



Polruan Academy Newsletter

I am me, together we are one

Autumn Term – No 3
18th November 2016

Thank you for all the contributions to Children in Need. When we've totaled the amount raised, we'll let you know.

Learning

This week in Learning I've spoken to some children who are really engaged with their topics.

Canute class are creating their class museum- please do bring in items. We've already got some 80s item like Roland Rat (fond memories for lots of us). I've seen some super writing by Year 1 and 2 who were confidently putting their sentences together with finger spaces and full stops and some of them managing to add adjectives too! Reception children were confidently talking to a visitor I was showing round and even spelt her name, using the classroom displays to help.

Tregeagle have been using a picture book to understand how characters are feeling and then writing about these characters using speech. They made their own model city to help realize how other people would feel coming to Polruan or other towns and cities in the world. Overall, they are learning to empathise with others.

Our assembly themes this half term are as follows: staying safe, why go to war? anti-bullying, rights and responsibilities and Christmas around the world. Over the next few weeks, we are having a major focus on anti-bullying and rights and responsibilities, particularly in Tregeagle.

Behaviour

We have the police coming in next week to talk to Tregeagle class about bullying in general and will also be able to talk to groups of children about their worries and actions.

Having spoken to the Head Boy and Girl, they have come up with some ideas for a weekly reward time. This is initially for Tregeagle children who are constantly doing the right thing every week. Children who are ready for learning, lining up quietly, saying kind words and being kind to others, showing good manners, will have a weekly reward. This will start on Monday the 21st November.

Staffing

Huge congratulations to Mrs Barnett who is pregnant (for anyone who hadn't realised). What a busy year she's had! She will be off for 2 terms on maternity leave from January 2017 until July 2017. She will be back with us before we break up for the summer. We have arranged for Mrs Lovell to come and work on a Thursday and Friday, alongside Mrs Trout (on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). They have already been emailing each other to make sure that we continue the good standard of teaching and learning in Canute. Mrs Lovell will be in school on Tuesday 29th November, along with some other dates on the run up to Christmas.

Unfortunately, Mrs Payne is likely to be off for quite a while. She is hoping to have an operation on her knee before Christmas and will then need around 3 months recovery time. Over the last 2 weeks, I have been trying to arrange for us to have an experienced TA to cover her role. This is proving to be a challenge, but I am persevering. We need someone with experience of being a Teaching Assistant and mid-day supervisor. I will keep you updated, but in the meantime; if you know of anyone, please pass me their details.

Updates/reminders

I am aware that some children have not been happy with their school lunches. If your child mentions anything to you at home about this, please let either Joanna Sandy or myself know; as I can pass this on to Chartwells.

Please send your child in with a warm coat, as the weather seems to have finally turned. We will go out to play in most weathers, so a coat is essential.

Friends of Polruan Academy are busy in school creating some calendars with the children and have lots of other activities planned. Please keep your eyes open for further letters about the Christmas fayre and play, which is on Wednesday 8th December after school into the evening at St Saviours.

Attendance is 94.9% overall. We are aiming for 97%, so please carefully consider any absences and keep in touch with us as much as you can.

Yesterday, an organisation visited school to see what future play equipment could be put on site. They will be working with our school council to design and install some equipment that all pupils can access on both playgrounds. This will be funded by a lottery bid.

Being an Academy

As part of The Bridge Multi Academy Trust, we have ordered new school signs that will hopefully be here soon.

Central staff at The Trust are putting in a bid to the Department for Education, to see if they will fund us a new roof and update our fire safety provision in school.

Staff are benefitting from training and a solid support network as being part of Bridge MAT. Financially, we are benefitting with a bigger buying power as there are 10 schools, buying some good collectively.

Parent and toddler group

There will be a 'Toddlers Tea Party' on Wednesday 7th December from 9-11am in Tolbenny. Please come along if you have any little ones.

On Friday the 16th December, the day we break up, there will be a Toddler group fundraiser from 9am. There may be a visit from a very special man in a red outfit!

Thank you so much to all of you who help in so many ways. The help with transport to events like cross country and swimming, organising prizes for fayres and supporting school events. We'd be lost

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2016

6th September – 16th December 2016
(Half Term 24th – 28th October)

Spring Term 2017

4th January 2017 – 31st March 2017
(Half Term 13th – 17th February)

Summer Term 2017

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

INSET DAYS FOR 2016/17

Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Monday 5th June 2017
Tuesday 6th June 2017
Wednesday 26th July 2017

Friday 18th November – Swimming
CHILDREN IN NEED - SPOTERCISE
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – NO SWIMMING
Thursday 1st December – Scholastic Book Fayre at Pelynt School
Friday 2nd December – Swimming
Wednesday 7th December – Par Cross Country
Thursday 8th December – Christmas Play and Christmas Fayre
(More details to follow)
Friday 9th December – Last Swimming of Academic Year
Evening – Lantern Parade in Fowey
Tuesday 13th December – School Christmas Lunch
Friday 16th December – Toddler Christmas Tea Party
(More details to follow)
Last day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Children Back to School

