

**Friday 3 March 2017****Attendance Percentage: Week Ending Friday 3 March 2017:**

| FAL | COBER | LERRYN | HELFDOR | KENWYN | TAMAR | TRESILLIAN |
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| 95  | 95.6  | 99.3   | 91.3    | 95     | 97.7  | 96.6       |

**Attendance to date:**

| FAL   | COBER | LERRYN | HELFDOR | KENWYN | TAMAR | TRESILLIAN |
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| 97.21 | 94.60 | 97.82  | 94.81   | 94.89  | 97.73 | 94.96      |

Current whole school attendance: 95.83%

Dear Parents/Carers,

After last week's unique opportunity with the Premier League trophy this week continued in the same vein with a fabulous visit from triple jumper, Nathan Fox, as part of our science week activities. The children and staff completed a range of fitness challenges to raise sponsorship money for sports equipment. (Thank you for this and please bring in sponsorship money ASAP). Nathan was inspirational and gave a motivational insight into his life and career. We all had a thoroughly excellent time.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Maths Open Morning on Wednesday. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it was great to showcase our calculation methods.

This week I need to use this letter as an urgent plea. I sent home a letter a couple of weeks ago urging you to help Cornish schools lobby their MPs about the proposed funding formula for schools which will put the structure of many Cornish schools in jeopardy. We, like many, are going to be badly hit if the proposals go ahead so if you haven't already done so please could you visit [www.schoolcuts.org.uk/](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/) or just Google 'School Cuts'. Type in our school and once you've seen how the cuts affect us please follow the link for the petition and the link to contact our MP. Please urge family and friends to do the same. A final decision will be made in a couple of weeks so it is vital that our voice is heard now. Thank you in anticipation.

Well done to Ethan, Emma and Lily from Fal who have been selected as finalists for the Fun in Falmouth art competition at The Poly. The winners will be announced at the Family Fun Open day (11-4pm this Saturday at The Poly, Falmouth- everyone welcome!) with the announcement being made at 1:30pm. Good Luck! Best wishes, Helen Bancroft

**CONSTANTINE/PONT CROIX TWINNING**

From 18 April - 22 April 2017 a group of adults and children from Pont Croix in Brittany will be visiting Constantine for the annual twinning exchange. The Twinning Association are always looking for new members to become involved. If you are interested in hosting a French family during this visit please contact Heather Latus at [stewart.latus@btinternet.com](mailto:stewart.latus@btinternet.com) or speak to Mrs Savage if you would like to know more about it. It is a great way to forge friendships which can last for many years and to get to know people before a return visit to France next spring.

**MATHLETICS:** Well done this week to:

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| Kirsty Rose      | Tamar 4043   |
| Arabella Bridges | Lerryn 2870  |
| Ruby Kent        | Helford 1120 |
| Isabel Mullaly   | Helford 1040 |
| Martha Turner    | Lerryn 1026  |

**LERRYN CLASS:** Lerryn will be going to the woods for a science lesson on Tuesday 7th March for the morning. They should wear their uniform as usual but also bring old trousers, water proofs and wellies too. We will be back in time for lunch.

**Y3/4 FINAL CAMP INFORMATION:** We gathered all the campers on Thursday morning and handed out the final information for Y3/4 Eden Camp. They have been issued with a kit list, emergency contacts information (keep this safe) and a permission slip. Please ensure this is thoroughly filled in and returned asap- if not it may be returned to you. We will be away for three days and two nights so please tell us anything we may need to know on the back of the form as well as any medical needs. If you have any questions then please come in and speak to Mrs G or Miss Bidgood, we are available most days after school

**Are you interested in helping us to renew our 'Dyslexia Friendly School' status?** We are hoping to create a support group of parents who can give us feedback and ideas. If you do have an interest in dyslexia and how we support children who are experiencing difficulty with reading, writing or numeracy, we would welcome your help. Please let me know who you are by email or popping into see me at school so that we can come together for an initial discussion and plan support strategies. Thank you, Mr Anjari. ([janjari@constantine.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:janjari@constantine.cornwall.sch.uk)).

**NUTS AND SEEDS** please do not send your child in with nuts and seeds in their lunchboxes or at break times as we have children at school with severe nut allergies. THANK YOU.

**Advance notice:** on the last day of term March 31st we will finish at 1:15pm - no Kids' Club on that day.

**SPORT: Second Round Cross Country:** This event will now run on **WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH**, same time, same place, Pool Academy at 4pm. Please arrive for 3.30pm - those running will need collecting from school early to get there on time as parking is across the road at The School Of Mines/Cornwall College car park. At present we are not sure who is managing the Partnership Team (that includes all CPS runners), but we will let you know, as you will need to report to him/her. Good luck to all our children who are taking part: Kaiden, Edward, Alexandra, Elijah, Olivia W, Barney CG, David, Angus. If any children from the hockey team are running please let Mrs G know to arrange reserves for the league matches.

**Hockey League:** The first night of the hockey league was amazing and our children won their first match against Flushing School with a score of 3-0! We had several children who were new to hockey and playing in our school teams and they did extremely well even though many were nervous. Well, that's the way to do it - just get out there and give it a go. We are very proud of you all. Our Captain Sarah did a great job along with the rest of our squad: Lubin, Polly, Olivia G, Lily, Angus, William, Alexandra, Jack G and Kaiden. Huge thanks to our parent drivers also. Next week we have two matches the last match finishes at 5.10pm. Our drivers will be: Francis, Hannah and Mrs G taking children there and the same adults along with some other parents picking up from Penryn. Please let me know if this is any different.

**Netball Tournament - winners!!!:** Our netball tournament squad did extremely well on Friday playing against four other schools and coming home undefeated! They were all amazing! What a fantastic achievement for our new players to the squad and also to our more experienced team players who have really worked hard to earn themselves a well deserved medal: David (Capt.), Olivia W (vice Capt.), Edward, Sarah, Olivia G, Kirsty, Barney G, Barney CG and Angus - we are so proud of you all. More gold medals - fabulous!

**Basketball:** As we won the basketball league we now play in the Peninsula Partnership Finals on Wednesday 26th April. The same team will represent us as played in the league matches. Keep practising: Edward (Capt.), David, Angus, Jack G, Olivia W, Alexandra & Gracie (we need you cheerleading if still in plaster :)...it will be a tough competition.

**BIG DRAW BOATANICALS WORKSHOP:** On Monday 13th March we are having our Big Draw Boatanicals workshop: Bringing nautical and floral elements together through 3D drawings. This year the Big Draw project presented by Falmouth University will be run by Foundation Diploma Art & Design students and staff in collaboration with local schools. The Big Draw is an international festival and charity that seeks to involve the local community in the act of drawing (please see link to website <http://thebigdraw.org>). 'Boatanical' brings together both the nautical and floral elements of the Cornish environment in a display of 3 dimensional drawings made from recycled materials. Through involving the local community and running workshops in local schools and as part of the Princess Pavilions 'Make and take' workshops we hope to create hundreds of 'Boatanical' 3D flowers that can become part of our own Flower show installation on the 18th March, (the work will be installed on the 16th March). The show will be displayed in the gardens of the Princess Pavilions and will coincide with the spring flower show. It will remain open to the public for the duration of the Spring Festival, until the 17th April. **The workshop organisers have asked that every child brings in a plastic bottle - any size. Please bring these in as soon as possible (more if you have them) so we can ensure we have enough on the day.**

#### **HELFDORD RIVER CHILDREN'S SAILING TRUST**

Those children who are interested in sailing next term please bring in your sailing letter by Monday 6 March. Principal and Senior Instructor, Mike Comyn, has arranged a series of entry-level and refresher courses for new or existing volunteers which take place during the Easter holiday. Please visit their website for further information: [hrcst.org.uk](http://hrcst.org.uk).

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** On Friday March 17th, before and after assembly, Charlotte Bibby will be selling cakes with proceeds going to the Guides. If you are a regular customer of Sally's please bring a few extra pennies on that day for some additional treats.

See the Notice Board outside for the Art Workshops at Penryn College on Saturday mornings.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

6 Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> round Cross Country  
13 Mar Assessment week  
15 Mar Fal to Helston School construction dept  
17 Mar Brass ensemble Truro Music Festival  
20 Mar Parents' meetings week  
24 Mar 2 children at TLAT Bake Off  
27,28,29 March - Year 3/4 camp a Eden Project  
28 Mar Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra workshop  
31 Mar Break up for Easter holidays, break up at 1.15pm no kids club on this day.  
19 Apr Back to school after Easter holidays  
21 Apr Aquathlon at Truro School  
24 Apr Kenwyn classto Marazion Marsh  
24 Apr Beach Lifeguard talk KS2  
24 Apr Sailing starts

**FALMOUTH HISTORY WEEK** From 25th Feb until 4th March the Poly at Falmouth is hosting a Falmouth History Week. Saturday 4th March is a Family Fun Day. Fal Class have pictures on display as part of a competition and the results will be announced on that day. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. Also there are 3 FREE workshops taught by theatre group Scary Little Girls. The workshops aim to teach basic acting skills in order to bring the characters of old Falmouth back to life. By the end of the 3 workshops we're asking the young actors to dress up and perform as part of the Family Fun Day.

Gweek Pantaloons presents 'Jack and the Beanstalk', starring Charlotte Bibby, Lily and Skye Butler, Rosie Williams, with Hannah Bibby on lighting. Performances on Friday 3rd at 7pm and Saturday 4th March at 2pm and 7pm, Gweek Village Hall. Adults £6, children £3. Tickets available on the door or from Gweek Premier Shop or The Black Swan.