

NEU Teacher Strike

Parents and carers will no doubt have heard about the upcoming teacher strikes from the NEU teaching union that have been shared in the media recently.

We can confirm that Perranporth School will be open as usual on Wednesday 1st February and classes should not be disrupted by the strike.

There are further strikes planned for Thursday 2 March 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. We will inform parents of any impact these plans have on Perranporth School when we have further confirmation nearer to the times. Thank you.

Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday afternoon, several children from Year 4 entered the Newquay School Indoor Athletics Festival. This was a great opportunity for children to test their athletic skills in a variety of events against children from other local schools. The team from Perranporth gave a very competitive performance and achieved lots of winning places!

We were exceptionally impressed by their speed and agility, as well as the children's sporting behaviour and team spirit. A huge well done to all!



What's coming Up Next Week?

- ◆ Tues 31st Jan - Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

Air Ambulance Wear Red Fri 10th February

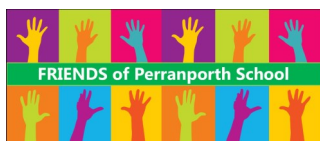
This week our School Parliament had a meeting with Mr Johnson to discuss lots of very important school ideas and issues.

During the meeting, children in School Parliament felt very passionate about the support of local and national charities. The Cornwall Air Ambulance Service is a charity we have learned a lot about in school and children are aware of how important their support is to people in Cornwall. With this in mind, the School Parliament have decided that they would like children to get behind the Air Ambulance's charity drive coming up on Friday 10th Feb. On this day we would like all children to come to school wearing red and yellow clothing and make a £1 donation to this very worthy charity.

Thank you for your support!



Save the date: Friday 10th Feb
wear red and yellow for £1.00 donation
Cornwall Air Ambulance



FOPS Friday Cake Sales

A big thank you to parents and families from Year 2 for this week's cakes!
Next week it will be Year 3's turn to bake! Thank you for your support.



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Good School Attendance Matters!

Perranporth School had a recent visit from the Educational Welfare Service to review our school attendance and punctuality. A number of areas were explored and challenged. Several aspects of our attendance were celebrated, but during this meeting, it was made clear that in a number of cases, our attendance could and should be much better. Additionally, it was also highlighted that holidays in term time and Persistent Absence (attendance less than 90%) and lateness were all significant problems.

We feel it's very important that parents understand why good school attendance is so important and we would very much like your support in making sure that all of our children achieve this. We appreciate that children get ill and that occasionally they may need to be absent for a day or two when these illnesses become hard to manage. However, we are also aware, that there are times when absence is avoidable, and it is these days that we wish to tackle.

Our expectation is that all pupils aim to have an attendance figure of 100% for each term. This level of attendance will ensure success in lessons, as research has shown there is a strong link between outstanding attendance and positive attainment.

If your child has good attendance, they will:

- ♦ contribute in lessons and become more confident with learning
- ♦ work with staff to develop strategies to enable stronger progress
- ♦ achieve more at school
- ♦ feel happier about school and their friendships

If your child is absent regularly they may:

- ♦ find learning harder and have gaps in their learning
- ♦ not feel part of the class or school
- ♦ find it hard to make and keep friendships
- ♦ not make the most of the opportunities provided by the school

What to do if your child cannot attend school due to illness

Children should still attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, tummy ache, sore throats etc) as over the counter medicine can often be given at home before school. We will contact you if your child becomes too ill and need to be collected.

If your child is ill, please contact the School Office on 01872 572021 as soon as possible to explain why he/she will not be in school. If the illness continues, please inform the school for each day that your child is absent.

If they have diarrhoea or vomiting, children can only return to school 48 hours after the last time that they had these ailments. If you are unsure, please speak to the School Office, your doctor or pharmacist for advice. Where we have concerns that children have disproportionate absences due to illness, we may require medical evidence to support the absences.

Be here on time:

Get your child to school on time, every day. Children should arrive at 8:30am to get the most from their morning. It's important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling and attending school on time is key to your child doing well at school. It will also set them up with good habits for their life and whatever they choose to do once out in the wider world.

There is a link between good attendance and high levels of attainment. Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning. Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time, every day school is open.

Absence during term time

Children must attend school every day we're open whenever possible. They must not be absent from school for day trips, birthdays, because their sibling or a parent/carer is ill or holidays.

Children are not entitled to holidays in term time. Holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.

Fines of £60 per week (5 days/ 10 sessions) over 100 day period, per parent/carer may be issued by the Local Authority where unauthorised leave has been taken in term time.

Medical appointments

All medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours whenever possible. Where this is not possible the amount of school time missed should be kept to a minimum. We are unlikely to authorise time off for a medical appointment if evidence is not provided in advance of the appointment (e.g. appointment letter/text message).

Support

We want to help if your child's attendance at school is a problem (less than 96%) then do speak to us. We will also be in touch with parents and carers of pupils whose attendance is giving us concern or if children are regularly late arriving to school. Where can I get further information and support?

Please speak to your child's teacher, the school office or Mr Johnson if you are concerned about your child's attendance. We can help with useful tips and support to help improve attendance. The worst thing you can do is do nothing!

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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