



The Liskeard Hillfort Primary School
Newsletter
for pupils, staff and parents

22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and have had a good week. New processes are beginning to be embedded in school, as the year is now well under way. I hope that parents/carers are finding it easy to engage with Class Dojo so that they can see how children are getting reward points. You can also contact the class teacher directly through the programme. I would encourage any parent/carer without the log-in details to get in touch with the class teacher. We can easily provide these!

As I mentioned in my last note, we have introduced a new package to support the teaching of Maths in the day – Effective Maths. This has had a really positive start. We have also signed-up to ‘Mathletics’ – a computer programme that enables children to learn Maths online, whether it be at home or in school. Children should have come home with log-in details this week, and ideally, they are already getting ‘stuck in’! If any parent is missing the log-in details, again, please just ask the classroom teacher.

You may see our school featured in the local press over the next few days. Having been successful in the Tesco ‘Bags for Life’ campaign, our community allotment is progressing. We have now had the cheque hand over, so the next step is for the school to create the allotment pitches and to install the fencing. In the meantime, if any parent, grandparent or community member would like to take responsibility for (a) their own pitch (b) supporting a class with their pitch, then do let the office know and we will start our waiting list!

In this newsletter you will also find a ‘Gooseberry tip’. To support our teaching of e-safety, we are working with Gooseberry Planet (<http://gooseberryplanet.com/parents/>). This partnership will help to ensure that children have engaging lessons, using computer games, to understand safe online behaviour. For parents (and for some of us, me included, our children might know more about computers than we do!) The tips are there to offer a helpful way of being kept informed. I hope that you find the tips useful.

Collectively, all of these packages together are helping to ensure consistency across all of our classrooms.

I was delighted to see Mrs Eyre’s letter to all parents this week. All children will have access to a residential trip this year and I hope that by letting parents know what the residential trips will be at the start of the year, it gives everyone the chance to save in advance. If money issues are a concern, then please do get in touch with me directly (on the gate or via email) and the matter will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Hopefully, having this information a long time in advance might make life a little easier. On an ongoing basis we continue with our commitment to ‘Amazing Openings, Fantastic Finishes and Exciting Residentials’. We hope to hook children in with super moments that children will remember for many years to come. Next week, we look forward to school trips to Golitha Falls and to exciting castles!

Finally, we all look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for the Macmillan coffee morning (Friday).

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Dr Tim Cook
Principal



Childrens' University Literacy Event: On 12th September, 24 of our pupils from Years 4 and 5 visited Truro and Penwith College for a presentation by the children's author, David Lawrence Jones. Following this thoroughly enjoyable and engaging event, our children returned to Hillfort inspired to write their own short adventure stories.

David Lawrence Jones writes fantasy adventure stories, basing character, place and even some event description on his own personal experiences with some influences from other writers. With Mr. Conway, we are going to plan a short adventure story of our own, using Mr. Lawrence's planning method. Once the final story is completed we will be entering it into a competition being organised by Children's University South West.



Attendance: Each week the class with the highest attendance gets to look after CJ Bear from Commando Joe. We aim to achieve greater than 96% each week which is the national and county attendance target.



Class Attendance: 06/09/2017 –08/09/2017
Whole School Attendance: 96.28%

Rockets	96.3%	Stars	100%
1ET	99.31%	1BH	99.31%
2SW	100%	2NB	91.67%
3RK	94.87%	3DW	97.83%
4SM	97.62%	4CH	91.95%
5ML	97.78%	5HB	94.23%
6VM	95.24%	6JF	94.05%

Well done to the KS1 joint winners of CJ Bear award, the Stars and Class 2SW both with 100%, a fantastic achievement! Well done also to the KS2 winners Class 3DW.

Class Attendance: 11/09/2017 –15/09/2017
Whole School Attendance: 96.84%

Rockets	98.89%	Stars	97.69%
1ET	99.17%	1BH	95%
2SW	97.78%	2NB	99.2%
3RK	98.85%	3DW	99.13%
4SM	95.71%	4CH	94.14%
5ML	92.72%	5HB	97.69%
6VM	98.52%	6JF	92.86%

Well done to the joint KS1 winners, Class 1ET and Class 2NB. For the second week running, Mr Williams' class are the winners of the KS2 attendance trophy. Fantastic effort everyone!



Late Gate: A Local Authority Officer will be doing spot checks for lateness over the coming weeks. Please ensure that your child is in school on time by the registration bell at 8.55am.



Once again we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, on Friday 29th September. Our PTA will, as ever, be enthusiastically setting our main hall up as the venue – with teas and coffees aplenty! Contributions for refreshments will all be collected for Macmillan Cancer Nurses. Parents are welcome to come in to school once they have dropped their children off, with a finish time of 11am.

We would invite parents and carers to send cakes in advance (via class teachers or the office) or to bring along cakes on the day. No contribution is too small as ideally, we will be able to ensure that every child in the school gets a cake that day.

We will also be launching our own café that day too. We will be setting up a tea/coffee trolley with cakes/biscuits available throughout the year, run on an 'honesty box' basis. We hope to turn our front reception area into a space where parents are welcome to spend some time, especially on rainy days! Then, in due course, we hope to run activities such as "Arts'n'Crafts" as well as a community shop. In that shop, we might sell produce that children grow in the allotments or invite charitable partners into the atrium to set up a stall!

We look forward to seeing you next Friday!

Tempest Photography: Tempest Photography will be in school on **Wednesday 4th October** to take individual and family portraits. We will ensure that photographs are taken of siblings together who are in school. If you would like a photograph of your child with a pre-school aged sibling/s, these can be taken from 8.00am to 8.45am in the main hall on a first-come-first-served basis.



Reception Admissions for 2018: If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2018. The application deadline is **23:59 on 15th January 2017**. For further application details go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or telephone 0300 1234 101

Secondary School Admissions for September 2018: If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a place in Year 7 in a secondary school for September 2018. The application deadline is **23:59 on 31st October 2016**. Further application details as above.

Gooseberry Parent 'Thoughts' of the week:



Social media plays a big part in sharing information quickly online. It can be difficult to know what to believe. If your child has seen something online or in the real world, take time to speak with them about it. This might be particularly important after an upsetting local, national or global event. Your child may read information, watch videos online and hear comments that might need explaining. Using a variety of reliable and trusted sources to check information can help you to form an opinion and explain difficult information. This can help reduce the risk of false and fake news and encourage your child to check facts for themselves.

Breakfast Club

Come and join us for Breakfast club, available from 7.30am in the hall where children can enjoy breakfast and then fun activities. Choose from a variety of cereal, crumpets, toast, bagels, yoghurts and a selection of fruit. For booking please see the office for registration forms and more information.

£2.50 per session from 7.30am or £2 from 8.00am.



Wrap-around Care:

Did you know that we offer the facility of wrap around care which runs from 3.15 until 6.00pm. At wrap around the children can enjoy crafts, games, indoor and outdoor activities, plus we also provide a varied healthy snack which consists of sandwiches, fruit, sausage rolls and salad etc. Please contact the office for booking forms and more information.

Diary Dates

September

Wednesday 27th		Restormel Castle Trip Year 2
Wednesday 27th	2.45pm	6VM Class assembly
Wednesday 27 th	6.00pm	Open Evening at Liskeard School for Year 4, 5 and 6

October

Tuesday 3 rd		Golitha Falls Trip Year 3
Wednesday 4 th		Tempest photography to do individual and family portraits
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th		6JF Delaware Residential trip
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th		6VM Delaware Residential trip
Friday 20 th		Break-up for half-term
Monday 30 th		INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 31 st		Pupils return to school after the half-term break

November

Wednesday 1 st		4SM Swimming lessons commence
Wednesday 1 st	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd	4.00pm – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28 th		Flu immunisation programme for Reception and Years 1-4

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OPEN EVENING

All primary students and parents welcome!

Wednesday 27th September
6pm-8.30pm

Presentation by Head Teacher Alex Lingard at 7pm, New Hall

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