

World Book Day 2023

We have had a great day today celebrating World book day, sharing what books bring us joy and we are very grateful for the effort that the children made with their costumes. Everyone looked fantastic!



The children loved talking about their costumes, characters, favourite books and stories. The strangest thing though... The Chairs went on strike! **The Day the Chairs Quit!** Letters were found from the chairs in assembly explaining their different reasons for striking and we decided to reply to try to persuade them to come back. Each class had to write persuasive arguments to encourage their chairs to come. Thankfully most have returned. We're hoping they are all back for Monday!

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The year 5 children have been involved in a very exciting collaboration with Little Inventors and Falmouth University's sustainable product design course.

Each week has had a new theme and design brief to fulfil: oceans, food and health. Children then received feedback from the little inventor's team and made changes.

The final inventions that were designed from these sessions were then taken to the product design first year students who have been working on their model making skills and creating actual models of these inventions. You can see all the inventions here:

https://www.littleinventors.org/events/little-inventors-x-falmouthuniversity/info

There will then be an exhibition to showcase all the wonderful work and final models on **Thursday 23rd March 2023. 4pm-6pm at Falmouth University.** It would be wonderful if as many of you can join as possible to celebrate this brilliant collaboration. The exhibition will be open for at least a week after as well.



Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp

This Year our three-day school camp for Key stage 2 will take place May 15th – 17th at Canoe Cornwall, Pill Farm <u>https://canoecornwall.org.uk/</u>.

Payment is to be made via ParentPay as follows: Year 4 & 5 - £155.00 Year 6 - £165.00





School Disco

Our wonderful PTA are organising a school Disco.

<u>Date:</u> THURSDAY MARCH 9th <u>Times:</u> 15:30-16:30 for KS1 16:45-18:15 for KS2



£6.50 recommended Donation - payable on the door at School Disco. Includes: Professional DJ, Candyfloss, sweets and disco treats! BYO Drink Bottle.

Google forms were sent out via email yesterday. Please complete this form by Monday 6th March.

St Piran



We will be celebrating St Piran's Day next week. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the patron saint of Cornwall and Tin Miners and the magical tale behind Cornwall's most famous day which is in English with a Cornish translation.

On Monday 6th March Dart Class will be representing our school at the St Piran's Parade in Falmouth.

Gool Peran Lowen!



The sign and symbol of the week is 'Calm'



Parent Teacher Meetings

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Upcoming Events

Attendance

Please put these dates in your diaries:

<u>March 2023</u>

Mon 6th: St Piran's Parade – Year 6 Tues 7th: Year 2 SATs Meeting Thurs 9th: School Disco Fri 17th: Comic Relief Day Mon 20th: Iranian New Year Tues 21st: Down Syndrome Awareness Day Tues 21st: Class Photos This week, **one** of our classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week.

Oppie –	97.78%	3 - late
Topper –	98.28%	0 - late
Pico –	96.13%	2 - late
Fusion –	97.86%	1 – late
Dart –	93.50%	2 - late

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

KS1 SATs meeting for Year 2 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the KS1 SATs. It will be held in Topper class on **Tuesday 7th March at 3:30pm**. This information session will allow you to understand how we are preparing the children for SATs, what the expectations are, how you can support your child and to answer any questions you may have. We will also have sample past papers for you to have a look at.

There will be another member of staff in school to provide childcare, if they are not already at a club on that day, so that you can attend the meeting.

KS1 SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the Year SATs. It will be held in Dart class on **Tuesday 14th March at 3:30pm**. This information session will allow you to understand how we are preparing the children for SATs, what the expectations are, how you can support your child and to answer any questions you may have. We will also have sample past papers for you to have a look at.

There will be another member of staff in school to provide childcare, if they are not already at a club on that day, so that you can attend the meeting.

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.

Attendance

The children's education has been severely disrupted over the past few years due to the pandemic so good school attendance is even more important.

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 phone 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.

Holiday during Term Time

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.

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.

We have recently had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer who has expressed their concern at the number of unauthorised holidays that are being taken during term time. This is a plea to ask that you think very carefully before taking your children on holiday in school term time.

If unauthorised absences continue, not only will pupil learning be affected but the management of the school will be questioned by the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.



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