Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust

Friday 6th January 2023



Happy new year to you all and welcome back to school!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and have had a good start to 2023. We have had a great start to the new term and all the children have returned to school energised, motivated and have settled back in to school life brilliantly. It's great to be back!

The teachers have uploaded details about your child's learning expedition for this half term, along with their homework grid to their class page on the website.

We've got a very exciting half-term of learning ahead of us!

Miss Pridmore

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

February 2023

Mon 13th – Fri 17th: Half Term Mon 20th: Return to School

March 2023

Thurs 2nd: World Book Day Fri 17th: Comic Relief Day

Attendance

This week, **one** of our classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week.

Oppie –	97.69%	4 - late
Topper –	98.28%	1 - late
Pico –	93.15%	4 - late
Fusion –	95.54%	2 – late
Dart –	97.50%	0 - late

Well done Topper Class for having the highest attendance this week.

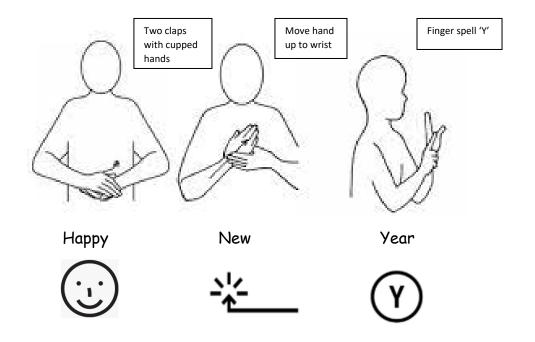
Punctuality

The school gates are open for **8:35am** and are **closed at 8:45am**. Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8:45am.

A few children are arriving after 8.45am which is impacting on their learning as they are missing the start of the lesson.

Makaton sign of the week

The sign and symbol of the week is 'Happy New Year'



After School Clubs

Our After-School Clubs will be starting next week.

Monday – Netball for Year 5 and Year 6.

Tuesday - Embrace Dance for Year 1 and Year 2.

Tuesday – Football Club for Year 5 & 6.

Tuesday – Hockey Club Year 5 and Year 6.

Thursday – Multi Skills Club for Year 1 and Year 2.

Thursday – Games Club for Year 3 and Year 4.

All clubs start at 3:15pm and end at 4:15pm. Children need to be collected by the main gates.

Embrace Dance Spaces

There are a few spaces available for Year 1 & 2 Embrace Dance Club on Tuesdays.

5 sessions can be booked (for the remaining Half Term) or 11 sessions (for the Full Term until Easter).

If you would like to book your child in for this club please follow these instructions:

How to book your children on to the after-school dance club.

You will need to register on the Embrace Dance Fitness website, and add your children onto your account.

If you have not registered please follow the below instructions. If you already have an account, please follow from step 4 after logging in.

- 1. Visit www.embracedancefitness.co.uk/home using a laptop, computer or tablet.
- 2. Scroll down to the book classes section and click Register.
- 3. Create your account by adding your details.
- 4. Once complete click profile.
- 5. Register a payment card if you haven't already.
- 6. Click My Family.
- 7. Click Add another account.
- 8. Add the details of the children you would like to book on to the dance club.
- 9. Contact Embrace Dance Fitness by emailing hello@embracedancefitness.co.uk to book a space, stating your school and yours and the child's full name and year group. If you have any issues please email or call us on 01326 378730.

School Dinners

We would like to remind you that our school catering company changes on Monday 9th January. The new menu is now available on Parent Pay.

Please ensure school meals for the week are booked by 8:30am on Monday morning. We will be monitoring the quality, portion size and content of the new menu.

For further information regarding our new catering company please follow this link: https://www.chartwells.co.uk/nutrition/
Any further questions you may have, will be sent to the catering company to ensure we provide you with the correct information regarding the nutrition of our new school dinner menu.

Menus







At Chartwells, we are committed to meeting the School Food Standards. We'll never use ingredients containing artificial trans fats, genetically modified foods, or certain food additives.

Did you know that children are eating twice the amount of sugar that they should? We're advocates for the Public Health England sugar reduction programme and have gone beyond the 20% reduction targets in all categories for recipes on our menu.

Year 6 SATs

Message from the Standard and Testing Agency about Year 6 SATs timetable change.

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

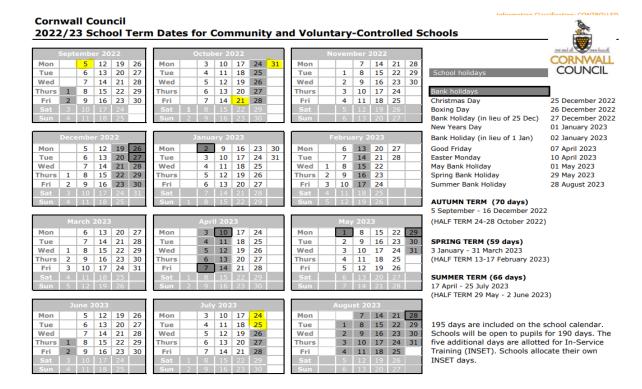
Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day, in accordance with this change.

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced.

Term Dates



Our INSET Days for 2022/2023 will be as follows:

- 1. Monday 5th September 2022
- 2. Friday 21st October 2022
- 3. Monday 31st October 2022
- 4. Monday 24th July 2023
- 5. Tuesday 25th July 2023

Attendance

Mawnan CE VA Primary School is a happy and successful school and every child plays a part in making it so. We aim to create an environment that encourages and enables all members of our school community to achieve their full potential. In order to make the most of the learning opportunities provided within school, pupils need to have the continuity of provision that consistent attendance allows. We consider regular attendance to be 98% or above. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. It is very important that you make sure that your child attends regularly and this policy sets out how we will achieve this together.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health
- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please <u>phone</u> or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

There have been amendments to the Education Regulations (Pupil Registration 2006) act. These amendments remove reference to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Whilst we understand that some absences may include times when your child is ill or attending appointments, (preferably out of school time) it is important that we all work together to try to ensure that your child has the best possible chance of success whilst at school.

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

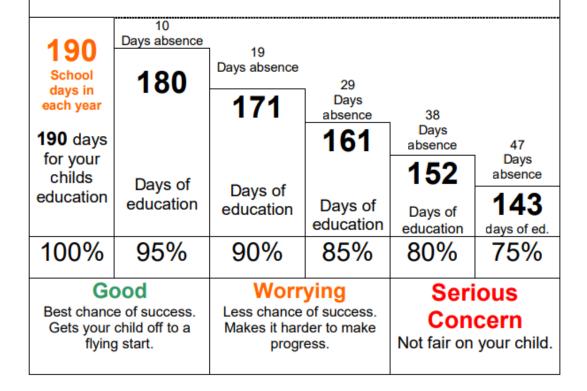
Every School day counts

Days off school add up to lost learning
Don't let your child miss out on their education
Every school day and minute counts

365 Days in each year

175 non school days in a year

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs



COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Reception 2023

The deadline for September 2023 reception class applications is fast approaching.

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2023.



We have booked in a number of dates for school tours for respective parents. If you know anyone who'd like to join us please ask them to phone the school office.

Ofsted Parent View

We would be incredibly grateful of you could complete the Ofsted Parent View online questionnaire. Our Ofsted inspection is imminent as our last inspection was in 2017. The information gathered through Parent View will play a valuable part of our next inspection. Thank you so much for your support with this.



https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/