



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to February! This half term our British Value focus is tolerance. We have been discussing in assemblies what tolerance means and how we can show this through our actions and comments. We continue to enjoy keeping up with current affairs through Picture News. Last week, I led an assembly about the prospect of driverless cars. There were a range of feelings from worried, cautious and apprehensive to eagerness and excitement! Yesterday, Mr Frame's Picture News was a thoughtful discussion titled - is fashion important?

Our final week of the half term is looking a busy one! Next week is Children's Mental Health week and on Tuesday it is Safer Internet Day. We are all looking forward to the PTFA Disco on Thursday evening. The plans to replace the boat are moving forward which is brilliant news so we look forward to continuing to raise further funds to support this. We also have our Little Cherries on Tuesday morning in the hall - everyone welcome with their little ones for a play and a cuppa. Please spread the word!

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

**Coming up!**

6th Feb—Little Cherries Pop Up Play  
19th Feb—Non-pupil day

**COMING SOON!**

**Wanted!**

If you are having a spring clear out, we would be very grateful for any good quality, unwanted board games, small world animals or toy cars. Please drop them in to the school office. Thank you.



#### Online Safety Newsletter—February

The most recent online safety newsletter is attached to this newsletter. It covers lots of things including setting up parental controls on mobile phones, advice on playstation settings and the new controls on Snapchat.

#### Parent/Teacher meetings

Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place, face to face, after school on w/c 26th.

Reception, Y3, Y4 and Y6 will be held on 26th And 28th February

Y1 meetings will be held on 29th February and 1st March

Y2 meetings will be held on the 26th only.

Y5 meetings will be held on Wednesday 28th and

Thursday 29th February

Instructions for booking appointments are included with this newsletter and will be emailed out too. Bookings open on Monday 5th February and close the day before the meeting takes place.



#### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Rory & Freddie	Tamar	Gracie & Violet
Fowey	Neveah & Jack	Lynher	Charlie & Oliver B-G
Loveny	Natalia	Camel	Daisy Blue & Maggie
Valency	Albion & Brooklyn		

#### Diary Dates

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 –pyjamas/fancy dress
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

#### MESSAGE FROM DOBWALLS MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES

Due to the declining state of the hall car park a decision to close it to the general public is likely to be imminent. If the gate is closed when parents arrive then access will not be allowed.

Before we make this decision please contact us on 07980303967 if you have the know how and materials to provide a temporary fix to the pot holes.

Unfortunately a permanent fix is cost prohibitive and cannot happen in the near future.

We appreciate the disappointment closing will cause and hope someone will be able to assist.

The hall trustees.

#### 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.

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

#### 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.

#### Attendance Stars



Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
86%	91%	91%	96%	93%	95%	92%

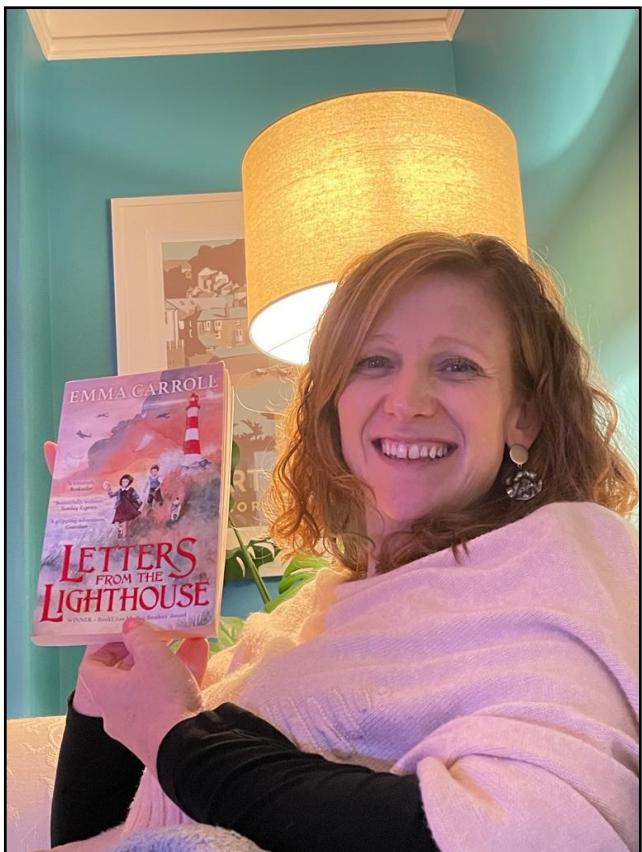




The star learners this week come from Year 3. Valency Class have been back in time to the stone age! They have been hunting and gathering supplies to make bread. Unfortunate for the pig, they had to use their spears. They have also been making their own paint by crushing charcoal and chalk. They then painted with their fingers and used sticks to create stone age art.

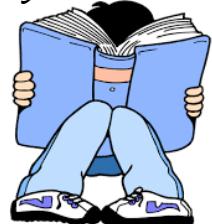


# Dobwalls School Recommends



## Letters from the Lighthouse Recommended by Mrs Orchard

This week's book recommendation comes from Mrs Orchard in Year 1 who, over the Christmas break read *Letters from the Lighthouse*. The story is set in 1941 in the middle of World War 2. A brother and sister are evacuated to a Devon lighthouse with a rather mysterious lighthouse keeper. They find a strange, coded note and realise that all is not what it seems... This was a book that I couldn't put down (but eventually managed to for some turkey and Christmas pudding!).



The Dobwalls Community Primary School logo is located at the top left of the advertisement. It features a crest with a lighthouse and the text 'DOBWALLS C.E. SCHOOL' above it, and '1847' below it. To the right of the logo is a photograph of the school building, which is a modern brick structure with a large roof and solar panels, situated in a green, hilly area.

**Dobwalls Community Primary School**

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

**Little Cherries Pop Up Play**

Tues 16th Jan, Tues 6th Feb & Tues 19th March  
9 - 10 am  
In the School Hall - FREE Entry

For more information:  
Call: 01579 320527  
[www.dobwalls.net](http://www.dobwalls.net)

**SMART**

Three circular photographs showing children engaged in play: one child on a slide, two children stacking colorful blocks, and a child writing at a table.

# Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments



Browse to <https://dobwalls.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

## Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

## Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

## Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

## Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

## Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

## Step 7: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

## Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

# Online Safety

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for **Wednesday 31st January 2024 – 9.30am – 10.15am**. ***This session is a repeat session (last delivered October 2023) so if you attended that session, then you don't need to attend again.***

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZWQyZjMwMjQtNGVhMy00NDEyLTg2ODItZDQ1OGNjM2FiMjcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWQyZjMwMjQtNGVhMy00NDEyLTg2ODItZDQ1OGNjM2FiMjcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

Attendees do not need to register, you simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

**The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:**

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.



# ATTENTION



WE NEED YOUR HELP

PTFA

## WHAT IS MATCH FUNDING?

An employee volunteers a small amount of their time such as helping run a stall, the money raised is matched by their employer and claimed as an expense. Now your volunteering becomes twice as magical!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PTFA AT  
07552 611155 AND BE A HERO FOR  
DOBWALLS SCHOOL