



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

Spring Term – No. 2
11th March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Hopefully, after the storm, we are set to have some sunnier weather with Easter on its way. This is a very short term, with so much happening.

Learning

The children have been engrossed in their pirate topic which even spills out on to the playground. They have been learning about how pirates looted ships locally, how to paint using watercolours, how to weave a pirate flag amongst their inspired writing. Tregeagle have made so much progress with their ukulele's and we look forward to sharing this with you very soon. Canute have been singing their ten times tables and are very proud of this. They have their trip to Carnglaze Caverns next week and are really excited.

In assemblies, the children have been learning about what it means to be global citizens, recent special days ie St Pirans Day, Mothering Sunday and Fairtrade fortnight. Coming up, we will be focusing on staying healthy and The Easter Story.

Staff have been learning more about assessments and the new Government guidelines and also more about how the brain works. We have looked at the 7 habits of a healthy brain and how this impacts on the children. They are: sleep, move, nourish, calm, connect, challenge and believe. For further information, have a look at this website: <http://yourbrainhealth.com.au/these-are-the-7-habits-of-highly-healthy-brains-in-order-of-importance/>

We all have Health and Safety training next week. Mrs Trout is training to be a 'Health Champion'. We want to promote all aspects of health and wellbeing for children and adults. She will be training with staff from Pelynt, Lanllivery, Darite and Polperro.

Events

We had confirmation from Operation Shoe Box, thanking us for your kind donations that we sent at Christmas. The gifts lit up so many smiles on children's faces in Romania. Thank you to our PSA for organising this. It's so important that our children realise what is happening in the world around us.

Congratulations to our cross country runners and their continued effort. Ellen and George are through to the next round at Newquay. We wish them the very best of luck.

Your children were really pleased to be sharing a favourite book with some of you for World Book Day. It was a lovely atmosphere.

Our children helped at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning at St. Saviours' church last week. They served hot drinks and biscuits to the local community and even washed and dried up! Thank you for your contributions for the fairtrade goodies.

It was so lovely to see lots of you at the Mothering Service. I hope that you liked your posy of flowers and that your little ones looked after you at the weekend. Their drawing of you in the Newspaper were super!

Unfortunately, due to the works happening, we have had to postpone our Parent Voice Group. This will now be held after Easter- please keep an eye out for a re-arranged date.

Works at school

Thank you for your co-operation with the planned building works that will start in Canute next week. Damp proofing will take place with dry lining and ensuring that the room is fit for our children. We have already moved the children upstairs, so that we can iron out any teething problems, before the work begins. As mentioned previously,

please bring/collect all children upstairs until Easter. The building work is due to be completed by the end of the Easter holidays . We have sent out information about lunches yesterday – if your child didn't bring home their letter, please ask for a new one from the office.

As you all know, we have had problems with the heating over the last two weeks. To remedy this, contractors are in now, fixing the issue and making sure that the pipework is future proof- not just doing a temporary fix. The electric heaters are on and we thank you for your understanding with this as we certainly did not want to close school for any time.

Coming up

Sport Relief

On Friday 18th March 2016 - Dress up as your favourite 'Sports Hero' for a £1 to be donated to Sport Relief. There will also be some sporting activities at lunchtime for everyone !

Easter tea party

A flyer was sent home with all the children inviting Grandparents and older members of the community to our Easter Tea Party at school on Monday 21st March 2016 at 1.30pm.

Parents evening

Tregeagle Class - Monday 21st March 2016 - 3.30 to 7.00

Canute Class - Wednesday 23rd March 2016 - 3.30 to 4.30

If you have not already done so, please make an appointment to meet Mr Smith or Mrs Trout/Mrs Burns. We will again, have post it notes in books, where your child will have marked the work they are most proud of. You will have the opportunity to look through books and discuss your child's next steps that are written as comments in their books. As per last term, staff will discuss your child's overarching target based on their learning skills (tied in to our Learning powers) ie to manage their distractions/to develop their questioning/ to collaborate etc.

You will be informed how your child is progressing toward the End of Year expectation. This is what we have replaced levels with. Your child will be in one of four bands related to the End of Year expectation: Emerging, Developing, Secure or Exceeding.

After Easter, we will be running some sessions for parents to understand what happens in Year 2 and Year 6 with their SATs. Year 6 SATs week is Monday 9th May.

Reminders

The children look smart in their uniforms and we appreciate your support in making sure they come to school appropriately dressed. We understand that many of the older children wear nail varnish for special occasions or in the school holidays, but please remove this for school.

London Trip for Years 5/6. Please liaise with Joanna Sandy to pay as and when you can. We will meet again after Easter to go through more of the details. Thank you to everyone who is popping in regularly.

Please make sure that your child is in school for the start of the school day. The register is taken at 8:55am, with school doors open from 8:40am and morning club on offer Wednesdays to Fridays. The Educational Welfare Officer was concerned over some late arrivals and also a few attendance percentages. Please work with us, so that we can continue to do the very best for your children.

We are continuing to work with our local schools, with many staff learning from each other with expertise in SEN, English and Maths. These schools are: Pelynt, Lanlivery, Darite, Polperro and also with Looe, Wadebridge, Delaware and Gunnislake. We have more dates set, which will support staff with teaching and learning for example we are assessing work samples from children to make sure that our judgements are accurate.

We welcome support in school, so if you would like to help with reading, art, displays, fixing things, or anything, please pop in and let us know.

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

Thursday 17th March – Fowey River Academy Science Theatre
Show at Polruan

Canute Class visit to Carnglaze Caverns

Monday 21st March – 1.30pm Easter Tea Party (For Grandparents
and older members of the community)

Tregeagle Parent Consultations
(3.30 to 7.00)

Tuesday 22nd March – Tag Rugby at Fowey River Academy tbc
9.30 – Hall for Cornwall Choir Rehearsal
at Carclaze

Wednesday 23rd March 2016 – Easter Menu and
Exeter University Historian Helen Doe talking to Tregeagle Class
Canute Parent Consultations 3.30 to 4.30

**PSA Organised Easter Egg Hunt, Best Decorated Bonnet
Refreshments and Raffle (and prize for decorated egg picture –
sent home with the children 11.03.16)**

Thursday 24th March – INSET DAY
EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April
Back to school on Monday 11th April 2016

Here is a photograph of Canute Class BEFORE it has its long awaited 'makeover'
We cannot wait to see the finished room after Easter !!



Here we have the Heating Repairs in full swing – as of today (11.03.16) it is all up and working again - the pipe work just needs boxing in neatly now and this should be done next week.

