

Trewirgie Infants' & Nursery School

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Newsletter



*We care, we help, we succeed.
Ni a with, Ni a weres, Ni a sewen.*

24th February 2023

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

Trewirgie Infants' School will be celebrating reading and the world of books in lots of different ways on this day.

As a school we are inviting the children to dress up if they want to.

The children can wear a World Book Day costume based on a story character they like, wear pyjamas to enjoy some all-day bedtime stories or create their own costume. Dressing up for World Book Day is optional so if your child does not want to dress up please don't worry.

Each year group will have its own exciting plans for the day so keep an eye out for Class Dojo messages from your child's class teacher regarding plans for the day.

After school, from 3:30pm - 4:15pm on World Book Day Miss Maun will be running a 'Magpie Nest trail' for parents and children to take part in. Families can hunt for words that will be hidden around the school and add them to the magpie nest in the main hall.

In the main hall there will also be a cake stall (cakes or buns to be donated please) as well as a 'book swap and shop' stall.

The book swap and shop stall will have lots of second-hand books you may like to buy. Your child can also bring some books from home (that they no longer want to read) and swap them for books from the stall. There is no cost to swap a book, just an opportunity to take some new books home to read.

The cake stall and book shop will be run by the PTA and will help us to raise funds to allow us to update our class libraries so please support us if you can.

Attendance:

The world is run by people who turn up!

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good routines for later life and the working world, as well as giving your child the opportunity to:

- make lots of friends and feel included
- learn new things and develop many skills
- increase confidence and self esteem
- improve social skills
- achieve potential and fulfil aspirations.

At Trewirgie Infants' School we aim for 96% attendance.

If a child who attends school for 90% of the time they will be absent from school for the equivalent of one-half day a week. Over a whole school they would miss four weeks of lessons and would also spend more time away from school over the year than in school!

Days in a year	Days spent in school	Days spent out of school
365	171	194

If their attendance for his whole time at school was 90% he would have missed 209 days of school, that's a whole school year!

• When your child is absent

Only the Headteacher can officially authorise an absence, but unless there is a concern, the staff will usually do this on their behalf. Parents should provide reasons for absences and the school must decide whether or not they justify authorisation according to Government guidelines.

Authorised absences

- Genuine illness of the pupil
- Hospital or dental appointment for the pupil
- Death of a near relative
- Religious observance (faith of the parents or carers)

Unauthorised absences

- A shopping trip
- A birthday treat
- Oversleeping due to a late night
- Looking after other children
- Letting the gas man in, etc.
- The parent or carer is unwell

Whenever a child is absent from school the parent should

- Contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If no notification of absence is received, the school office will contact the parents to ascertain the reason.
- Where possible let the school know in advance of any planned absences, for example hospital appointments.
- Where possible make medical or dental appointments out of school hours.

Term time leave

Family holidays should take place during the school holiday dates. These are published a year in advance. Please be mindful that absence due to a leave during term time is not, and never has been a parent's entitlement.

If leave during term time cannot be avoided, a leave request form should be completed.

These can be obtained from the school office. The Headteacher will then decide whether or not to authorise this absence. Headteachers can only authorise leave during term time if "exceptional circumstances" exist, even if your child has an excellent attendance record or if you believe that the reason for the absence is justified.

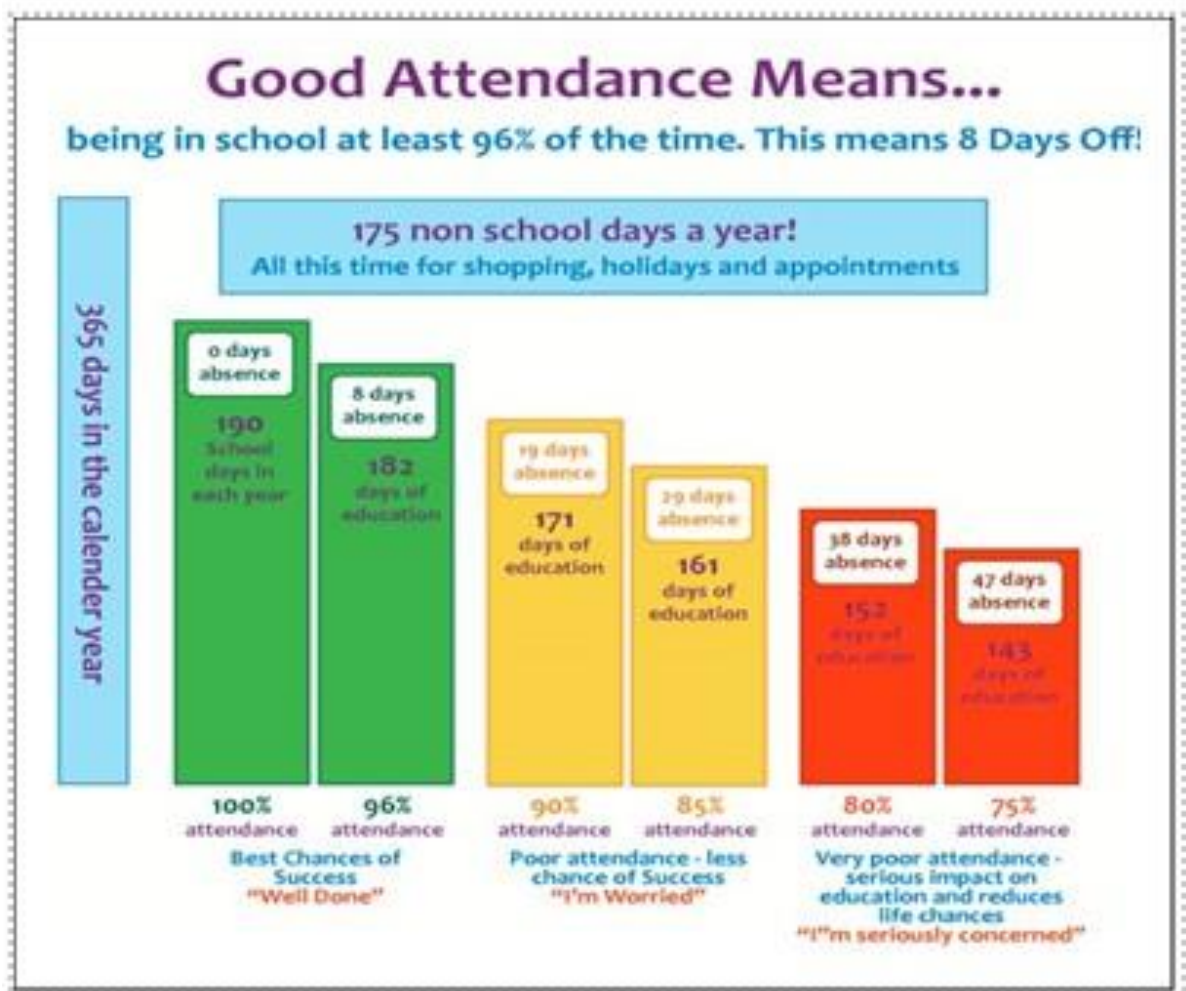
Arriving late to school

When a child arrives late to school it can be very disruptive to your child, the teacher and other children in the class. If your child arrives late to school they will be marked as late on the register. If your child arrives very late, the child will be marked as an "Unauthorised Late" - This is the same as an Unauthorised Absence.

Absence and the law

As a parent you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends regularly.

The school monitors attendance monthly and has identified those children who are within the Persistent Absence category - this is when attendance is below 90% for a period of time. Attendance letters will be sent to these parents to alert them to their child's absence in line with our Attendance policy.



This week in the nursery we had a visit from a dentist and we have been learning all about looking after our teeth. The children also enjoyed mixing our pancake mixture and practising pancake tossing skills with our play dough.



The children in reception had a very exciting week back after half term. They walked to visit Wheal Uny mine and whilst they were there they found some very mysterious objects. They found a Cornish flag and a note from The Cornish Knockers, some very cheeky creatures! The children also found a box in their classroom. It was a treat from The Cornish Knockers! They were given scones, jam and cream in return for some facts about Cornwall. After thinking carefully about what we could tell them we prepared our scones and ate them at snack time. They were delicious. All week we have been writing notes for the Knockers and they have been writing notes for us. We have also learnt about King Edward and Robinson mine that we have named Class 1 and Class 3 after. We learnt about the tools miners used and the machines that were used to help the miners to extract the tin from the rock. We acted out the different processes involved in mining the tin.



In Year 1 we have had such a busy week. In History, we have been learning about how Redruth became a town. We found out the King allowed markets in the 1300s and then how many people moved here because of mining. We are reading the book 'The Man Engine Remembers' - The children would love to hear your stories if you saw it in Redruth in 2016. We also enjoyed a brilliant music / history workshop with Will Keating. In English we have been learning the poem - On the Ning Nang Nong. The children have loved this poem and have been challenged to learn it off by heart and say it without giggling!



This week in year 2 had a special visitor! Will Keating (who is an incredible Cornish Folk Singer and performs with the Cornish based group 'The Oggymen') came into our school to run a workshop which linked to our current topics in history, music and our Cornish speaking! The children had a fantastic time and all joined in with the singing and dancing. They sang along with traditional Cornish songs and Will spoke to them about the mining history in Redruth. We joined together at the end of the day to sing as one big group and it was a magnificent sight to see all of the children joining in and enjoying the music.



This week in our Klub Kernewek (Cornish Club) we have been playing a memory game and learning the Cornish words and some stories along the way. We loved learning about Cornish king crabs and how they used to be called spider crabs. The Cornish word for crab is 'kanker'.



Extended Provision

Extended Provision are looking for some donations of any toys your child may no longer be using, such as stikle bricks, mobilo, animal or action figures and a dolls house or dolls house funiture to enhance the childrens experience during their time in this provision. If you have anything suitable, please drop to the office. Thank you



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week goes to

Class 1

Well done!

Learners & Superstars!

	Learner	Superstar
Class 1 – King Edward	Minnie for her increased confidence during carpet times. We have loved listening to your unique perspective.	Maisie is our star of the week for being so helpful and caring around the classroom. You have really impressed us with your thoughtful attitude.
Class 2 – Wheal Uny	Alfie for amazing all the adults with his general knowledge. Alfie was able to answer so many questions and offer great ideas when we walked to Wheal Uny mine this week. Even adults from the other reception classes were impressed by what he knew! Well done Alfie!	Harper for her beautiful manners whenever she speaks to others. Harper is always kind and respectful when talking to both children and adults
Class 3 – Robinson	Erin is our learner of the week for her fantastic knowledge of 2D shapes and for being able to describe them using mathematical terminology, such as sides, corners and curves.	Frankie Bu is our star of the week because he always remembers to say please and thank you. Thank you for your impeccable manners Frankie!
Class 4 – Wheal Basset	Iris has developed a love for maths this week and has mastered counting on 2s. Well done!	Sam has used fantastic manners this week and continues to be a wonderful role model in our class. Well done!
Class 5 – Grenville	Alfie for asking so many questions and being so interested in all our learning about tin and copper mining.	Milo for being polite and using his manners so kindly when speaking to others.
Class 6 – Pednandrea	Harmony for her hard work and pride in maths and fantastic presentation.	Jacob for his wonderful manners and super sitting all weeks.
Class 7 – Carn Brea	Isabella for her amazing maths.	Ethan for magnificent manners
Class 8 – Dolcoath	Riley B for his dedication to his handwriting. Riley has been asking for extra homework to help him improve his handwriting and has shown his determination to succeed!	Harlan for being such a brilliant role model. Harlan always does as he is asked, has fantastic manners and always tries his best.
Class 9 – South Crofty	Letty for her super speedy writing this week.	Hunter for his amazing start into his new class and school.

School Safety

It has been noted that children are left un-supervised during the morning drop off. The children are running around the parked cars in the car park and behind the office building.

Please ensure your child is with you at all times. Thank you

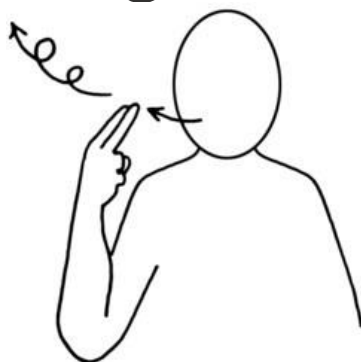
Cornish Word of the Week

As part of the Go Cornish Scheme, we are teaching everyone some Cornish words and phrases. Each week we will add a new word or phrase to the newsletter which you may like to use at home.

This week's words is: Sing -



Makaton sign of the week



Sing!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th February – Reception visit to the Library

Tuesday 28th February – Year 1 walk and tour of Redruth town

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day – details above

Friday 3rd March – Cornish Day – Steak or cheese & onion pasty followed by Hevva cake

Saturday 4th March – St Piran's Day – details to follow

Wednesday 8th March – Year 2 trip to Heartlands

14th March – Year 2 trip to the Eden Project

15th March – Year 2 trip to Kresen Kernow

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief – details to follow

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 1 trip to Crenver Grove Wood

3rd April – 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – All children return for the Summer Term.

The school trips taking place are looking for parent helpers. If you have the availability, we would be grateful. Please see the office. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Association

The chill and chat café with Miss Robins runs every Thursday from 2.30pm in the Extended Provision room. Come and have a chat about anything you are worried about with your child, and we will do all we can to help and support you.

PTA meetings runs every Thursday from 2.30pm in the Extended Provision room. Come along and join our fabulous group of volunteers, who plan amazing activities for your children to enjoy, while raising funds for your children to enrich their learning.

Magpie Trail



Lergh Piesen (Magpie Trail in Cornish)

Magpie's are famous for collecting shiny objects.

In school we use this concept to help children collect 'shiny' words from books we read to use them in their writing.

To start the trail, collect a sheet from the table outside the office. All the text extracts are visible from the outside of the school.



Thursday 2nd
March from
3.20pm

Children are invited with their parents to join Miss Maun after school on World Book Day to be magpies and collect words from text extracts hidden around the school.

Once you have filled your beak, bring the shiny words you have collected into the magpie's nest (in the hall) and then you can pick a word to make up a sentence of your own.



Free Teatime Family Meals

You will find a warm welcome with hot, tasty food and great company!

- Everyone is welcome
- Meals are totally free
- You don't need a referral or a voucher

Wednesdays
8th, 22nd February
1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th March
5pm – 6pm (open from 4:30pm)

Please let us know if you want to come when you are collecting your children or email to manager@gwealantops.org

Where?
Gwealan Tops, School Lane, Redruth
TR15 2ER

What is the food like?
We prepare fresh, home-cooked meals. There is always a vegetarian, vegan or gluten free option on offer too. The menu is announced on our Facebook page.

What do I need to bring?
You and your family – All ages are welcome! We have a warm, safe space with friendly volunteers and a hot meal.

**FREE
Family
Meal**

localgiving

nationalgrid

Please book via email:
manager@gwealantops.org



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Redruth Family Hub

Cornwall's Family Hubs support children, young people and their families pre-birth to 25 years .

We have six Family Hub areas in Cornwall each delivering services to offer help with:

- Parenting and Family Support
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Child Development Health and Wellbeing
- Education, Employment and Training

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