

**Friday 15 April 2016****Attendance Percentage: Week Ending Friday 15 April 2016:**

FAL	COBER	LERRYIN	HELFORD	KENWYN	TAMAR	TRESILLIAN
96.2	100	98.7	98.9	99.2	98.4	97.5

**Attendance to date:**

FAL	COBER	LERRYIN	HELFORD	KENWYN	TAMAR	TRESILLIAN
94.9	97.7	96.13	97.17	97.67	97.07	98.05

Current whole school attendance: 97%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Easter break. It was good to see those of you who attended Parent / Child Consultations earlier in the week and great to hear such positive remarks about your children's learning. Some of you have commented on the new format of meetings in the hall and I am aware that a small minority do not like it. The changes have been made to comply with recommendations to safeguard staff as there have been cases in other places where staff in isolated rooms have been vulnerable to abuse. I am certain this would never happen here but am sure you can appreciate I am not prepared to take that risk. Most people were very positive about the change and the whole process was much more efficient as appointments were kept to time. Thank you to our Governor Lisa Sampson who was present on both evenings to hear all of your views.

I am delighted to report that Mrs Skewes amputation operation has been successful. She has been absolutely amazing throughout and has even visited us in school already. We wish her a speedy recovery and adjustment period and can't wait to have her back when she is ready.

Congratulations to Oscar Haywood who came second when he represented Constantine in the Truro High Bake Off Final - a great achievement. Congratulations also to Millie Tomkins, Charlotte Attoe and Olivia Webb who represented Constantine on March 23rd at a Penryn Partnership dance performance - Millennium Manoeuvres - the Headteacher of the college said they were amazing!

A huge THANK YOU to Kerry Vincent whose profits from her village play enabled her to donate a defibrillator to the school (for use of anyone in the village). We are in the process of getting it set up. Let's hope we never need it but it is great peace of mind to have one.

Our Scooter Pods have arrived! These have been installed and are waiting to be filled with the scooters of anyone who wants to reduce their carbon footprint and scoot to school! Please use them as they were part of the money donated last term by CAE UK. Please collect a fluorescent arm band from Mrs Beswick before you scoot to school.

And finally... Good News! -Our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) application was presented successfully to the Regional Board on Tuesday and we now have the approval to start the process of conversion into an academy. There have been a couple of changes since my original letter dated February 29th. We will still be part of the Cornerstone group with all of the values and benefits outlined in my previous letter. Owing to a refocus of its work in higher education the link with the Learning Institute as an organisation is no longer part of the arrangement although the key experienced personnel are transferring as part of the MAT. Instead Cornerstone is joining The Learning Academy Trust (TLAT) - an experienced and successful MAT that is able to provide us with the company structure, administrative support and professional services we require. The integrity of Cornerstone that we signed up to remains firmly in place with vision and values around child-centred learning, community and enquiry - all things we already hold dear. Another change is that Marlborough School have been told they cannot join this MAT. (This will not prevent us from working in collaboration with them and Mabe in the future.) Mabe and Constantine are delighted to have been accepted and are looking forward to collaborating within Cornerstone for the benefit of all our children. Although it seems like a great deal of information may I emphasise, as in the previous letter, that we know this is something all schools have to do, so we wanted to choose our destiny rather than have something thrust upon us. Our integrity and autonomy remain and we look forward with optimism to the future.

Helen Bancroft.

## SPORTS

**Cornwall School Games Biathlon:** We have twenty children representing us next week at the CSG in the biathlon event where they swim 200m and run 1500m. Times are collated to give an overall time. All permission slips have been returned and huge thanks to Alice N, Victoria B, Mrs G, Sally and Sara G for offering to drive. We will leave school at 8:45 on Tuesday so be ready to cheer on our stars.

**KS1 Inclusion Festival:** Ten children from years 1 & 2 will represent us at this fun event next Friday at Penryn College. Mrs Jones and Mrs Moyle will be going and thanks to Mrs Scully for offering to drive also. This event is run and coordinated by Penryn College sports leaders, many of whom were sports leaders when at CPS.

**National Schools Swimathon Y4 & 5:** Next Friday all the children and staff in Tamar and Kenwyn Classes will take part in the schools National Swimathon Challenge. Swimming continuously for half an hour everyone will swim as far as they can and try to beat the target that has been set for them. Sponsor forms were sent home before Easter and some children have already raised some money for school sports equipment and camps; brilliant! You have another week to collect sponsors before the big swim on 22nd. We will need a couple of parent volunteers to help count laps and possibly drive. If you are able to support in this way then please let Mrs G know on Monday.

**Swimming:** Kenwyn Class have one more swim on 29th following the Swimathon event next week and then it is Helford's turn to swim on a Friday. Permission slips have been given out in preparation for this.

## CLUBS

**If you would like to sign up for a new club, please get a form from Mrs Beswick. If you are already in an existing club you do not need to sign up again.**

Monday:	Lunchtime Ukelele Yrs 2-6 (Mrs Micklem/Mrs Savage) 12.45-1.15pm
"	<b>NEW</b> Science Miss Puxley, KS2 3.15-4.15 max 15
"	Sailing Mrs Pascoe Yrs 4,5,6 (all have now signed up)
"	Change for Life Mrs Kent (invited children) 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Choir Yrs 3,4,5,6, (Mrs Churchley/Mrs Micklem) 2.45-3.15pm
"	Samba Yrs 4,5,6 (Mrs Churchley) 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Orchestra Yrs 3,4,5,6 (Mrs Churchley) 3.15-3.45pm
"	Singing Yrs 5,6 (Mrs Churchley) 3.45-4.30pm
"	<b>NEW</b> Roller skating Yrs 4,5,6 (Mrs Gilbert) 3.15-4.15
"	Art Yrs 5,6 (Mr Wild) 3.15-4.15 Max 15
Thursday	Lunchtime Advanced ukulele Yrs 3,4,5,6 (Mrs Micklem/Mrs Churchley) 12.45-1.15pm
Friday	Cross Country Yrs 3,4,5,6 (Miss Bidgood) 8.15-8.45am
"	Lunchtime recorder beginners yr 1 (Mrs Mackenzie) 12.30-1pm
"	<b>NEW</b> Gardening Yr 2 (Mr Anjari) 3.15-4.15pm Max 8
"	Surfing Yrs 4,5,6 (Mr Wild) 3.15-6.45pm (all have now signed up to half term)
"	Football Yrs 3,4,5,6, (Mr Martin, Mr Ireland) 3.15-4.15pm

**COOKATHON** All the children in the school are taking part in a Cookathon on Thursday 28 April during the morning. This is part of the Tesco's nationwide Let's Get Cooking Programme to encourage all children to cook. We are looking for help from parents/grandparents/relatives to work with a group of children to prepare a cottage pie or vegetable pie. This will then be put into a large dish and be cooked in the kitchen, and later divided into individual dishes for children to take home. A group of children took part in a demonstration on Tuesday; look out for their photographs on the Children's Food Trust website.

**MATHLETICS:** Well done to:  
Fleur Campbell Tamar 3558  
Harry Drewett Tamar 3488  
Alexandra Husson Tamar 2326  
Sasha Key Lerryn 1581  
Jack Comyn Lerryn 1390

## **PORTHLEVEN FOOD FESTIVAL 16/17 APRIL**

Porthleven is the place to be this weekend at The Food Festival. There is a free children's area with big top, green zone, and arts and crafts. Join Swamp Circus in the big top from 10.30-12 for circus skills - all free!

**FAL CLASS**... will be visiting the Blue Reef Aquarium, Newquay on Wednesday 11 May. Please look out for a letter next week about this.

### LIBRARY HELP

Would you like to help the children exchange their books and then re-shelve returns, first thing on Mondays or Wednesdays? It normally takes about 45 minutes and helps keep the library organised, with as many books as possible in circulation and easy to find, on a day to day basis. If you can, let Chris Beswick or Maggie Mackenzie know. Thank you.

**Sticky Back Plastic (SBP)** Do those three words fill your inner-child with excitement? The school has lots of lovely picture books which need covering in SBP, to keep them clean & lovely for much longer. If you would be happy to take some books home to cover, I can supply you with the sticky back plastic and instructions from my well-honed covering technique. Blue Peter Badges await! Many thanks, Maggie (Library).

### FAL CLASS

Fal class are having a small tea party on Friday 22 April at 2pm to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Parents are welcome to join us for a cup of tea; please let us know if you would like to come.

### FISH PRINTING WORKSHOPS

The Gyotaku Fish Printing Workshops are on 25 and 26 April for Tresillian, Tamar, Helford, Lerryn and Fal classes. Please pay £1.50 to your **class teacher** for this.

### PARENT/CARER COUNCIL FOR CORNWALL

The Parent/Carer Council for Cornwall are holding informal coffee mornings for parents and carers to chat, share experiences and ideas and to get advice. The sessions are:  
Heartlands 25 April 2016 9.30-11.30am  
The Source Café Newquay 29 April 10-12noon.

### FREE ACTIVITY DAY

Families are invited to the open day at Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre at Truro School on Monday 2 May from 10am-3pm. Enjoy zorbing, trampolining, badminton, table tennis, football, tennis and the 'shiver me timbers' inflatable obstacle course in the pool, all for free.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will start back NEXT week on Friday 22nd April.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 April	HRCST sailing starts
22 April	Swimathon
22 April	Fal class tea party 2pm
22 April	KS1 Festival 1.15-2.45pm
23 April	Treverva Table top sale
25 April	Beach safety talks
2 May	Bank holiday Monday
6 May	Yr 5/6 tag rugby festival 11.30-2.30pm
9-13 May	SATS week
11 May	Fal class to Blue Reef Aquarium
25-27 May	Year 3/4 camp
27 May	Break up for half term
6 June	Back to school after half term
10 June	9.30am Kenwyn class to Pizza Express
10 June	Queens 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday tea party
16 June	Yr 3/4 Quad kids athletics
17 June	KS1 mini Olympics
17 June	Scholastic book fair
21/22 June	Helston School induction days
24 June	Cornwall School Games
27 June-1 July	Yr 5/6 Treyarnon Bay Camp
4 July	Lerryn Carnival pm
4 July	Penryn College induction eve
7/8 July	Year 2 Camp
11 July	Year 2 'Bambi' Production
18 July	Dress Rehearsal Yr 6 show
18 July	Yr 6 show evening
19 July	Yr 6 show evening
21 July	Breakup for summer holidays

### SAILING

Sailing starts on Monday 18 April 2016. The list of volunteer drivers this week are:

Louis Purver  
Katie Pledger  
Rosanna Brown  
Verena Newton  
Holly Campbell  
Catherine/David Drewett  
Lisa Lea  
Len Cheshire  
Zoe Freeman

Any queries please speak to Helen Pascoe  
HRCST Coordinator. Many thanks.

**COOKING REMINDER** - All classes get the opportunity to cook throughout the year and we have asked for £5 from each child to buy ingredients. Please give this to Mrs Moyle. Many thanks.

**TABLE TOP SALE** to be held in TREVERVA VILLAGE HALL on **23 April** from 10am. Bric-a-brac, antiques, books, toys etc. Tables are still available at £5. Contact Malcolm on 01326 340633 for information or to book.