

Pendennis Castle Visit

Last Friday, Davy (Y6) and Trelawny (Y5) classes visited Pendennis Castle in Falmouth. This visit was linked with their current topics of The Stuarts and World War 2. Whilst there, the children participated in lots of different exciting learning experiences. There was poetry writing from the point of view of one of the soldiers in the gun room; looking at and producing a fact sheet on the various guns around the site; making a map of the local area; dressing up in costumes and planning what they would take on a journey; sending messages using Morse code and finding out what it was like to be soldier in the barracks at Pendennis. The children had an inspiring day and were a real credit to our school. Thank you to the adults who helped us on the visit. Thank you also to Cornwall Heritage Trust for their grant.



Red Nose Day

On Friday next week, we will be celebrating Comic Relief by coming to school wearing red clothing for a £1 donation. Red noses will also be on sale throughout next week. There will also be a cake sale, after school with all proceeds going to Comic Relief. It is Year 2's turn to bake but any donations of cakes and treats would be gratefully received.



FOPS Mother's Day Gifts

Letters have gone home explaining that for Mother's Day this year, FOPS are running a pop up gift shop. On Thursday next week, all the children in our school will have the opportunity to buy a small Mother's Day gift especially for their Mum (or their Nan or Auntie or Step mum or Carer). We will have some lovely gifts for the children to choose from, and they will be making their selections along with their classmates during the course of the school morning. FOPS volunteers will be in attendance to help them with their choices and to wrap the presents. This event will cost just £2.00 per gift, and children may buy as many presents as they wish. Please give your payment with a completed form to the school office by Friday 17th March (today!) so we can make sure we have enough gifts for the 23rd!



Easter Bingo

Our annual Easter Bingo night is on Wednesday 22nd March at Perranporth Memorial Hall. It will be 'eyes down' from 6:30pm with games charged at £2 each. Please come along for a fun night with all of the family! If you have any prizes that you could donate for the raffle, we would gratefully receive them! Please drop any donations into the School Office. Thank you for your support.



Cross Country News

On Thursday Amy (Y5) and Lukas (Y4) were selected to represent Perranporth in the Cornwall School Games Cross-Country Final in Newquay. It was an extremely competitive event in which both children represented not just Perranporth excellently, but due to their recent success, also Newquay and Mid-Cornwall. Both children did brilliantly to finish in the top 20 of the whole of Cornwall in their respective races. Amy finished 19th and Lukas 6th. A huge congratulations to both children!



~ This week's attendance ~

Trevithick YR	St Piran Y1	Penhaligon Y2	Boscawen Y3	Trengrouse Y4	Trelawny Y5	Davy Y6
92.7%	94.8%	95.6%	99.3%	94.0%	97.0%	96.6%

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School Attendance Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Perranporth School wants every child to achieve the best they can and to make sure this happens children need to be in school regularly and on time. We carefully monitor the attendance of each child and if we are concerned about the number of absences we will ask you to attend a meeting and discuss how we can help to improve it. We work closely with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who can also help support parents to ensure their child has excellent attendance

Why is attendance so important?

Regular attendance at school is important for your child's learning, development, future opportunities and friendships. Every time your child misses school he or she is missing valuable learning and we want all of our pupils to have every opportunity available to them so that they have more opportunities later in life.

Your Duties

As a parent/carer you have a legal duty to make sure your child receives a full-time education and comes to school regularly. If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school you must speak to the class teacher and/or Mr Johnson. We will be able to help you. If your child is genuinely too ill to attend school you must ring the school office before 8.45am and leave a message on the pupil absence voicemail system. If you're not sure if your child should be home or in school have a chat with the Office staff and they will advise.

What does attendance look like ?

Description	Attendance Percentages	Number of Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	0 days	0 hours lost
	99%	2 days	10 hours lost
Good	98%	4 days	20 hours lost
	97%	6 days	30 hours lost
	96%	7.5 days	37.5 hours lost
Satisfactory	95%	9.5 days	47.5 hours lost
Cause for Concern	90%	19 days	95 hours lost
	89%	21 days	105 hours lost
	88%	23 days	115 hours lost
	87%	25 days	125 hours lost
Unsatisfactory	86%	27 days	135 hours lost
Serious Concern	85%	28.5 days	142 hours lost
	84%	30.5 days	152 hours lost
	83%	32 days	160 hours lost
	82%	34 days	170 hours lost
	81%	36 days	180 hours lost

Please Remember:-

- Every day at school is important.
- If your child has a cold he/she can usually still come to school.
- If your child has a tummy ache it is likely that he/she is still able to come to school.
- If your child really is too sick for school call us before 8.45am.
- Is your child really too sick? If you're not sure speak to the school office.
- The school bell goes at 8.45 until 9.00 am. Children must be here between that time. If a child arrives after 9.00 they will be given a late mark. Your child must report to the main office. If a child arrives after 9.30 he or she will be given an unauthorised absence mark (unless a prior absence application form has been submitted).
- Holidays during term-time are not allowed (and now defined in law) and these will not be authorised.

Finally, we are here to help and support you and your child(ren). If you have any concerns about attendance please get in touch with us.

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