

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter



12th February 2021

Dear families,

Congratulations, we have done it! We have completed the first half of the spring term, a half term that has been so different to what we expected but I think it feels like a major achievement.

We know that the current situation is very difficult, one we would rather not be in and one that is, at times very challenging. Thank you for persevering, thank you for supporting your children with their learning and thank you for making the best out of a hard situation.



Thank you also for sending your children's fantastic mental health week artwork to Mrs Shepherd. I am so proud and impressed with your talented children and I am very grateful to Mrs Shepherd for exhibiting the artwork so brilliantly in this video. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfNy-PR-7hl&feature=youtu.be>

As we start the next half term, for the first two weeks, our provision will remain the same. The school will be open for eligible children and the same remote learning provision will be in place for the children at home. We are eagerly awaiting the government's announcements on Monday 22nd February; we are expecting that this announcement will set out the plan for the reopening of school for all pupils from the 8th of March (this is subject to a review of the latest data on 15th February and the success of the vaccination programme).

We are so excited about reuniting our school community and we remain fully committed to ensure that this is done in the safest way possible. We are unsure what we have ahead of us but your support continues to be invaluable. Next term is going to be different again but we will work together to ensure that we make it work for our school community.

I continue to feel blessed to be leading such a wonderful school. I could not wish for a more committed, talented staff team who continue to rise to the challenges and constant changes.

Your gifted, brilliant children have shown resilience, perseverance and amazing commitment to their learning and we are exceptionally grateful to you all for being such engaged and supportive parents.

We wish you all a restful half term break and hope that you are able to enjoy our wonderful surroundings and some quality family time.



Miss Pridmore

Attendance

Average for the week	In school	At home
Oppie Class	100%	97.2%
Topper Class	100%	97.4%
Pico Class	100%	99.8%
Fusion Class	100%	93.8%
Dart Class	100%	96.3%

Covid Update from Cornwall Council

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

Track and Trace

During half term, the school will still need to manage track and trace. If your child develops any Covid symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email me on head@mawnanschool.com

World Book Day 2021

We are still dressing up as our favourite story character for world Book Day! We appreciate that you will not be able to go shopping for non-essential fancy dress so please be creative and use what you already have at home.

This is advance warning for Thursday 4th March!



Term Dates

Cornwall Council

2020/21 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2020							October 2020							November 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020							January 2021							February 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		1	8	15	22	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		2	9	16	23	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		3	10	17	24	
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Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun		7	14	21	28	

March 2021							April 2021							May 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		4	11	18	25	
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Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun		2	9	16	23	30

June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	31
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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2020
Boxing Day	26 December 2020
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28 December 2020
New Years Day	01 January 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Monday	05 April 2021
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2020
(HALF TERM 26-30 October 2020)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

4 January - 1st April 2021
(HALF TERM 15-19 February 2021)

SUMMER TERM (64 days)

19 April - 23 July 2021
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2021)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Our remaining three INSET days are on Monday 7th June, Tuesday 8th June and Wednesday 9th June 2021.

Covid Winter Grant

Many families are facing financial hardship due to the impact of the pandemic and many are struggling to put food on the table, stay warm, and buy essentials. Cornwall Council has secured a government grant to provide additional financial and practical help to our families.

The Covid Winter Grant can be used to provide financial help to any households who are facing financial hardship and who would benefit from this support.

The fund is £1.8 million from central government and 80% of the cash will go towards families with children while the remaining money will go to other households struggling because of the pandemic.

Over £650,000 of this funding has already been allocated towards funding Free School Meals provision during the Christmas holiday period and February Half Term.

The conditions of the grant specify that financial help can be given in the following areas:

1. Food
2. Energy and water bills for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, and sanitary purposes) and sewerage.
3. Other essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens, etc.)

All grants must be allocated by the end of March. To apply for the Covid Winter Grant, please use the contact information below.

- For items relating to home heating such as fuel bills or breakdown in heating equipment such as oil tanks or boiler repair please contact Community Energy Plus by emailing advice@cep.org.uk or phoning [0800 954 1956](tel:08009541956).
- For help with food and other essential household items visit our website here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

February 2021

15th – 19th – Half-term

March 2021

4th – World Book Day

5th – St. Piran's Day

19th – Red Nose Day

June 2021

7th, 8th & 9th – Closure Days (School closed to everyone)



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021



MONDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

TUESDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

WEDNESDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you

17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

THURSDAY

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

FRIDAY

5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful

26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

SATURDAY

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

SUNDAY

7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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