



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th September 2024

Latest News

What a great first full week of learning! I have had fantastic visits to each classroom this week and have been so impressed with children's engagement and enthusiasm. Our youngest children in nursery have been using incredible vocabulary to describe how they are feeling; reception children wowed me with their phonics knowledge – already recognising graphemes (letters) and knowing what sound (phoneme) they make - they have told me that they'll know four more this time next week! It is no wonder we have such fantastic phonics results coming out of key stage 1! Hedgehogs, Otters and Foxes have adapted really well to working in mixed year groups and I loved seeing them adding the suffix -ed to words. Up in KS2, Year 3 had a visit from the 'circus' to inspire their writing unit; Year 4 and 5 have been getting to grips with place value – reading and writing large numbers; lastly, I saw some fantastic science going on in year 6 where the children were learning all about the heart and the circulatory system – they were talking like scientific experts! And finally, children from across the school have been enjoying completing their mile-a-day; we're getting a well-trodden path around the perimeter of the field! Thank you to those that could make the Meet the Teacher presentations this week; do feel free to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher if you couldn't attend the event. There are some tired looking children around the site today – the first week is always an exhausting one! Try to encourage early nights over the weekend!

Mrs Gilbert



Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to two members of staff, Mr Newman and Ms Lawson, who are well known around the school but have taken on new roles this year, following a successful recruitment process in the Summer term. Having exceeded all the standards required to work as Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs), Mr Newman and Ms Lawson will be working across the school, covering classes when teachers have their planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. As with all staff, they work under the direction of the Headteacher but spend time liaising with class teachers about the needs of the whole class, as well as individuals. Welcome, and congratulations!

Uniform

Apologies that an incorrect item was listed on our poster. Children's school trainers (for PE) do NOT need to be black!

Some reminders:

Please refrain from smoking or vaping directly outside of school while children are being dropped off and picked up.

We are a phone-free site. Please keep them in your pockets while you are on the playground at drop off and pick up. Staff will ask you to put them away.

School Development News

Teachers in Y3, Y4 and Y5 have each received a day's training this week to support their delivery of our new writing framework.

Over the coming few weeks, all teachers will access bespoke training for their year group.

Jonathan Gower (School Improvement Officer) spent a morning with Mrs Gilbert this week, looking at the school development plan. He was impressed with the school environment; how settled the children were at playtime and lunchtime, as well as in classes; the enthusiasm and positivity of staff, and the safeguarding measures in place around the site.

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School Calendar

Term dates are available on our website.

Date	Extra-Curricular Events
Week beginning 16th Sept	After school clubs start this week
Week beginning 23rd Sept	Appledore Book Festival Author Visits
Week beginning Mon 28th Oct	Half Term Break
Monday 4th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th Nov	First day of Autumn 2 term
Friday 20th Dec	Last day of term
20th Dec – 5th Jan	Christmas Holiday Break
Monday 6th Jan	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 7th Jan	First day of Spring 1 term

Asthma/medical plans update

Has your child had a new/updated asthma or medical plan over the summer? Please let school know ASAP so we can update our records to ensure your child receives the best care. If your child no longer uses an inhaler/medication please also let us know.

Flu Vaccine

Flu Vaccine sign up deadline has been extended until Monday at 8pm. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: **DV148019**



Award Winners

Give it a Go Gertie

Arthur - Leopards

Persevering Pete

Paige S - Eagles

Improving Izzy

Sennen - Panthers
Oscar - Leopards

Non-Negotiable Ned

Carter - Butterflies

Concentrating Cuthbert

Noah - Eagles
Joseph - Panthers

Superpower Sam

Finley - Butterflies

Buddy the Bear

This week we had a visit from Cyra and Buddy the Bear. Children learnt about the important work of the Children's Hospice and found out more about the upcoming 2024 'Final Mile' event which we are supporting as a school.



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After School Club FAQ

"I don't need childcare until 6pm, can I collect earlier?"

Yes absolutely, we are open until 6pm, but you are welcome to collect any time before 6pm – whatever time suits you. A late fee will be applied to your account if you are later than 6pm, please see your policy for more information.

"With Wrap around care, I only need after school club? Does this matter?"

Not at all! You can book either Breakfast or After school club - or both if you need it.

"What activities will my child be doing?"

What won't they be doing! Each day will be different, but we will offer a range of activities including football, table tennis, a variety of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, board games, reading corner and a quiet area for them to do homework if they prefer.

"Will there be food and drink available?"

Yes! We will have a selection of snacks and drinks available to the children and also ask them to help make their own snacks with assistance.

"Do I have to book every day/week?"

No, you can book as and when needed when spaces allow. But if you do require regular sessions, please make sure you book as soon as possible.

"Can I use childcare vouchers?"

Absolutely! Please go via your normal childcare voucher scheme or contact the office for more support

"Who will be looking after my child?"

Great question, Gemma and Coral are our After School Club team, they are both DBS enhanced checked with training in safeguarding and First Aid, along with Food Hygiene and Allergy awareness. Most of the children will know Gemma as she is also our Kitchen Manager!

"How much is After School Club?"

We charge £7 each session, this includes all the activities and snacks - don't forget that you can use your childcare vouchers to get 20% off!

"I urgently need wrap around care for my child but I'm unable to book!"

Not a problem, please contact the office and we can book you a spot if there's space. Payment must be made online straight after booking with us, otherwise places will be freed up.

"Sounds great, but how do I book?"

You can book via the MCAS app, if you are having any trouble with booking, please pop in to see the office staff or give us a call.

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