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Exciting news

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Wood and her husband Ben who are about to start their new journey as parents to two children in April.

Mrs Wood has given letters out to her class and here is a copy of the letter below.

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that I will be taking some leave after Easter holiday and I will therefore no longer be with the class. This is because my husband Ben and I have been given the exciting news that we will be adopting 2 children in April and so I will be busy settling them in at home before returning sometime after Christmas.

It is hard to believe the year has flown by so quickly. I want to acknowledge your wonderful children, they are a lovely class, kind, caring and supportive of one another and I am so proud of the progress they have made and continue to make on a daily basis. I know they will continue to thrive throughout the summer term and Mrs Hendy and Mr Rutterford will be there to support them alongside the new teacher. The school are currently going through the process of appointing someone and we will keep you informed with this process, as we know more.

Thank you for all your support this year and I look forward to seeing many of again you when I return next year.

Kind regards,

Rachel Wood

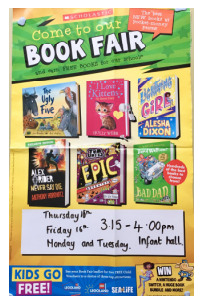
Rainbowfish class teacher

Reminder COOSE TRANNACK 2018

Don't forget the 18th annual running of the 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' will take place this Saturday 17th March 2018, on the Coose Trannack woodland area adjacent to Trannack School. This event, will involve separate races for each primary age group and two secondary races for Under 17s and Under 13s. The adult 'fun run' will continue in 2018 for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!! Further details will follow but please see the Trannack School website for additional information in the meantime. The Coose Trannack area can be accessed via <http://www.trannack.cornwall.sch.uk/website/coose-trannack/29267>.

Scholastic book fair

Children would have been given a voucher to use either at the school book fair on Thursday 15th March, Friday 16th March, Monday 19th March and Tuesday 20th March which can be used to redeem one free £1 World Book Day book or £1 off a book or audiobook worth £2.99. They can also use it in all participating bookshops. You can find out which shops are taking part by using this link <https://www.booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch>



Urgent Reminder Southerly Point Multi Academy Trust (SPCMAT)

All pupils brought home a signed copy of the **Primary Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement**. All pupils and staff in the MAT have signed something similar. I spoke to all pupils in assembly a couple of weeks ago to explain why it is important that we all understand our responsibilities when using computers in school before signing the agreement. I made it clear that the two reasons we have for this agreement and the rules surrounding the use of computers are

1. To make sure that all pupils are safe.
2. To make sure that the school is a safe place.

I hope that you will talk through the agreement with your child/ren. If we do not have these handed back in signed then we will presume that you **do not agree** and **pupils will not be allowed** to use any of the ICT equipment in school. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school office who can then direct your call to me or arrange an appointment for you to meet with me.

Playgroup

There was no toddler group this week, but it will be back on Tuesday 20th March. All welcome to join us, Tuesday's 9—11 a.m. in the infant hall.



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Transition last two dates to Helston Community College

Year 5 - Languages - Thursday 22nd March - This will be the last transition for year 5

Year 6 - PE - Thursday 19th April - This will be the last transition for year 6

Transition finishes at 4:30 p.m. and those parents who stated that they will collect children from Helston Community College will find their children at the North Site canteen.

For those parents who ticked for their child to come back via Helston Community College minibus to Porthleven School, your child should be back by 4:45 p.m. at the latest.

If you have any changes to the above, please contact Helston Community College on 01326 575015 or call our school office on 01326 562249.

Swimming lessons for year 4 pupils

Letters were sent home this week on Tuesday 13th March informing parents about swimming lessons starting next term for children in year 4. The children will receive 11 weeks of swimming lessons and not 12 weeks as originally stated in the letter. This is due to Flora Day on Tuesday 8th May, Tuesday 4th June year 3 & 4 camp, Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July school INSET days.

The cost for this each session is £5 per child or parents can pay for the whole 11 weeks which comes to £55. This costing pays for the hire of Helston swimming pool, 2 swimming coaches and the bus to take the children to Helston sports centre.

All Stars Cricket Programme

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/332c6443-191d-4c70-8ce9-eb3232c71dcf>



Bad weather and school closure

We are approaching the time of year when we have to prepare for any bad weather. If closing the school is unavoidable the school will.

- Make a decision as early as possible on a day to day basis.
- Contact parents by the texting service.
- Contact BBC radio, Cornwall Prate FM and Heart FM who will broadcast the names of schools closed.

Spaces left on SEN Training - Understanding my child's emotions

Due to the positive response from parents who attended in the Autumn term, Mrs Broome, our school SENDCo, will repeat the popular workshops 'Understanding my child's emotions' in March and June.

The presentations will take place on Tuesday 27th March at 9.15 and again at 5pm and on Tuesday 12th June at 9.15 and 5pm.

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please inform the office. It's very informal and everyone is welcome.

Cross Country League Race 5 [with Infant Fun Run]

There will be a Cross Country League Race on Tuesday 27th March 2018, from 4.00pm, at Helston Community College. It will also have a Infant fun run.

Easter Egg Hunt



The P.S.A.F have organised a Easter egg hunt which will take place on Wednesday 28th March or Thursday 29th March at Porthleven School, Torleven Road, TR13 9BX. Arrive from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Last entry is 5:00pm. This is open to everyone and tickets are £5 per child. This cost includes all of the following:-

- The egg hunt, (a chocolate egg reward)
- A delicious pancake made by our brilliant chefs from Rick Stein Restaurant
- Mett the Easter Bunny and Big Bird from Sesame Street in his giant nest
- Easter craft table
- And bouncy castle (subject to weather)

Please purchase tickets in advance by March 26th from your school office and bring correct monies. Tickets not available on the door. Also please note, a percentage of tickets sales will be going to the school that you purchase tickets from. Help your school raise funds.

Calendar - School term dates 2018

Important school dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Friday 30th March 2018 - Friday 13th April 2018 - School closed for Easter holidays

Monday 7th May 2018 - School closed Bank holiday Monday

Tuesday 8th May 2018 - school closed for Culture Day (Flora Day)

Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018 - School closed for Half term

Friday 20th July 2018 - last day of School

Monday 23rd July 2018 - School closed INSET