



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus:

Dear Parents/Carers

It's a testament to the variety of working in primary education that I am sat in a field at Porthpean camp writing this reflection on our year at school! Although very early, a group of our year 6 are playing badminton, others are singing in their tent and some are making new friends on a viewing platform over-looking St Austell bay.

As a school, we can celebrate many successes this year. Academically we are above the national average in all of the key attainment and progress measures throughout primary education. I am particularly proud of our reception children, who have made amazing progress this year and produced some brilliant outcomes. As a class they have all worked very hard and it has been a privilege to be so closely involved in their first year at school. Also, we have achieved the Healthy schools award, the school council award, were second in the south-west finals of Youth Speaks and in the Camborne choir festival to name a few.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have become an exceptional group of young people and have helped shape the direction of the school during their time at Penponds. Their effort, motivation and enthusiasm was realised not just with their outstanding results in the Key Stage 2 SAT's, but by having a confident, curious and creative approach to learning. They have played such a big part in the life of the whole school community and have been wonderful role models to the younger children. As staff we will miss their sense of humour, infectious enthusiasm and willingness to have a go. We are very proud of the young adults they have become.

As well as children moving on some of our staff are leaving too. Mrs Howe, one of our Learning Assistants in Carn Brea class, is retiring. She has been involved in Cornish education for over 20 years and taught thousands of children. Mrs Howe has been a rock in our reception class and used her impressive experience and skills to teach our youngest pupils key concepts without them actually realising they are learning. She has passed on many pearls of wisdom to the staff and entertained many with her anecdotes at lunchtime.

Mrs Evans, our finance assistant, is also retiring. She has worked tirelessly in the office (and as a lunchtime supervisor) to support myself and Mrs Wood in dealing with the mountains of paperwork that schools seem to generate. Her calm, professional demeanour and wealth of experience have been much needed with the rate of change confronting all schools at present. Her quick wit and Yorkshire sense of humour have brightened up many situations!

Miss Marsh is also moving on to pastures new. She has worked diligently this year to complete our successful application for the Healthy Schools award and persuaded many parents to give up their Sundays to build our Poly tunnel and complete the garden area. Miss Marsh has strong relationships with all the children as she has covered most classes at various points and the teachers always appreciate her baking with wholesome ingredients from her garden.

None of our successes would be possible without your wonderful support. Whether it was listening to children read, helping with transport, sorting costumes for performances or picking up from school discos. We put tremendous value on our partnership to enable our children to flourish. I would like to publically thank Andy Kilpin for the huge amount of time and effort he has given to landscaping our garden. Our vision simply would not have been possible without his help. Also, our PTA, Friends of

Dates for your diary:

Summer term:

Friday 20th July – last day of summer term for children

Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July – INSET DAYS – no school for children
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Autumn Term:

Tuesday 4th September – INSET DAY – no school for children

Wednesday 5th September – First day of term for children

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 95.59%
Godolphin:
Y1 – 90.79%
YR2 – 93.75%
Trencrom: 97.69%
Tregonning: 96.3%

Attendance Trophy:

Trencrom Class

Awards

Lunchtime Maisy C, Minnie, Alex C, Eloise

Carn Brea Annabelle, Mia, Ethan, Alfie, Jasper, Piran, Joshua

Godolphin Harry M, Charlie, Laurie; Jowan, Gwyddion

Penponds school, have organised and run key events over the year culminating in the family festival. Clare Jones, Mel Denning and Sarah Necke have been wonderful volunteers and although their children are finishing at school I hope I can persuade them to carry on!

Other volunteers also deserve thanks. Mrs Holmes for the choir, Mrs Oxford for Youth Speaks, Ms Harrington and Carmen for reading, Mr Harris for touch rugby, Mrs Rowe for helping with the infants and Mrs Barr for helping with the juniors. All of these people have given up their precious time for free and made the learning experience of our children richer because of it.

Our teachers and learning assistants never cease to amaze me with their tenacity and creativeness when delivering our curriculum. Fostering a 'want' in children to engage in learning with excitement and challenge is a real skill, especially when it has to happen daily. To the staff, thank you for all your hard work this year.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely summer break and a chance to relax with your families. I am looking forward to getting some sleep after a week under canvas with twenty four 9-11 year olds! We will be back in school on Wednesday 5th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Richards
Headteacher

Penponds Family Festival 2018

Thank you to all who helped and came along to our festival last week. We raised a staggering £1600. The school council agreed to donate £200 of this to the Bags For School charity, which provides school equipment to children around the world who haven't got access to basic equipment such as pencils and lunch boxes.



Last day waterbomb and slip and slide fun

Trencrom Lemmy,
Ellena, Piran, Alex K

Tregonning

Headteacher

Maths Evie T, Brody,
Vincent

**Global Boarders Surf
School Certificates**

Alex K, Harrison, Jacob,
Eddy, James, Jake, Mylo,
Ben G, Tristan, Alice,
Piran E, Henry, Lloyd

Quote of the week:

If you want to go quickly
go alone

If you want to go far go
together

A saying from Africa

Carn Brea class hosted an end of their early years show for parents and carers and a picnic was enjoyed by all including class 2.



Y5/6 Porthpean camp

24 of the Tregonning class children spent the week at Porthpean outdoor adventure centre in St Austell. Staying in tents, the group took part in activities designed to challenge their resilience, improve their confidence and teamwork as well as giving them memories to last into adulthood. The children learnt downhill mountain biking, SUPing, kayaking, coasteering, archery, problem solving, climbing, explored the Fowey river in Canadian canoes and completed a high ropes course. Henry said, "it was absolutely brilliant as we were with our friends the whole time". A huge thank you to their parents for getting all the kit ready and to Mrs Lawlor and Mrs Stone for accompanying the children for the whole week.







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CAMBORNE SHOW

The Camborne Show Field,
on the road between Coombe & Hell's Mouth, TR27 5EF

Saturday 21st July 2018

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

VINTAGE CARS & TRACTORS - HORSES &
SHOWJUMPING - ENTER YOUR DOG INTO THE FUN
PET DOG SHOW - CRAFT TENT - LOTS OF ANIMALS
TO SEE INCLUDING CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS,
POULTRY, ALPACAS, RABBITS & CAGED BIRDS -
MINIATURE HORSES & SHETLANDS - CHILDREN'S
FUN FAIR - DOMESTIC & HORTICULTURAL TENTS.
OVER 100 TRADE STANDS

Entries to Domestic, Horticultural & Animal Sections welcome

BEER TENT & LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY

Adults: £7.50 / Children (10-16 years): £5 / Children under 10 years: free!
Family Ticket: £20 (2 adults & 2 children) / Free Parking (Ringside Parking £10)

Gates open 9am - well behaved dogs on leads welcome

www.camborne-show.org.uk



Camborne Show



In partnership with

'Have a Go Days'

A free and fun activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-18

Venue:
Cornwall College
(Astro pitch / Sport Hall)
Trevenson Road
Pool, TR15 3RD

Wed 1 August 2-4pm
Fri 10 August 2-4pm
Fri 17 August 2-4pm
Mon 20 August 2-4pm
Fri 24 August 2-4pm
Wed 29 August 2-4pm

Venue:
Bodmin Leisure Centre
Lostwithiel Road,
Bodmin
PL31 1DE

Fri 10 August 10am-12pm
Mon 20 August 10am-12pm
Wed 29 August 10am-12pm

Booking is essential. For more information and to book your free place(s) contact Katie on 01736 759500 or email katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk



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PLEASE BOOK THE FOLLOWING BY WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY:

SPARC

Summer Holiday Fun Days

**Mondays at
Redruth Youth
Centre**

30th July

6th Aug

13th Aug

20th Aug

- Tennis
- Rounders
- Cricket
- Team games
- Football
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Tri Golf

For ages 7 - 14



**Have fun making
lunch and
snacks to share.**

10am – 3pm

To book your child's places and to receive the consent forms, please ring Helston Family Hub on 01326 560417 or email Helstonchildrenscentre@cornwall.gov.uk