



Polruan Academy Newsletter

I am me, together we are one

Spring Term – No 1
18th January 2017

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

The majority of children have settled in well this term and are engaged in their new topics of 'Our village here and now' and 'The Victorians'. All children have been writing their own version of Cinderella. We will be gathering these stories together next week and displaying them in school, so that you can see what writing looks like across the whole school from YR to Y6, on the same topic. Welcome to James who has joined us in Year 5.

Thank you for filling in the leaflets from Exemplar Education who provide an online numeracy and literacy support programme for families who wish to do extra work at home in support of schoolwork. Thanks also to those parents who have signed up for the Family Learning led 'Scratch' Computer Programming Workshops

Updates

Our bid has gone through to the Lottery Funding department for some new play equipment. We should hear within the next 2-3 months if we are successful. This will mean a fixed tyre area and some outdoor fitness equipment for all children to use. The school council will be working with the company to design the layout.

We will hear in March as to whether the Bridge MAT was successful in their bid for our school to have a new roof and new fire doors. Fingers crossed!

Staffing

Mrs Barnett is enjoying her restful time at home- we will keep you updated with any baby news. Mrs Lovell has settled into the team well and we have also welcomed back Mr Monks, who is teaching maths to Y5/6 and covering Mr Smith at times when he needs to be out of class, in addition to Thursdays. This ensures that for all planned cover, the children have staff they know, teaching them.

Mrs Payne is due to return around Easter time, so we continue to have Miss Carroll as a full time teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor whilst Mrs Payne is off.

Behaviour

Continuing from last term and considering all communications and events recently; we are taking the safeguarding and behaviour of all pupils in our school very seriously and are prioritising this above anything else at this time.

This week, Mrs Sanson has met with The Chair of the Parish Council. She has also contacted the lead for Inclusion in the Local Education Authority and the Chief Executive of The Bridge MAT. She is meeting with The Chair of Governors tomorrow. A detailed plan is being drawn up to address the concerns that parents have. **This needs your involvement.** All Polruan staff are beginning the review process today after school. Throughout this term, and in the future, there will be more dedicated time to the priority of safeguarding and behaviour. Information will come out to you next week providing you with the opportunity to come in to speak directly to Mrs Sanson, a Governor; or to put your comments in writing. Please take the time to read this when it comes out. It is vital that, to move forward, we look at short and long term change, not looking to blame individuals. We will communicate everything via newsletters and parent groups, feeding back to the Parish Council. If you would like to be an active member of a parent group, please leave your details with Mrs Sandy, in the office, with your availability. This will help, when setting the date and time for meetings.

There are some changes that will happen swiftly and other changes will take more time. We will be reviewing the plan and its impact, initially every 2 weeks as a formal group.

We are taking this extremely seriously and are working consistently on improving the behaviour and safeguarding for all pupils at Polruan Academy. Please support us.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 5th June 2017
Tuesday 6th June 2017
Wednesday 26th July 2017

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st February – Last Par Cross Country

Tuesday 7th February – Air Ambulance Assembly

Thursday 9th February – Full Governors Meeting at Polruan

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – HALF TERM

Thursday 2nd March – WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 23rd March – 2pm Mothering Service at St Saviours

Thursday 30th March – Easter Tea Party for Older Members of the Community