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Perranporth School



FOPS - We Need You!!

Next week, FOPS have scheduled their Annual General Meeting for Friday 19th Sept straight after school. This is a very important meeting during which our FOPS volunteers discuss the successes and challenges from the previous year and the fund raising that has taken place. Additionally, they discuss the plans for the year ahead and how they can best support our school and your children. It would be wonderful to have any new volunteers come



along to the meeting to find out more about FOPS and how they may be able to help out. If you have any children in tow, you would be more than welcome to drop them into Lighthouse Club whilst the meeting takes place, or just bring them along!

The Friends of Perranporth School are an incredible group who have done, and continue to do so much for our school, our children and our community. Whether it be the brilliant Summer Fayre, Santa's grotto, the spooky Halloween Disco Night or the incredible fund raising that goes directly towards improving children's experiences at school, FOPS are an amazing group that we desperately need! However, in order for FOPS to remain the support that we need them to be, we need more parent and family volunteers!

So, if you would like to join this very important group, please make yourself known to us! This could be by coming along to the meeting on Friday 19th, via the School Office, through the FOPS Facebook group: (20+) FOPS - Friends of Perranporth School - Group | Facebook or let a member of staff know. We appreciate that parents are very busy people, so it's fine to can give as much or as little time as you like - to borrow a well know supermarkets catchphrase, 'every little helps'!



Please, please help us keep our fantastic FOPS alive and kicking by volunteering!! Many thanks.

<u>Brass Lessons</u>

This week we had a very special visitor in our assembly! Tamsin Carter came to demonstrate a huge variety of brass instruments and the marvellous music they can make. This was a great assembly in which children found out about the different instruments and how they are played. Tamsin is our school brass teacher and she has availability in her sessions for children who might like to join!

So, if your child is keen to learn how to play a brilliant brass instrument, please pop into the School Office to pick up a letter to find out more! Our brass players have lots of great experiences beyond their lessons like playing at school events and out in our local community. Why not give it a go!



Breakfast Club

Don't forget that Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7.45am. It is charged at £4 per child. Places are available and should be booked in advance via the Arbor Parent Portal or through the School Office; bookings can also be made by phone (01872 572021).



New Diamond Sixes!

In order to ensure that our Diamond Rules are being followed and to help our school run smoothly; twice per year we elect six children from Year 6 to be our Diamond Sixes and two deputies. This week, all of the children in Year 6 had the opportunity to deliver a speech to the entire school to explain why they thought they would be a good candidate for the role. It is no easy task to stand in front of over two hundred people and speak about your qualities and suitability for such a prestigious position. However the children were very brave and did a truly brilliant job. In fact the speeches were so good, it gave the other members of the school an almost impossible task of voting for the people they felt would do the job best of all.

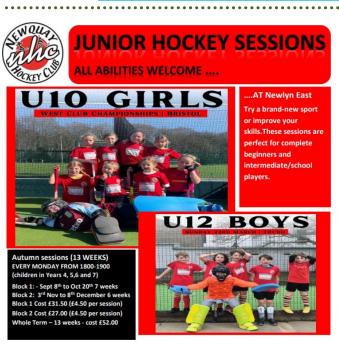
On Wednesday this week, after all votes were counted (and counted again), the six candidates with the most votes were revealed in assembly. The children received their special badges and took part in the 'swearing in ceremony'. Perranporth School's Diamond Sixes for the first half of the year are: Lucy, Arthur, Skyla, Ernie, Luke and Agnes with deputies Meribel, and Marley.

We would like to wish them all well in their new roles and congratulate them on their appointments!













DETAILS

Organised by Newquoy Hockey Club, these sessions are led by Level 1 and 2 Hockey Coaches with experience in coaching junior players at all levels to make sessions from but competitive. To book please email Sarah Rendell at nhcjuniorcoordinator@pmail.com. You will be sent information on how to book and payment instructions. Once received we will confirm your chief's place and any further details.

Gumshields and Shinpads are strongly advised.

Sticks can be borrowed, please ask Sarah.

https://newquayhockeyclub.co.uk/
search 'Newquay Hockey Club'



News from The Lighthouse After School Club

The activities happening at Lighthouse Club next week are:

- Monday Movie Night & Popcorn
- Tuesday Arts & Crafts
- ♦ Wednesday Dodgeball
- ♦ Thursday Games & Lego
- ♦ Friday Soft Play

(other options will be available for children who prefer an alternative activity)

Lighthouse sessions are available: Monday to Friday (Term time only) Session 1 — 15:15pm to 16:15pm — £4.00 Session 2 — 16:15pm to 17:45pm — £6.00 Full session — 15:15pm to 17:45pm — £10.00

Royal Cornwall Hospital - Non Uniform Day Fri 26th Sept

September is Children's cancer awareness month. The Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust is asking all nurseries/schools/colleges to unite in holding a Non-School Uniform day. Every year, sadly there are children in Cornwall diagnosed with cancer. Many will spend days, even weeks, in hospital, away from school, friends, and the comfort of their home.

At the heart of their care is the Children's Cancer Unit at the Royal Cornwall Hospital — a place of compassion, expertise, and hope. But while the clinical team provides outstanding treatment, there is always room for improving facilities and supporting the children and their families. And you can help.

On Friday 26th September we will be joining lots of schools across Cornwall in asking children to come to school in non-school uniform for a donation to a very worthy cause. You can make a donation following this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/nonuniformcornwall? utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL



Attendance Matters! Together, Every Day Counts

Did You Know?

Students who attend school regularly are **more likely to achieve better grades** and build stronger friendships. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/link-between-attendance-and-attainment

Academic Achievement:

- Pupils with 95–100% attendance at Key Stage 2 were 1.3 times more likely to meet expected standards in reading, writing, and maths than those with 90–95% attendance
- At Key Stage 4, students with 95–100% attendance were **1.9 times more likely** to achieve a **Grade 5** in English and Maths GCSEs

Missing just **10 days** in Year 6 can reduce the chance of

meeting expected standards by **25%**, and in Year 11, it can cut the likelihood of achieving a Grade 5 by **50%**



Social and Emotional Development:

Regular attendance helps students build **stronger friendships**, develop **better communication skills**, and feel a **greater sense of belonging** in school

Long-Term Life Outcomes:

• Each additional day of absence in secondary school is linked to a £750 reduction in future earnings. Higher absence rates increase the likelihood of long-term unemployment and benefit dependency by age 28.

☑ Our Current Attendance Stats

• Perranporth School - Whole School: 97.5%

Target: 96% Let's keep up the great start!

Spotlight on Punctuality

Did you know?

Being 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours of lost learning per year!

Let's aim to be on time, every time.

P Top Tips for Better Attendance

- Set a consistent bedtime and morning routine
- Prepare school bags and uniforms the night before

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DfE statutory guidance is clear: holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unavoidable leave of absence requests for school-aged children are generally related to one off events that are rare, significant, unavoidable, and short in duration. Family holidays are not considered unavoidable.

Taking your child out of school without permission may result in a **Penalty Notice** being issued.

What this means:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued if your child has unauthorised absences, including holidays.
- The fine is £80 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- Failure to pay may result in prosecution.

There is **no right of appeal**—if you believe a notice was **issued in error**, you must contact the school directly.

We understand that holidays are important for family time, but we are legally required to prioritise your child's education and wellbeing. Every school day counts.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the