



Newsletter Issue 13:15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Headteacher/Executive Headteacher Appointment

Some of you have noticed the advert on our school website regarding the leadership appointment for our school when I step down as Headteacher at the end of this academic year. Some parents have queried the change and what this will mean for our school. So to keep you all updated, Plymouth CAST decided to advertise for a further week within the Trust for either a Headteacher OR an Executive Headteacher (a leader of two schools.) Interviews will take place on the 18th and 19th March.

Class 3's Fairtrade Coffee Morning

I must congratulate Class 3 on the wonderful coffee morning they hosted last week during Fairtrade Fortnight. They clearly raised awareness of the injustice still prevalent for farmers and highlighted issues, gave persuasive, rousing and passionate speeches written by themselves and managed to raise £233.70 in a relatively short space of time! Over 50 people came along and participated in the morning's activities, so many thanks to you all. Please see below the letter received from Mary Bradley from the Falmouth Fair Trade Steering Group, praising the children for their efforts.

Donation received by Margaret Wright

Last week we received a very generous donation of £500 from Mrs Margaret Wright, aged 102 who is a parishioner at St Mary's Church. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking her for her very generous gift to our school. Our school has been of great interest and joy to Margaret, particularly in the last few years.

Outstanding Debts

I would like to thank those families who immediately responded positively to the personal calls regarding their outstanding debt for the cost of swimming, trips, school dinners and music lessons. In the current financial climate, the school is simply unable to carry any of these additional financial burdens, so I urge you to please pay these outstanding monies before we have to make decisions about whether we can continue to run such enrichment activities. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support for our school and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you need any clarity about the above, any concerns or worries and above all any positive feedback about our school!

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

March

18 th	Class 4 trip to Geevor Mine
20 th	Penitential Service Vision Awareness training for Reception Class
22 nd	Reception Class trip to Glendurgan Gardens
26 th	Parent Consultations
27-28 th	Class 5 residential to Carnyorth
27 th	Reception Class Act of Worship Y6 Student Detail Form for Falmouth School deadline
28 th	Songfest for Class 6 Choir @ Falmouth Methodist Church
29 th	Class 4 visit to Tregonigie Woods

April

2 nd	Parent Consultations Y3 Trip to Tregullas Farm
5 th	Last day of Spring Term
9 th	Go Active Holiday Club
11 th	Go Active Holiday Club
23 rd	Start of Summer Term

ADVANCE NOTICE OF INSET DAYS- 2019-20

Advance notice of INSET Days for the Academic Year 2019-20

4th September 2019

28th October 2019

6th January 2020

24th February 2020

1st June 2020

23rd July 2020

(Dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change and advance notice will be given of any changes.)

SPORTING NEWS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL!

Hockey League

The Year 5/6 hockey team lost 5-0 against King Charles on Wednesday 13th March. It was their first league match on Falmouth School's 3G pitch and they played really well for their first attempt as a team.

Scruffy Mutts

Congratulations to Amelia Fleet who has received a plaque to celebrate the 100 miles she has achieved in running over the past couple of years at the Penryn Trail Kids Club and also Sophia Grunwell who achieved 10 miles. Well done to both!

PAINT THE TOWN YELLOW

Well done to Class 2 who spread a little happiness whilst 'Painting the Town Yellow' on the first day of the Falmouth Spring Festival. They were great ambassadors for the school and many members of the public commented on their impeccable manners and how articulate they were when talking about the festival.



LENTEN DRESS DOWN THEMES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR OUR LENTEN CHARITIES. LAST WEEK WE RAISED £143.20 FOR MARY'S MEALS. FANTASTIC!

Each Friday during Lent the children have a themed dress down day and bring in a donation for charity. This year the school council has decided that it would like to raise money for a different charity each week. These are the charities and themes as decided by the School Council.

15 th March	Green Theme for NSPCC
22nd March	Wear pyjamas or rainbow colours for the Downs Syndrome Association
29th March	Wear denim or blue for CAFOD
5th April	Wear Easter Colours or Yellow for Penhaligon's Friends . Bring wellies for the Easter Egg Hunt.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have a child attending a school or 6th form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Cornwall Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as there is extra school funding available for all children who qualify. Please contact the school office in

NUN ON THE RUN!

We're really grateful for the financial and spiritual support we receive from the Parish. Sister Augustine, one of our greatest supporters and a parishioner, will be taking part in a Fun Run in Dorchester in May and has chosen to donate half of the sponsorship money to our school. Please find the sponsorship form attached and if you're able to contribute, please send your sponsorship money in a marked envelope to the school office.

LETTER FROM FALMOUTH FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP

Dear Class 3,

We are the group who work for Falmouth and the Town Council to promote the buying of Fairtrade products.

Yesterday, I came to your coffee morning. We, the steering group thank you all for your wonderful Fairtrade morning. It was great fun and lovely to hear you telling people why they should buy Fairtrade goods. Your speeches were great! And what a welcome you gave us, badges to wear, treats to buy and taste, a raffle, the bingo and banana balancing. Tasting the chocolate was a good idea and it was hard to choose which badge to buy as you made such lovely ones. Your fairtrade stall had some goods we'd not seen before.



So thankyou, thankyou. When we report back to the Town Council next month on what has been happening, we shall tell them all about your coffee morning, your hard work in preparing everything and to learning all about Fair Trade.

From

Mary, Pat and Maureen

Falmouth Fair Trade Steering Group

PS We like the booklet/leaflets you made which were on the tables for us to see.

SATs Tests- Class 6 and Class 2

National SATs week for Year 6 pupils across the country begins on the 13th May. It is really important that they are in school every day during this week and prior to this week as they prepare for the tests.

Class 2 will also be completing tests this year during the week beginning the 13th May, which will contribute to their teacher assessment. Again, it is important that they are in school every day during this week.

Class 1

The Phonics Screening check takes place in June and it is important that your child is in school every day during this month. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

A reminder of the emergency school closure procedure is as follows. We strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parent's mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office.

Alternatively, log on to our school website for the latest details about emergency closure.

www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected.

MUSIC PROVISION

Can I gently remind parents that the small voluntary contribution of £1 per lesson for one child and those families with more than one child, 75p per child per session is paid into ParentPay as soon as possible. This will ensure the success of the Music pilot and continued specialist music provision. Due to a number of enquiries from parents regarding cost, letters will be sent home next week to clarify this.

Class 5's lessons commenced after Half Term and the class thoroughly enjoyed the lesson delivered by Steven Hawker.

Reception Class and Class One's specialist sessions will commence after Easter..

I'd like to thank those who have already started to contribute and to thank you for your support regarding this.

FUNDRAISING HALF MARATHON

We all know someone who has had the wonderful services of Cornwall Hospice Care. Every year I run a fundraising Concert in Falmouth for CHC to help this amazing charity. This spring I will be running something a little different! So please follow the link below to support me and CHC by way of sponsoring my challenge if you can.....

<https://chcl.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/gareth-churcher>

Many thanks - Gareth Churcher

COMMUNITY EVENT

A group of Eden Project Learning students are putting on a fun and educational day at Potager Gardens near Falmouth. The event, Bees, Seas and Trees will take place on 17th April, between 11am to 3pm and will consist of workshops, storytelling and a treasure hunt.

Families are invited to come along. Please wear clothing that you don't mind getting mucky and you are encouraged to bring along a packed lunch, although light refreshments will be available at Potager Gardens.

This a free event however donations for Potager and Sufers Against Sewage would be greatly appreciated.



AT POTAGER GARDENS, FALMOUTH

BEES, SEAS & TREES

See how you can make a change!

11AM - 2PM
17TH APRIL 2019.

[https://www.facebook.com/events/
1035500699971402/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1035500699971402/)

CHARITY EVENT WITH STORYTELLING, TREASURE
HUNT, ECO WORKSHOPS, FACE PAINTING & MORE

