



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and carers

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I hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations. We have certainly been celebrating this week with cooking, dancing, crafts, traditional British games and our very own Jubilee party. Children and adults alike have had a great time and it was wonderful to see children having some very memorable experiences.

The last month has been extremely busy. Both Year Six and Year Two completed their SATs; we have had the Year Six writing moderation validating pupils' writing levels; Year One have completed their phonics screen; Years 4-6 attended residential at Barton Hall and the rest of the school had activity days in school and there have been a wide range of other wonderful experiences for children. I am very pleased to be able to announce that 82% of children in Year Six met expected standard for writing- a result which was externally moderated by the Local Authority and so it is extremely accurate. We are so proud of our children for achieving this amazing result which is actually the best writing result the school has had since the establishment of the new expectations in 2016. In the backdrop of COVID, we are immensely proud of this as it shows the impact of all of the school improvement works we have been doing over the last two years; work which will continue under the new headteacher.

Additionally, before the end of last half term, the school had a safeguarding audit. It was revealed from this that our child protection practices were extremely good, that we know children and families well and that we have a strong focus on pupils' welfare. There were a couple of areas where we can develop around filing systems in the office for staff information and around site accessibility which we are already addressing. This audit confirmed that it is essential that we have greater means to control access to the school during school hours. This is something the governors and I have been working on in the background since the start of this year and I can announce that we will be having a perimeter fence put around the school. I know there will be mixed emotions about this, but it will give an additional level of safety which I feel is extremely important. This work will hopefully be completed before the Autumn term. If any of you would like to discuss this with me, I am more than happy to do so.

Another point that has come to my attention is that there have been some concerns raised around the lack of male staff members in school from next September. I would like to point out that a large number of primary schools (the last statistic I saw was 33%) have no male members of staff. These schools function extremely effectively and so will Trekener. In terms of things like swimming, we would utilize male volunteers to support this and we have male role models such as our external PE teachers from ARENA and our football coaches which come into school. Based on this, I honestly do not feel that you need to be concerned. However, if you do wish to discuss any further concerns related to staffing next year, I am more than happy to have a conversation with you.

The next month and a half will be extremely busy. We will be rehearsing for our end of year performance which will be performed by the whole school. We also have our Relationship and Sex Education sessions with children this term. I will send out our RSE policy along with letters later today and there will be an opportunity for you to come in and review the resources and content of lessons should you wish. Furthermore, we will be having a range of other events such as trips; collapsed curriculum days and much more. I have been struggling to post on facebook of late due to some issues

with my school computer, but we will endeavor to post photographs either on facebook or Dojo so that you can see the wonderful experiences that children are having.

Marc Wheeler

Headteacher

DIARY DATESto cut out and keep!

June	
15th	Whole School trip to the Eden Project
21st	Class School Photos
29-30th	Year 6 Bikeability (group 1)
July	
8th	Sports Day 1.30pm
11-12th	Year 6 Bikeability (group 2)
15th	Reserve Sports Day
18-19th	Year 6 Transition Days at Launceston College
18th	Whole school transition day
22nd	Summer Performance 1.30pm
22nd	Last day of summer term
25-26th	Inset Days
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.

Sports Day - Sports day will be held on Friday 8th July and parents, carers and friends are all welcome to come and support from 1.30pm. In case of bad weather we have reserved a second date of Friday 15th July.

Sun Cream During the Summer term it's important that children come to school wearing a high factor sun cream 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.

Bikeability We are very lucky to have Tony Walters return to the school in July to run bikeability sessions for our Year 6's. Official permission forms and information will be sent home shortly.

Sports Day On Friday 8th July, weather permitting, we will be holding a sports day. All parents and friends are welcome to watch the events from 1.30pm. Please ensure that all children come to school in PE kit as they will be taking part in group activities in the morning. All children should have sun hats available and have sun cream applied before they arrive at school. Children will also need to have enough drink - not fizzy - for the day. The reserve date is 15th July.

Year 6 Transition to Launceston College - further information will be provided on this closer to the day. However, children will be required to be dropped off at the college before school and collected from the college at the end of the day. Sometimes children are able to travel on the school bus with their siblings but it is your responsibility to arrange this. We will send information about specific times, meeting points etc. as soon as these are sent to us.

Transition days- We will be having a whole school transition day on Monday 18th July. This will be a chance for children to spend a day in their new class and meet their new teachers. The new headteacher will be coming in for that day so children will have a chance to meet her. The new head has informed me that Squirrel class will be taught by Mrs Mead and Mrs Humphries; Badger class will be taught by Miss West and Owl class will be taught by Mrs Jeffery. Mrs Mead has said she will send out a formal letter informing you of the full staffing including TAs in due course.

Building works- please remember that as of next week, parking at school will be even more restricted due to building works. It would be really helpful if we could ensure children are dropped off straight away when you arrive at school in the morning to avoid the need for cars to be parked up for too long. This will hopefully help a better flow of traffic. We will endeavor to dismiss as quickly as possible at the end of the day to help this as well after school. Please also remember there is a window for drop off and collection: 8:40-9 in the morning and 3:15-3:30 in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, because of the volume of building works, the construction of the sensory garden will need to be delayed. It will still be happening, it is just impossible to do it when everything else is going on. It will hopefully be completed in the Autumn ready for children to enjoy next year.

School Meals

Building works commence on Monday 13th June and our own school kitchen will be closed. Mrs Barnes will be bringing in lunches from another school. There will be a simplified menu but the daily ordering system will be the same.



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.

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: 4th July

VOUCHERS / TOKENS / PRINTER CARTRIDGES:

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

Store / Product	What we Get	Scheme Ends
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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All providers have confirmed that they hold all necessary accreditation, qualifications and insurance to organise and run the events and activities described. No duly appointed officer of Cornwall Council has inspected these services and parents must make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the providers before engaging their services. In all the circumstances, neither the school nor

Cornwall Council will accept any liability arising out of those events.