



NEWSLETTER

5 May 2022

Dear Parents and carers

Happy belated Easter and welcome to the first half of the summer term. With the weather improving, we have had lots of opportunities to learn outdoors, and it has been wonderful to see children using the outside environment both for their play and for their learning. Year Six have been busily preparing for their SATs which will take place next week. Children seem very prepared for this, and I am sure they will be successful. There will be a few areas which will be restricted to just Year Six during this week, but this should not affect other year groups.

I am very excited to announce that we will be reopening the pre-school in September for children aged 3 and over. Initially, we will offer mornings only but as people sign up, we may be able to offer more times. We will be recruiting our pre-school manager next week and I will give more information at that time. If you would like your child to attend Trekenner Pre School, you can collect an admissions form from the office. Spaces are limited so do fill in your form sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

School attendance is improving so thank you so much for all of your help with this. It is, however, still much lower than it was last year. Please may I remind you that it is important that children only miss time from school if absolutely needed. Often, if children feel a little unwell in the morning parents are opting to keep them home whereas actually, they are probably well enough to be in school. There has been some recent anecdotal research which suggests that this shift in threshold is left over from the pandemic which is understandable. Our advice to all of you is for children to come into school- even if they are feeling a little under the weather because 9 times out of 10, they end up perking up and are fine. In any situation where children come in feeling a little unwell and they don't perk up or present as being too unwell to be in school, we would always call you. There is a direct correlation between children's attendance and the progress they make in school so I really hope everyone can help us to continue to improve attendance across the school so that everyone reaches their target of maintaining 95% attendance across the year.

As a final note, I wanted to assure everyone that arrangements for school leadership and staffing next year are all in hand. Mandy Precious, Chair of Governors, will write to you all to confirm details in due course.

Enjoy and sunny weekend.

Marc Wheeler

Headteacher

DIARY DATESto cut out and keep!

| May | |
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| 9th | SATS week |
| 19th | School census day |
| 23rd | RSPCA visit |
| 25th – 27th | KS2 Residential Trip. Fun activities in school |
| 27th | Break up for half term |
| June | |
| 6th | School closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday |
| 7th | School re-opens |
| 9th | Jubilee Celebrations |
| 10th | Duchy College Cross Country |

Please note, dates are added to the diary all the time as staff consistently try to adapt provision and plan new learning experiences for children as they become available so please keep an eye on class dojo for any updates.

Parent communications.



Newsletters are now going to be monthly rather than fortnightly. We will endeavour to ensure all relevant information is on the newsletter well in advance but when additional things come up, we will use the dojo platform to share this with you. Please also remember that you can use this platform to communicate with both your class teacher and Mr Wheeler if needed.

SATS

These will take place during the week beginning May 9th so it is important that all children are in school during this period - unless they are really ill of course! **It is also very important for children to arrive on time** and they have the opportunity to come in early for the SATS breakfast club. Year 2 will be completing KS1 tasks as well during May.

Suntan Cream During the Summer term it's important that children come to school wearing a high factor suncream and bring hats to wear outside. They should also bring their own labelled bottle of suntan lotion so they can reapply it as needed throughout the day.

Comic Relief

Thanks for all donations made to Comic Relief, we raised £74 for good causes.

Thanks from Mrs Collings

Mrs Collings has asked me to write and thank parents, friends of the school and pupils for her fantastic send off at the end of the Spring Term. She was overwhelmed with the gifts and cards she received. Thanks also go to Mrs Dingle for making a lovely cake and Mrs Barnes, the school cook for providing a delicious buffet after school.

Mary Crew 1925-2022

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mary Crew at the grand old age of 97. Over the years she has been a friend of the school and worked hard to help make the Lezant Horticultural Show the success it was. A particularly memorable Trekenner school class entry was when the children were asked to do a portrait of Mary, with some spectacular results.

Barton Hall Residential

Mr Lewin will be sharing the details of the trip today, at the after school meeting. The information will also be available to those who were unable to attend. For the children remaining in school we have organised 3 days of fun, team building activities.

Friends of Trekenner School

Our FOTS team is always on the lookout for new members. Many thanks to Steph Williams who has taken on the role of Treasurer. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Kelly or Helen. I'm sure offers of help for the Duck Race would be much appreciated. All parents and carers are very welcome to come along to any meetings and to help plan fundraising activities.

School Meals



The current menu continues after Easter and in addition children will be able to choose the option of a packed lunch.

Having a healthy meal in school helps to aid children's concentration and engagement in the afternoon. Please remember that children in Squirrel class are entitled to a free school dinner.

For children in Key Stage Two the cost is £2.50, but this is great value for money and the tasty meals that our wonderful cook Caroline provides for us really is worth the money!

School dinners can be booked on the day through your child's class teacher.

It would be helpful if all dinner money, or indeed any money, could be brought into school clearly labelled with the child's name and what it is for.

Please can all outstanding dinner and swimming money be sent to the office as soon as possible.

Next Newsletter during week commencing: 6th June 2022

VOUCHERS / TOKENS / PRINTER CARTRIDGES:

Your help with these collections will be very much appreciated.....

| Store / Product | What we Get | Scheme Ends |
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| Printer Cartridges | A new scheme run by The Recycling Factory is now operating. However, only small inkjet cartridges can be recycled mainly Hewlett Packard, Epson, Dell Kodak, Samsung and Canon | Open ended |

Equality To keep up with the constant changes in current legislation, we are asked to measure the impact of our equality schemes. If you would like to be involved in this process, please contact me. If you feel that you or your children are ever treated unfairly in any way, please make sure that I know about it. I would also like to remind you that if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time, appointments can be made with the teachers at the office.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or young person, there is a new telephone number at Cornwall Council – 03001231116. All calls will be handled by a professional social worker who will listen to the concerns and decide what action needs to be taken. Alternatively, please speak to Mr Wheeler who is our designated Safeguarding Officer.

If you have any comments concerning the school, please enter them in the box below and return it to Mr Wheeler. Thank you.

***Should you wish to contact the school the telephone number is 01579 370435
or email secretary@trekenner.net***

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