at some stage. Our Educational Welfare Officer is in school after half term, and will go through new regulations; so as a result, we may be updating some forms- watch this space! Generally punctuality has improved. All children are expected to be in school before 8:55am and in the classroom.

## **Your help**

We really value parental help on trips and during the school day and could not run many of the exciting opportunities without you. However, we do not want to harass you. Sometimes, kind parents offer to help, but then at the last minute are not able to and we need to chase around at the last minute. Acting on this, we have arranged for more staff and parents to be fully trained in driving the minibus- then we can always use 2 minibuses across the school and continue to share staff with Pelynt too, when we can.

Thank you for your support at the MacMillan Coffee morning and toddler group fundraiser. We raised £85 and £175 respectively.

Over the holidays, please check your child's hair for headlice. We have some bug busting kits at the office if you'd like one. If we all do this at half term, we know they will be coming back clear. If you do find any lice, please traet them ASAP. There are several over the counter remedies but also tee tree shampoo works wonders as does mouthwash and vinegar (please google for further information). The headlice don't like the smell of these!! Thank you to parents who have mentioned these.

A concerned member of the public has mentioned about children playing by Kendall Park after school with their school sweatshirts on. The children were hard to see as our sweatshirts as fairly dark. Please have a think about what your child is wearing as the nights draw in.

## **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

### **Autumn Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Photographs including siblings  
Starting at 1pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parents Evening (please book your appointment in  
the office – thank you

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Hearing Screening Yr 1's

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Menu (see attached)  
- Swimming

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School visit to Fowey Library tbc

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Par Cross Country

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Swimming

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Swimming

And CHILDREN IN NEED EVENT

(Please look out for further details)

FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – NO SWIMMING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Scholastic Book Fayre at Pelynt School

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Swimming

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Par Cross Country

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play and Christmas Fayre  
(More details to follow)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Last Swimming of Academic Year  
Evening – Lantern Parade in Fowey

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Toddler Christmas Tea Party  
(More details to follow)

Last day of Term

