



NEWSLETTER

12th March 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back! It has been a long time since we have all been together at school, but I am so pleased to say that this week, it has been as if lockdown had never happened. Children have been following their golden promises, showing excellent learning behaviours and it has been wonderful seeing them all laughing and smiling with their friends. I am proud of each one of them for such a fabulous first week at school and it has been so lovely to see our school "family" together again at last. I must say that the children's ability to fit back into school life so quickly is a testament to the fantastic engagement that they had with remote learning over the lockdown. Please let me thank you all once again for the significant contribution you made to this. I know it has not been easy - especially for those of you who have been working - but the hard work has really paid off and is evident in the progress children have continued to make over the period.

We started our week with a fantastic "Let's Get Active" which was organised for us by Mr Horn. During this day, children had the opportunity to develop their learning powers through a range of sporting activities. We were extremely lucky with the weather and the day was enjoyed by all. As I explained in my last letter to you all, our focus for the next few weeks is on hooking children back into their learning and supporting them to re-establish their learning behaviours. Across the school a wide range of exciting activities have been taking place, including children creating their own adverts to protect endangered animals, some fantastic drama activities, and lots of play-based learning. This was all topped off by a belated World Book Day celebration on Thursday. I must say that despite the lockdown, children's costumes were as amazing as always and I would like to thank all our families for their efforts in providing outfits for the children. We had a fabulous day exploring various books, authors and developing our love of reading.

Sadly, we have been informed that Mr Daniels, our next-door neighbour, died recently. Mr Daniels was a familiar figure to many of our children and their families as he tended his garden. We will miss him and send our condolences to his family.

During the lockdown, we said goodbye to Mr Smith and Miss Collier as they completed their placements. We wish them both luck for the future. We now have three new student teachers at the school Miss Grant, Miss Szorny and Miss Sandercock, who will be with us for the remainder of this term.

I have included a reminder of the current guidelines at the end of the newsletter in case anyone did not see it on Class Dojo.

Marc Wheeler
Headteacher

DIARY DATESto cut out and keep!

March	
19 th	Comic Relief Day
April	
1 st	Last Day of School
19 th	Inset Teaching Day
20 th	School reopens to all pupils

SCHOOL MEALS:

We are delighted to have Mrs Barnes back in the kitchen cooking our lunches for us. Please don't forget that **all** of **Squirrels Class** are entitled to a Free School Meal every day. We are currently on the same menu as last term. All dietary requests can be accommodated.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to be able to offer Breakfast Club once again. Currently it is running regularly between 8:15am - 8:45am and has two children participating. This means that the cost is £3 per child without breakfast. If numbers rise, the cost will drop, making this is very cost effective childcare, for those parents who need it.

We can provide care earlier than this if necessary - there would be a slight additional cost if it was required. Please contact the office if you wish to enrol your child for any day. The club is being run by Mrs Dingle.

Friends of Trekenner School

Although it seems like a long time ago, FOTS would like to thank everyone who was involved with the Christmas Hamper draw – if you donated items, collected items from businesses, sold tickets or helped to make the Hampers, thank you very much. We made £340 which considering it was organised at very short notice was incredible. We are also delighted to announce that the Jo Downes vase, which won by Helen Nash, raised £42 and the Christmas Fayre made £123. Thank you once again to everyone who supported our fund raising in any way. And finally, Mrs Jones was especially delighted to win the hamper donated by Tesco!!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the school lottery. We are delighted that we have reached our initial target of 50 players. We are now guaranteed a weekly prize of £20 in addition to the £25000 jackpot and the range of other prizes on offer. It is not too late to sign up as the more people who join, the higher our weekly prize will be. This is open to all our 'friends' and not just our parents, so please spread the word amongst the local community.

Please follow the link below to the School Lottery website.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/trekenner-primary-school?fbclid=IwAR1QFmu2UFSdGCjOvCBenT0UV4bBdsJWD4PxhByTq5BvyZzUrU8sGoJMDk8>

Comic Relief

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold our traditional range of fund raising for Comic Relief this year.

However, we would still like to support the charity. Therefore, on Friday 19th March, we are happy to see children wearing anything red or anything in keeping with the sentiments of Comic Relief. Minimum donation of £1 per child.

Friday is also PE day for Badgers and Owls, so please bear this in mind as the 'red' clothes should be appropriate for PE too.

Summary of our current Covid Regulations

- Any children or adults that have symptoms of COVID are asked not to come into school. They should seek a test and follow NHS isolation rules. If a child shows symptoms of COVID during the day, they will be moved into the library where they will be looked after at a distance by a member of staff until someone can collect them.
- All adults will always wear face coverings when in communal areas in school. This includes in the classroom. We are not going to be asking children to wear face coverings in school because research shows that face coverings in young children can do more harm than good. However, if you wish for your child to wear a covering, it will be permitted.
- We will have a bubble system operating with Key Stage One and Key Stage two acting as separate bubbles. These bubbles will have different start/ finish times, play in separate areas and will not interact at all throughout the day. Details of staggered starts/ finishes are below.
- Although Owls and Badgers will remain as one class in the afternoon, we will keep consistent groups to minimise contacts. This will include the children staying in their own classroom and consistent seating arrangements.
- Like before, social distancing is not a requirement in primary schools. Squirrels and Badgers will not be expected to socially distance because the negatives to this outweigh the positives in terms of how children of this age learn. Owls class will be encouraged to socially distance where possible but for activities where this is not possible, we will minimise close contact to below 15 minutes as is recommended by Public Health Cornwall.
- All staff in school will now be completing LFT tests twice a week on a Sunday and a Wednesday. This will provide an additional protective measure ensuring that we can act quickly to avoid cases potentially spreading in school.
- There will be no sharing of regularly used equipment between children. To help with this, we request that children bring in their own pencil cases with a pencil, ruler, rubber and colouring pencils. Please could children also bring their own water bottle as usual so we can limit use of cups.
- We will continue to follow enhanced hygiene measures including frequent hand washing, washing of regularly used equipment and surfaces.
- Children should wear uniform as usual but on PE days they can wear their PE kit to school to avoid the need for changing.

Key Stage 1 arrival 8:50-9

Children should be dropped at the main gate where they will be directed into the classroom by an adult.

Key Stage 1 collection 3:15-3:25

Children should be collected from their classroom door.

Key Stage 2 arrival 8:45-8:55

Key Stage 2 Collection 3:20-3:30

There is an overlap of 5 minutes to allow for siblings in the same class to be dropped off at the same time. If you do not have children in different classes children in Key Stage 2 should arrive as close to 8:45 as possible and children in Key Stage 1 arrive as close to 9 as possible.

Next Newsletter during week commencing: 22nd March 2021

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.