MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS

25th September 2020

HEAD OF SCHOOL NOTE

Another unprecedented week successfully navigated by us all!

We have gone from glorious hot sunshine to huge sized hail stones within days - and I feel very privileged to have witnessed the sheer awe, wonder, amusement and joy that so many of our children have shown during both of these extreme weathers. From children splashing around in the river to running around the playground catching hailstones laughing and squealing with happiness. Its moments like these that are so memorable. We continue to be incredibly proud of how all of our pupils have settled back into school, there is a real buzz of activity in all of the classrooms as pupils become engrossed in their learning once again.

Thank you as always to everyone for respecting our rules and procedures that we have put in place to keep our pupils safe. Please continue to social distance whilst waiting at the gates, we appreciate that at times in the back-car park it can be tricky when cars are parked near to the gate. If possible, we will put chairs/cones there to help.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival this year will be virtual. Reverend Helen Baber has put together a service for us which we will watch in our individual classes next week. We will then begin collecting packaged and tinned foods for our local foodbanks. More information will follow next week.

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Thursday 1st October is a National School Census Day. This is when the Department for Education collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. If your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses



to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget. We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October / January each year. Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. Then your child will be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs. The meal choice for that day will be: **Burger/Veggie Burger, Wedges and salad sticks. Baked doughnut or Fruit for pudding.** Thank you for your support.

BIKEABILITY

Year 5 Bikeability sessions start on **Monday 28th September**. Please can <u>all Year 5 children</u> bring their bike, helmet, PE Kit and raincoat on **MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**. Subsequent dates for bring your bikes in will be sent out on Monday afternoon.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

We would like to reassure parents that risk assessments for any external visitors such as Bikeability are reviewed prior to their visit and they are required to adhere to ours when on site.

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Cycle to school week starts MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER. We would very much like to encourage our children to cycle to school this week if they would like to. However, we have to remain mindful of our bubbles and keeping all of our children safe.

Classes 4 and 5 can leave their bikes down the side of their playground (they will be shown where next Friday). This area will be coned off so that other pupils cannot touch each other's bikes throughout the day. Helmets will be left with bikes. Class 3 can leave their bikes down by the side of their classroom by the fence. Again, this area will be coned off.

We would very much like for our pupils in Classes 1 and 2 to cycle this week too if possible BUT we kindly ask that parents then take their bikes home as we don't have any other safe space to keep their bikes. We realise that this may not be that easy in some cases, but we do need to ensure all our pupils are kept safe.

NASAL FLU VACCINE

The link to the consent forms for the Nasal Flu Vaccination were sent out this week. These consents ao direct to Kernow Health. If you have any queries or the link is not working for you, please contact them on 01872 221105. The link is: https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Hopefully everyone has now received a letter confirming their Google Classroom login details. If anyone is experiencing difficulties getting online to access homework or home learning, please let the office know by calling or emailing hello@mawgan-in-pydar.org.uk.

PARENT MEETINGS - AUTUMN TERM

These will take place in the week beginning 2nd November. It will come as no surprise to you that these meetings are likely to be held in a different format this year due to Covid restrictions. It is likely they will be virtual. We do feel it is very important for you to be able to have these face to face meetings with your child's class teacher. Keep an eye out for more information over the next few weeks.

MEDICAL FORMS

Medical forms have been sent electronically by email. If you have not received this please can you contact the school office at hello@mawgan-in-pydar.org.uk. Please complete this on-line form asap. Many thanks.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Individual photographs will be taking place on THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER at 9:00am. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take family photographs this year as this would mean we are mixing our pods.

YEAR 6

MESSAGE FROM TREVIGLAS-Our open events are going to have to be different this year as we are not able to welcome visitors into school. We are holding a virtual open evening on THURSDAY 8TH **OCTOBER** at 6pm. on our Treviglas Academy Facebook page or by following this link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1450277055363796/.

In addition, our Headteacher Michelle Dunleavy will be holding virtual Q&A sessions for Year 6 parents and carers, to give them the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about Treviglas. This will take place on **MONDAY 12[™] OCTOBER**, from 4-4.30 pm. Link to follow.





BAGS2SCHOOL

Our next Bags2School is booked for **TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER**.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The PTA have decided to go ahead with the sale of Tea Towels featuring all the children's self-portraits. We will shortly be sending pre-order forms to be sent/paid by **FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER**.

TRAFFIC AT THE END OF THE DAY

Morning drop off to school seems to run smoothly with little congestion. Please can we ask that everyone sticks to their allotted time lots for the afternoons and that cars avoid stopping/double parking in front of the shop as this prevents the bus getting to the school and causes congestion to build up.

Aspire Catering Services

Thursday 1st October

Support your school with Burger* & Wedges

> Salad sticks Doughnut or Fruit

> > vegetarian option available



TERM DATES 2020-2021 - ADDITIONAL TRAINING DAYS ADDED

Please note that this has been amended.

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Training Day	Thursday 3 rd – Friday 4 th September
School Starts	Monday 7 th September
Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January School Starts Friday 12th February Training Day Monday 15th to Friday 19th February Half-Term Last day of term Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2021

School Starts	Tuesday 19th April
May Day	Monday 3 rd May
Half-Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Training Day	Monday 7 th
Training Day	Tuesday 8 th June

Last day of term Wednesday 21st July	
Training Day	Thursday 22 nd July
Training Day	Friday 23 rd July



Fun Palaces

Sharing Skills, Connecting Communities, Creating Tiny Revolutions Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October 2020

St Columb Library will join hundreds of Fun Palaces nationally and internationally set to explode with free and fun activities for all.

We are creating a 'Window Gallery' of pictures created by our junior members showing their favourite books and characters. So, children of St Columb get creative with your crayons, felt-pens, paints and colleges to create a colourful and vibrant display of pictures for the whole community to see. Pictures should be on A4 paper and can be dropped into the library during opening hours before Saturday 3rd October.

Fun Palaces is an ongoing national and international campaign, nurturing and supporting the potential and positivity of sharing people's enthusiasms, passions and skills with their own local community. Fun Palaces has an annual weekend of events each October.

During the weekend, check out what's happening elsewhere: Twitter/Instagram: #FunPalaces | @FunPalaces Free

www.funpalaces.co.uk

Teacher Training Opportunities





T: 01726 438613

Join our online info sessions for more details:

17th September 2020 - 1.30pm-2.30pm

15th October 2020 -10.30am-11.30am

18th November 2020 -3.00pm-4.00pm

7th December 2020 -10.30am-11.30am

12th January 2021 -1.30pm-2.30pm

3rd February 2021 -3.00pm-4.00pm

Book here: www.aspireacademyt rust.org/teachingtrust

E: ATT@iaspire.net

Aspire Teaching Trust



- The only school in Cornwall to be shortlisted for the Independent Schools of the Year Awards. Whittled down from hundreds to just five, the school is now a finalist.
- 85% of A Level passes were at grades A*/A. That's three times the national average.
- Wide and varied extra-curricular programme including engineering, dance, sailing, journalism, business and much more
- Free wrap around care from 8am until 6pm



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