



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

Spring Term – No. 1
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Dear Parents/Carers

Now that bleak January is over! This term the children have really been engaged with their topic about dragons.

Over the last 2 weeks, I have seen some fantastic learning:

Canute class have been working hard with their phonics and reading. They were all able to work well in small groups and were very confident in their learning. In science, they were working out what a plant needs to grow well. Some of the children had some super questions such as the difference sunlight and torchlight would have on the plant.

Canute have made a wonderful Chinese Dragon which is displayed in Tolbenny. They worked as a team to create this and also scared Mrs Sandy and Mrs Sanson with it!!

Tregeagle class have been building on their story writing. This has linked to stories about dragons. I witnessed all children creating their own story openings and using a wide range of vocabulary they have learnt from reading about dragons. They were able to show the reader what was happening, rather than telling them. They did this by using descriptive phrases.

I also saw year 5 and 6 working hard with their maths- interpreting pie charts and bar line charts. The children were deep in concentration for the whole session and were able to describe to each other, how they arrived at their answers.

Last week Tregagle visited Eden to discover more about space. They will be revisiting space in the summer term and tie this in when Tim Peake returns.

Our assemblies this month have focused on: new beginnings and new mindsets- how our brain affects our attitude, British values and what makes Great Britain great!

Safeguarding update: Please keep the main gates closed during school hours. If you are popping into school during the day, please close the gates as you have entered and when you leave.

On that note, many of you will be aware of the bomb hoax's that have happened across the country, including Cornish schools last week. We have an emergency evacuation plan and all staff have been reminded of this. We have policies in place and have reminded ourselves of these this week.

Pick up arrangements: When you pick up your child, it's great to see so many of you talking to us and each other. Please can you also keep a close eye on your children when you collect them. Since the gates are open at this time, we look after the children until we see you. We then hand over your children, so do not keep such a close eye on them once they are with you. Please consider your child's safety and continue to work with us.

Please wet comb or treat your child's hair for headlice in the February half term holiday, using the comb provided in October. By doing it all at the same time in the Autumn term, this seemed to help out with the headlice situation. Please take a moment during the holidays to do this. Thank you so much.

London trip for Year 5/6- please pay another installment by half term. We will have a meeting when we return in February to discuss more of the details.

We are continuing to work closely with local schools in our cluster in addition to Pelynt, these are Lanlivery, Darite and Polperro.

Forthcoming parents evening will be during the week commencing 14th March (please look out for letters home).

We sadly have to let you know that Claire Salt is leaving school to go on to pastures new – we know you are all going to miss her and we wish her all the very best with all she does in the future. We are currently making arrangements for a suitable replacement.

We are delighted to let you know that we have been communicating with a new street dance group/teacher and hope to have further details for you very soon.

Our morning club will still continue but on reduced days (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) – we had to take these measures because on some days no-one came in for the club at all – please be assured that we will be reviewing this provision each half term and will add/change days or decrease as required.

Canute remedial works – we are hoping that the contractors will start to dry line the walls to alleviate the damp in the classroom in the Easter Holidays – we will ensure you are fully updated on the works as and when they happen. Once these works are completed to our satisfaction we will be able to give you a firm date of when our new toddler group will be starting (we will be starting with one morning a week to begin with).

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 3rd February – Last Par Cross Country

Friday 5th February – Dogs Trust Assembly

Monday 8th February – Canute Class visit to Tesco

Tuesday 9th February – Chinese New Year Menu

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – **HALF TERM**

Thursday 25th February – Easter Themed Menu

Thursday 3rd March - Mothering Service at St Saviours Church

Wednesday 16th March – Fowey River Academy Science Theatre
Show at Polruan

Thursday 24th March – **INSET DAY**

EASTER HOLIDAY – **Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April**

Back to school on Monday 11th April 2016