



"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!"
— Betty Smith

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to Rachel, Maddie and Amelia along with all the young helpers yesterday for the PTFA hot chocolate and doughnuts which has raised £57.08! The queue was out the door! Many thanks for all the support. It was lovely to see the children's smiles and excitement, so the PTFA are planning their next snack event. The PTFA disco tickets are on sale on Monday - can't wait to see the disco glow paint in action! We are looking to replace our boat as soon as we can. If you know a carpenter who would be interested in providing us a quote, please do contact me.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Diane Evett will be joining us as a teaching assistant after half-term in Year 3. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Evett into our fantastic team.

Last night, Lucca, Arthur and Yasmin took part in the Trust Council Meeting after school on Teams with members of the School Councils across our Trust. Mr Buckley, our CEO, and myself were so impressed with their confidence and comments made during the meeting. Leaders in the making!

Well done to all those who took part in the Cross-country race last Friday. The Y5/6 girls came 1st with a score of 29 points (second place scored 70!) Amazing running!

Have a lovely weekend & best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

23 Jan	PTFA meeting at school 9am
24 Jan	Governor meeting Y3 Forest Schools
25 Jan	PTFA Doughnuts & Hot Chocolate
2 Feb	Y2 Forest Schools
6 Feb	Little Cherries Pop Up Play—Hall 9-10am
8 Feb	PTFA Disco
9 Feb	Y1 Forest Schools
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
19 Feb	Non-pupil day
26 & 28 Feb	Parent/Teacher meetings after school
4 -15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
7 Mar	World Book Day
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
19 Mar	Little Cherries Pop Up Play—Hall 9-10am
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
3 Sep	Non-pupil day

PTFA

The PTFA Xmas Fair raised £736.97. Wow! Huge thank you to everyone involved. A PTFA meeting was held this week with many exciting plans coming up this year. Watch this space!



PTFA Disco

The PTFA will be holding a Disco on Thursday 8th February. Entry is £3 and tickets will be on sale at the school office from Monday. Drinks will be available and sweets will be on sale. See poster - page 4 for details.



Parking

We didn't start this week too well as we have received complaints from our neighbours again. They are finding that parents are parking inconsiderately on the surrounding streets making it impossible for them to leave or access their driveways. The '2 minutes' it takes for parents to drop off or collect their children is usually more like 15 minutes and then through no fault of their own, our neighbours are late for work. Also as they rightly point out, the parking especially on pavements and on corners makes the walk to school hazardous for those children who like to walk to school. Bad parking also tends to push wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters into the road too. Please think carefully about where you are parking and please remember that the football club have generously offered their carpark for your use—only a short walk to and from school.



Do you know a carpenter who would be interested in building us a high quality play boat? If so please, contact Mrs Pipe. We are looking to build a large play boat to replace the recently removed one. We have a kind offer of the wood to be supplied but are looking for a carpenter to quote. We expect to pay but would love someone locally to make it.



PE Kits

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

PE Days

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.

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



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Florence & Luke	Tamar	Cody & Layla
Fowey	George & Olivia	Lynher	Toby & Caitlyn
Loveny	Scarlett	Camel	Faith & Noah
Valency	Oliver C & Layna		

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
93%	97%	97%	93%	89%	95%	91%



The star learners this week come from Year 4. These last two weeks Tamar class have been writing their own free-verse poems based on Aladdin after they were inspired by the fantastic pantomime visit last Wednesday. They have been using poetic devices such as similes, onomatopoeias, repetition, personification, alliteration and metaphors to transport you into the mystical world of Aladdin. We have 3 beautifully written poems below from magical poets Eseld, Henry and Alfie. Some may say their poems are worthy of a few wishes from a genie!

Aladdin (The story of)

Beyond the castle's vast expanse,
where tigers' roars fill the city,
lies a tale of the ancient west,
A tale of Abu and a tiger's command.

Aladdin, A lad with hair as black as soot,
Emerges from a haunted castle,
He dreams of a life when he marries a princess,
where gold is as shiny as a diamond.

SMASH! he drops the magic teapot,
Run Abu Run!
Abu was like a ball of fluff

By Alfie



Awesome Abu

A bu a really amazing monkey,
he saved his best friend Aladdin.
He stole the lamp off Jafar.

RUN ABURUN is all he could hear
He jumps upon Aladdin's ear,
woosh woosh oohaha.

KAPOW! A genie appears,
Startled, he jumps upon Abu's ear
OH MASTER I GRANT YOU
3 WISHES!

HISS! Abu ran around the cave,
Abu says he heard Aladdin say,
it's okay it's okay says the Genie

Henry

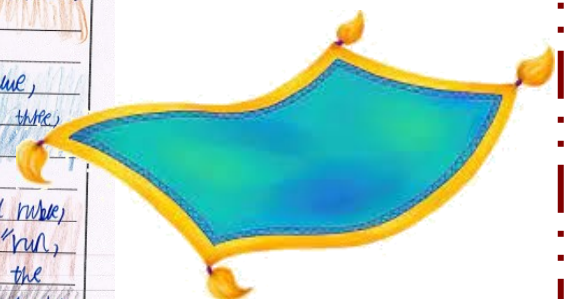
The Three wishes of Aladin

Deep in the dusty prison of the desert,
There lies the cave of treasures,
where the tale of Aladin began with,
A lamp as shiny as gold and a,
Magic carpet that loves to fly up and,
Up and up.

Then ZAP! The blanket of the blue,
Genie appears and grants Aladin three,
wishes, three wishes he grants,

Then down comes the tomb all rubble,
And doom and Aladin shouts "run,
Abu run" and he jumps onto the
carpet, he grabs Abu's hand and then,
He shouts "fly carpet fly!"

by Eseld



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

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ChatHealth
Parent Line 5-19 **TEXT 07312 263 499**

ChatHealth Young
People 11-19 **TEXT 07312 263 096**

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Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth

Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support

From Monday 22 January 2024 Cornwall Council are launching their enhanced offer for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk
- Our web page is being regularly updated at www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthadvice.

You can read our press release on our news page at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/together-for-families/new-health-advice-messaging-service-launches-for-families-in-cornwall-and-the-isles-of-scilly

Dobwalls P.T.F.A

GLOW DISCO

TICKETS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

£3

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

EYFS/KS1 5.30-6.30PM

KS2 7-8PM

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TUESDAY 13TH

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WEDNESDAY 14TH

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