



NEWSLETTER

8th March 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term – although the weather is certainly not Spring-like. Please make sure that every child has warm outdoor coats, hats and gloves with them every day while we are in the middle of this very cold weather.

The decision to close the school on Thursday and Friday was not an easy one to make. Careful consideration was given to all the weather conditions and to all the surrounding roads. Ultimately the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff at the school are my major concern. We discovered that the Pre-School had frozen pipes and received a red weather warning for nearby Devon, so therefore we could not open. Once the decision had been made we were able to notify all the local radio stations via County Hall very quickly and subsequently parents were informed of the situation. We also gave updates of the conditions on the school's website, which many of you used. I am pleased to report that not a single child arrived at the school on Thursday, which was a great relief and also meant that our advice to regularly check the website was followed. Thank you to all our families and friends for helping to make sure that everyone was aware of the situation.

We would also like to apologise as this newsletter was due to be given to parents on Thursday, which obviously was not possible.

Many of our children have been affected by illness recently. Please advise the school on the first morning of illness. The guidelines from Public Health England for sickness and diarrhoea are that children should stay away until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours.

We are sorry to report that Mrs Dodge is still not able to return to work. We send her our best wishes and hope that she soon feels better. We are hopeful that she will return soon but in the meantime we will continue with our current teaching arrangements for Squirrels Class in order to maintain continuity.

We have been contacted by Tamar Housing, who have a flat for rent in the Parish. More information is enclosed with the newsletter and please pass this information on to anyone who you think maybe interested.

Also enclosed are the World Book tokens for children to obtain their free books.

This is now a shorter newsletter than normal and a full one will follow next week.

David Reardon
Headteacher

DIARY DATESto cut out and keep!

March	
16 th	STEM Science Day – Parents invited anytime during the day
21 st	Away Football Match v St Catherine's
22 nd	Football Tournament at Tregadillett School
23 rd	Sport Relief Day
23 rd	Duchy Cross Country
29 th	Last day of School – no after school sports club
April	
16 th	School reopens to pupils



Pre-School & Hedgehog News

We hope that all our families managed to stay safe during the recent snow. We very quickly realised on Thursday morning that the Pre-School pipes were frozen, which made closure inevitable. A very big thank you to Mrs Davies who constantly monitored the situation ensuring that we did not suffer any flood damage.

Years 5 & 6 Cream Tea Afternoon Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Cream Tea afternoon on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many of our families and friends join us at the school



Stem Activity Day We will be holding a Science, Technology, Engineering & Making Day on 16th March for the whole School. In preparation, we would be grateful for any **newspapers, CD's, milk bottle tops and shoe boxes** (with removable lid) to help with our construction. Thank you.

We would like to invite parents to join us any time during the day – just pop into your child's class and join in.

Friends of Trekenner School

We were delighted to receive £20 for the Launceston Rugby tickets. Thank you to Sam Wonnacott for co-ordinating the sale for us and to the Club for the donation of the tickets.

SPORT:



FOOTBALL: Unfortunately, we had to cancel the football tournament because of ill health. In our recent match against South Petherwin we sadly lost 1-6. The game was played in extremely cold weather and all our team were extremely committed. Well done to you all and special mention to Liam who scored our goal.



As we enter the second half of the Spring Term, the final payments for Zero gravity are now due. Cheques should be payable to Trekenner School. Thank you.

On Wednesday the whole school took part in **Sports for Champions** when we were visited by a representative from Team GB, who took the school in gym activities. Sponsor forms have already been sent out and we would be grateful for any money raised to be returned as soon as possible. The school will receive a percentage of the money raised.

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