

Remote Learning Updates

To try to keep the remote learning fun and engaging for the children we are continually reviewing and improving our offer. This week parents and families will have seen the invitations to more live Zoom meetings for the children to attend. We had assemblies for each class group which were really fun and a great way for the children to be able to see each other too. Teachers have also invited children to attend some whole class sessions for different activities like spellings, phonics and other fun tasks as well.



Next week we will continue the class assemblies from Mr Johnson and teachers will also carry on their live meet up sessions. Our Friday Celebration Assemblies have to be recorded because we simply couldn't host the huge numbers of children that would attend for a whole school Zoom meeting. In these assemblies teachers will be giving a few special mentions to particular children who have caught their eye for one reason or another during the week. Teachers are very mindful of the different circumstances and challenges being faced by families at the moment and absolutely have this in mind when picking their stars of the week. We are always thrilled by those children who are making their best EFFORT with their learning not just those producing work of the highest standards. It must be stressed that with the situation as it is, we are all so pleased with all the learning we are seeing and the engagement from children and families. Regardless of whether you receive a special mention or not, EVERYONE at Perranporth School is doing such an amazing job and you are all stars each and every week!

Assemblies will follow on the same days at 2.30pm:

Mon: Y2&Y3, Tue: Y4&Y5, Wed Y6, Thur: Rec&Y1, Fri: Celebration Assembly (not live)

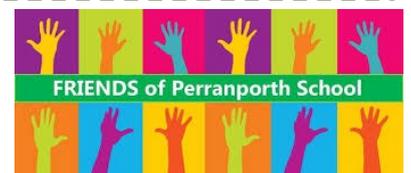
We have been asked if we can record the assemblies so that children can watch them later if they missed it. Unfortunately this isn't possible because longer recorded videos like these have to run through our school YouTube account which not every parent is comfortable with their child being part of – sorry.



We're making some changes to our Zoom Clinics too. From next week, teachers will still allow children or parents to attend the daily clinics in a 'drop-in/ no appointment needed style meeting', but they will also begin splitting the hour to start inviting particular children or groups of children to join their meetings too. If your child is requested to join the meeting on a particular day, this doesn't mean that anything is wrong! We're simply trying to make full use of these meetings by supporting children with their learning, providing feedback or next steps, providing motivation and maybe even some pre-teaching so that some future lessons might be a little easier. So, if parents can help to ensure their child does attend any invited sessions this would be much appreciate. Please keep an eye on your child's class dojo feed for updates from their teacher and keep up the great work!

Friends of Perranporth School - FOPS are here to help!

As you probably know, the purpose of FOPS is to raise funds to be spent to help with the children's education. These are weird old times! We know lots of families are struggling financially as well as trying to work out their schedule!



So FOPS would like to offer resources to anyone who needs them. Whether you need more pencils, paper or felt tips! Anything you think would help with your child's learning please reach out! You can either email me at fops@perranporth.cornwall.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Barrett in the school office.

Let's get through this together!

Fundraising at the moment is a little difficult! If you would like to make a donation you can do so via parent pay using the "fops Christmas Fundraising" payment option and enter any amount. Thank you!

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Welcome Mr Crocker!

You may remember that Miss Roberson left us at Christmas after a very long teaching career at Perranporth. She made the difficult decision to cut back on her teaching commitments to focus on her family and another role she has elsewhere. Miss Roberson as you know, was our resident 'computing expert', so, filling her shoes was always going to be a challenge to say the least. Fortunately leading up to Christmas, we managed to bring a new member of staff to the team. We would like to introduce and welcome Mr Crocker!



Mr Crocker is a very experienced teacher, having spent many years teaching in Truro. What's more... he's something of a computing whizz too! Some of you might have had communications from Mr Crocker already when seeking support with iPad issues or access to the Dojo. Going forwards, Mr Crocker will be working with different classes across the school to ensure we offer a great computing curriculum and he's really looking forward to the time when all of the children are back in school so that he can get started officially.

Covid Tests and Isolation



Please can we request that, even if your child is not attending school at the moment, if they have to have a Covid test or are required to self-isolate, that parents inform the school regardless. We are required by the government to record all pupils who may have these requirements each day. We also need to know if your child is ill and cannot participate in their remote learning. Parents can telephone the School Office and leave a message as usual: 01872 572021.

From next week, school staff will also be participating in the government's Lateral Flow Testing. The purpose of this testing is to stop asymptomatic staff from bringing the virus into school and therefore reducing the risk of transmission.

Parent Meetings

Our Spring Term Parent Meeting Day is planned for Wednesday 24th February. This is an arranged INSET Day so, as the situation currently stands, the school will be closed on this day in order to facilitate the meetings. Parent meetings will be hosted through an online meeting platform with more information following in the coming weeks.



Reading!

Oak National Academy is sharing a free book every week by a different children's author.

This week, it is Tracey Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson.

Children can read the book from the screen for free! There is a short video with Jacqueline Wilson explaining how she came up with the name for Tracey Beaker too. Children can then have a go at the different activities.

Introducing the Virtual School Library!

Our first author of the week!

Visit library.thenational.academy to find out more #VirtualSchoolLibrary

<https://library.thenational.academy/spend-time-with-tracy-beaker-and-jacqueline-wilson/>

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