



Friday 8 September 2017

Attendance Percentage: Week Ending Friday 8 Sept 2017:

| FAL | COBER | LERRYNN | HELFORD | KENWYN | TAMAR | TRESILLIAN |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------------|
| 100 | 99.3 | 97.7 | 100 | 97.8 | 98.8 | 100 |

Attendance to date:

| FAL | COBER | LERRYNN | HELFORD | KENWYN | TAMAR | TRESILLIAN |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------------|
| 100 | 99.31 | 97.69 | 100 | 97.83 | 98.81 | 100 |

Current whole school attendance: 99.07%

Dear Parents/Carers, I would first of all like to extend a very warm welcome to you all whether you are new to the school or to welcome you back after the summer holidays. I hope this finds you well, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at Constantine.

Hopefully your children have settled in well already but we realise you may need the opportunity to get to know your child's teacher. Thus we are offering '**Meet the Teacher**' meetings on **Tuesday 12th** at 3:20pm in the classrooms and also at 4pm in case you have children in more than one class. This will enable the staff to give a short presentation about the topics, routines and expectations for each year group. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better. If this time is inconvenient and you need to have a chat please phone the office and we will try to make an alternative appointment.

As I always say at the start of the year please feel free to contact me if you have any issues, suggestions, concerns. As you know I will endeavour to talk immediately or as soon as I possibly can. Best wishes, Helen Bancroft

THANK YOU As you know Mrs Page left her role as a Teaching Assistant in July. She asked us to thank you for all the warm wishes, gifts and cards she received at the end of term.

BREAKTIME SNACKS. Permitted break time snacks are fruit or vegetables. Nothing in packages/processed and **NO NUTS OR SEEDS PLEASE.** Please also consider again healthily balanced packed lunches with no nuts or seeds as we have children with serious allergies to consider.

SAILING: Helford River Children's Sailing Trust is running taster sessions for year 4 children on the following dates: Sept 11, 18, 25 and October 2. All of those children who have shown interest have been given forms to complete. Please make sure these are in by Monday morning latest. Drivers and children will meet in the hall at 3.15pm.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR REQUIRED: We are seeking to employ a lunchtime supervisor every day for 1 hour at lunchtime (12.15-1.15pm Mon-Thurs; 12.00-1.00pm Fri). Please collect an application form from the school office.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS: Music lessons with the Cornwall Music Service Trust are starting next week with brass and violins on Monday, guitar and drums/keyboard on Wednesday. If children are keen to learn a musical instrument, please speak to Mrs Beswick.

SPORT:

Grass Track Cycling: This event takes place on Tuesday 19 Sept and we have two teams of 4 attending. All equipment is provided, Mr Wild will take the children so we just need one volunteer parent driver to transport the children to Penryn College. Please let us know asap on the permission slip if you can help. The children attending are Y5 Josh, Mirryn, Evie and Dan and from Year 6 Taya, Samuel C, Finn and Barney CG. The children will need a packed lunch. This is the first qualifier for the Cornwall School Games of this school year.

Netball League: The netball league starts on Wednesday 27 Sept and we have several keen players who are raring to go. Permission slips will be handed out shortly and if you can help with driving this would be great so please indicate on the form which Wednesday you can help with (and if this is driving both ways or one way).

Football League: If we have enough volunteer parents to support the football league then we will enter a team. Football league nights are also on Wednesday at Penryn College after school. Unfortunately we don't have a spare member of staff to manage our keen young players so if you would like to help here then please get in touch asap or else we will have to withdraw from the league.

SWIMMING: Tresillian class started swimming today at Culdrose Pool. This will continue on the following dates: 15, 22, 29 Sept, 6, 13 Oct and 3 Nov. This is a total of 7 weeks at £5 per week. .

PENRYN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: Children and parents of year 6 children are invited to an open evening at Penryn College on Wed 20 September from 5-8pm. There will be talks in Kernewek Hall at 5.15 and 6.30pm.

PARENT PAY - IMPORTANT INFORMATION The kitchen are delighted that so many of you have signed up to Parent Pay. So far the system is working very well. If you haven't signed up and have lost your log in/password details, please see Mrs Beswick who can issue a new letter for you. **Please note that all children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 who receive Universal Free School Meals still have to log on to choose their meal options.** Also other children who receive FSM need to choose their online options. No money will be taken for dinner money from now on. The cut off time to order a school meal is 9.15am on the day your child wants lunch. Please note that Parent Pay is only being used for school meals at the moment.

COOKERY LESSONS Cookery lessons take place for all classes throughout the year on a rota basis each Friday morning. The children will cook at least twice a term. Please can you contribute towards the ingredients by giving £5 to the school office (in a named envelope please). This covers your child for the year. Many thanks.

PTA NEWS: The PTA would like to invite all parents and carers to an informal coffee morning (with cakes!) on Monday 11 September. Come along if you are interested in helping us raise funds for the school. We have fun doing it and it's a great way to meet people. The money raised by the PTA gives our kids even better opportunities, equipment and experiences. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the school hall from 9.15am. If you can't make it, do join our facebook page to keep up to date with upcoming events. Search for Constantine PTA. **ALSO SAVE THE DATE for Constantine School AUTUMN FAYRE - SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER** at the Tolmen Centre. More details to follow.

KIDS CLUB: Charges from September 2017 will be as follows:
Early morning club: £3.50 for the first child, £3.00 for the second child. Breakfast (cereal) will incur a 50p surcharge.
After school club: £4.00 an hour (the first hour or part thereof has a minimum charge of £4.00).
£3.00 for the second child and no charge for the third child.

HELFDOR AND LERRYN CLASSES will be having ukulele tuition with Mrs Micklem as part of their music lesson on Monday afternoons. If children in these classes have a ukulele please bring them in on Monday. Many thanks.

CLUBS: We have various clubs to offer this term. A form has been sent home with the newsletter to each family (except children in KS1 as there are no clubs on offer this term*). If you have more than one child please put them all on the same form, please return by Monday morning. **GO ACTIVE** are also offering clubs - Archery/crossbow (KS2) on Tuesdays; Dodgeball (KS1*/KS2) on Thursdays and Hockey (KS2) on Fridays. All forms and money to be handed in by Monday 11 Sept latest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
11 Sep PTA coffee morning 9.30-10.30am
12 Sept Meet the Teacher meetings 3.20 and 4pm
15 Sept Hearing Screening for Year 1 children
13 Oct School Photographs
14 Oct PTA Autumn Fayre Tolmen Centre
19 Oct Break up for half term
20 Oct Staff training day
30 Oct Back to school after half term

CHARITY PLANT SALE There is a bring and buy charity plant sale at Two Quays House, Gweek, Helston TR12 6UG on Saturday 16th Sept from 11am to 4pm. Refreshments, including homemade cakes and light lunches will be served all day. This is in aid of the Children's Hospice South West and MS Society. Contact Annie Walker 01326 221710/Jane Rogers 01326 250258.