



Newsletter Issue 14:29th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Once again, the funding crisis in schools has featured again in the national media and simply cannot be ignored. Every school is affected, with staff cuts and many reductions in resourcing generally. Despite these financial constraints, our school is trying to continue to fund all the wonderful educational opportunities we believe our pupils benefit from alongside a reduced budget. I would like to thank to you all for your continued support regarding this.

We break up for the Easter break next Friday at the normal finishing time, so I would like to wish you all a restful couple of weeks. The Summer Term begins on Tuesday 23rd April.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns or worries and above all any positive feedback about our school!

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

DIARY DATES

April

- 2nd Parent Consultations
- Y3 Trip to Tregullas Farm
- 5th Easter Egg Hunt
- Class 3 & 4 Fun swimming lesson
- Lenten Dress Down Day - Wear Yellow or Easter colours for Penhaligon Friends
- Last day of Spring Term - finish @ normal time
- 9th & 11th Go Active Holiday Club
- 23rd Start of Summer Term
- Reception & Y1 Music provision Starts
- 24th Y5 Lifeskills Event @ Falmouth fire Station

May

- 1st Y1 Trip to Pendennis Castle
- 2nd RNLI Beach Safety Assembly for KS2
- 3rd Y3 & Y4 Summer Term swimming commences
- 13th - 16th SATs week for Y6
- 19th First Holy Communion Mass, St Mary's Church @ 10.45am
- 21st FOSMs Bags for Schools @ 9am

22 nd	Sports Day
24 th	FOSMs Coin Trail
27 th - 31 st	HALF TERM

June

3 rd -5 th	Y6 Porthpean Residential
10 th	Phonics Screening check week for Y1
14 th	Tempest Photography Class & Team photos
20 th	Penryn College Induction Day Y6
28 th	FOSMs Summer Fayre

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.)

LENTEN DRESS DOWN THEMES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR OUR LENTEN CHARITIES. OUR LAST THREE DRESS DOWN DAYS RAISED £127.60 FOR DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, £184.74 FOR NSPCC and £105.18 FOR CAFOD- FANTASTIC!

Each Friday during Lent the children have a themed dress down day and bring in a donation for charity.

For 5th April - wear Easter colours or yellow for **Penhaligon's Friends**. Remember to 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 they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. Please contact the school office in confidence for further details.

SPORTING NEWS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL!

HOCKEY LEAGUE

Our team unfortunately lost to St Francis 1-0 in the last match of the season. There was a good team effort during the league and we came 3rd overall.

FOSMs

BAGS FOR SCHOOLS- Tues 21st May at 9am

Please start collecting unwanted clothes/shoes etc and put in the bags which will be sent home shortly. Please can we ask you not to bring in bags until the day of the collection as we have no storage available.

COIN TRAIL - Friday 24th May pm

Please could everyone start collecting copper and silver coins so our children can make a picture out of the coins. The theme this year will be revealed nearer the time! This fundraiser has grown from year to year and enjoyed by pupils and staff. Let's make it the one to remember, so start collecting now!

SUMMER FAYRE - after school on Friday 28th June

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.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING HALF MARATHON

Congratulations to our Chair of Governors who completed the half marathon in one hour 32 minutes. Thanks to all who sponsored him and raising funds for Cornwall Hospice Care.

GOVERNORS

If you would like to consider supporting our school by becoming a School Governor, please contact Mrs Pipkin (Clerk to Governors), in the School Office.

WELL DONE

A BIG congratulations are sent to Kinga, Maisy, Milly for doing brilliantly at the Cornwall Music Festival. Kinga won her class, Milly and Maisy were in the same class and came 1st and 2nd and also won a 1st in their duet.

REMINDER

If your child has borrowed a swimming costume/trunks and towel from school, we would greatly appreciate their return. Thank you!

