



"Books are a uniquely portable magic." – Stephen King

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, the rain stopped and we had a lovely walk through the village to Dobwalls Church. I was very proud of their excellent behaviour whilst walking through the village, go Dobwalls! At the Church, we were greeted by the members and we are very grateful to all of them for giving up their time to spend with us. Our singing filled the church and is always a moment to cherish.

On Wednesday, I held the first School Council meeting of the year. The councillors are buzzing with ideas! They voted in Lucca as their Chair, Yasmin as vice Chair, Henry as Secretary and Arthur as Treasurer. They are now in discussions with their classes to decide what our chosen charity of the year will be to support. We'll keep you updated.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Eco Green Day on Friday. We hope you will be able to support us in our collection for the Foodbank. Our mission is to receive a ton!

Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

National Dyslexia Awareness Week - 2nd to 6th Oct

We will be supporting National Dyslexia Awareness week in school

Photographer—2nd October

The school photographer will be in school taking individual photos (and with those siblings who attend school) on Monday. He will be around after school if you would like family photographs taken; parents, siblings who don't attend this school. Order forms have been sent home and need to be back in school by 10th October. Y3 please wear school uniform.

PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminders.

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/cardigan.

A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.)

During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

Diary Dates

2nd Oct	Photographer in School—Individual photos
2—8 Oct	National Dyslexia Week
6 Oct	Eco Day Y3 Wild tribe
11 Oct	Governor meeting
13 Oct	Y2 Wild Tribe
19 Oct	Glow Disco
20 Oct	Y1 Wild Tribe
23-27 Oct	HALF TERM
30 Oct	Non-pupil day
2 Nov	Open Evening New Intake 2024
3 Nov	Y1 trip to Truro Museum
10 Nov	Nasal Flu immunisations
13 Nov	Odd Socks Day
17 Nov	Children in Need Day
21 Nov	Governor meeting
20-22 Nov	Book Fair
24 Nov	Non-pupil day
28 Nov	Y1 hearing screening
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday
13 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school
14 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school Junior Xmas performance—Carnglaze
18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre
20 Dec	Children finish at 1:00pm
20 Dec- 3 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
24 Jan	Governor meeting
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
19 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 -15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
27-31 May	HALF TERM
3 Jun	Non-pupil day
24 Jun	Governor meeting
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
24 Jul	Non-pupil days
25 Jul -3 Sep	SUMMER BREAK

Monday	Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1/2
Thursday	EYFS/Y6
Friday	Y4



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Albert & Joel	Loveny	George & Scarlet	Tamar	Hugo & Danny	Camel	Arthur & Charlie
Fowey	Olivia	Valency	Freddie Bew & Tarryn	Lynher	Ted & Crystal		

Attendance Stars



Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
95%	92%	92%	92%	97%	90%	90%



Request from the Memorial Hall Committee

If you use the Memorial Hall car park please drive slowly especially as you arrive and leave and cross the pavement. Parents please watch your children at the gate here at school. This is for everyone's safety and to ensure that we can continue to use the Memorial Hall car park. Thank you

School Bus—Have your say!

Cornwall Council proposed cutbacks include cancelling some school bus services and one route is that from Dobwalls to Liskeard School & Community College. This could affect your child(ren) now or in the future, because once this service is gone, it is highly unlikely that it will be reinstated. If you have an opinion on this matter there is a survey available for you to express your concerns. The survey closes on Sunday! Use this link: https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/suitable-walking-routes/survey_tools/h2swalkingroutesurvey1?fbclid=IwAR0sQf6zqYdDeqHFqG65LaOx2lhMoZX_QghGRITBEgdx5C8xT9dyvlexgE



Eco Day—6th Oct

On 6th October we will be having another Eco Day where the children can come in to school wearing green and trainers. We will also be collecting donations of food for the Foodbank in the school hall on that day. The challenge is a Tonne of love for the Foodbank! 1000kg! See page 4 for items they are currently short of. Each class will have guest speakers/ workshops on an environmental theme.



Absence Requests—Reminder

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. We publish the dates of school terms well ahead, this is to help you plan your holidays and check that it does not clash with the school term. **Permission must be sought in advance.**

When deciding whether to allow term time leave, for any reason, the school will consider:

- **Are the circumstances surrounding the request exceptional**
- The time and duration of the leave (e.g. closeness to Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in Year 2 and Year 6)
- Your child's record of attendance
- Learning that will be missed

Warning: if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

The Law

The law does not say that parents have an automatic right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. Research shows that pupils perform better if their parents or carers emphasise the importance of attending school. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor.

Only in exceptional situations will Governors give permission for any absence.

Advice from the Department for Education in March 2008 states that schools can only approve absence for family holidays if they consider there are special circumstances. Holiday prices, and the fact that the parents have booked a holiday before checking with the school, are not special reasons.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence

If you decide to 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 as the issuing officer will 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 of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. 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.

Local Education Officers make termly visits to schools to review individual attendance figures and will visit families where children's attendance is low or there is persistent absence.

Guidance

Other absence from school will be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical / dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces
- External examinations
- When Traveller

Other absence from school will not be authorised:

- For any type of shopping
- Looking after brothers, sisters or unwell parents
- Minding the house
- Birthdays
- Resting after a late night
- Relatives visiting or visiting relatives

The star learners this week come from Year 4. Tamar Class have been looking at artwork by Brian Pollard. Using their designs from last week, inspired by Brian's work, the children have created 3D forms of artwork- clay tiles. Throughout the afternoon there was an all-round attitude of building team strength, where the children supported each other's ideas. They are looking great already and we cannot wait to see what they look like when the colour has been added! Well done Tamar Class!





Dobwalls Community Primary School



0 - 5 years, all welcome to stay and play with parents/carers

Little Cherries Pop Up Play

Tuesday 10th October 9am - 10am

In the School Hall - FREE Entry



For more information:

Call: 01579 320527

www.dobwalls.net



DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

FRUIT JUICE, LONG LIFE

SPAGHETTI HOOPS

TINNED FRUIT

UHT MILK

WASHING UP LIQUID

BREAKFAST CEREAL

TEA BAGS 80 PER PACK IDEALLY

TOILET ROLLS

JAM/MARMITE/PEANUT BUTTER

FRUIT SQUASH

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BUTTER BEANS KIDNEY BEANS
CANNELLONI BEANS

PASTA

CHICK PEAS

BAKED BEANS

TOOTHPASTE

GRAVY GRANULES

TENA STYLE PADS

TINNED TOMATOES

BARS OF SOAP



Typical Foodbank parcel

