



## Friday 12th May 2023

### FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone.

#### SATS and Teamwork

I know you will join me in sending huge congratulations to our fabulous year 6 class for their perseverance this week with their SATs. They have been absolutely amazing and all been focussed. I would also like to thank not just the year 6 team of Mr Shepherd, Mrs Thompson and Mr McKim, but everyone who has worked with the children to get them to this stage. The development and progress of the children comes from a secure foundation stage of learning which they receive at SNELA. It's a big team effort! Congratulations and enjoy London next week.

#### Transition and September

We are busy finalising our plans for September and the teaching set-up. This involves many conversations with staff and within the SLT. We should be able to finalise this by the 26th May. Thank you for your patience with this.

I am able to officially welcome Penny Salter to our team. Penny was successful last Friday for the post of maternity cover for Lucy Coote for September; Mr Illiffe, Mrs Massabo and the team were all really impressed with her teaching and interview - we wish Penny well and hope she will be able to visit her new class in the summer term. Penny will be teaching Year 3.

#### Camp and thanks

We have had a successful Year 3 Tomperrow camp that finished today - the pictures on Facebook looked amazing and all the children have had a great time. These camps take a lot of preparation and planning - I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making these special adventures a key part of SNELA's DNA. I will be accompanying the Year 6 team to London for Mon - Weds next week. In my absence, please speak to James Illiffe, Michelle Phillips or any member of the team if you need help with anything.

Thank you to yourselves too - being on the gate each morning seeing our happy community makes my job one of the best in the world, and this is largely thanks to you, our parents and families. It is a privilege to be Headteacher at SNELA and I thank you for your continued support. Please, as always, if you have concerns or worries, come and see me.

Have a great weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine on us.

Andy Watkins, Headteacher.

### OUR CITIZENS



Friday 12th May  
Holywell - Evlyn  
Tolcarne - Robyn  
Fistral - Freya  
Watergate - Alfie  
Crantock - Amelie

Our School Values Award winner was  
Buddy.



### ATTENDANCE

Thank you for everything you are doing to get children, 'In school, on time, every day and learning ready'.

Our whole school attendance this week is 97%. We have exceeded our target of 96%+.

We are celebrating super attendance from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 who all achieved 100% attendance this week!



# What's on at SNELA and in the community



St Newlyn East  
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## Coming up at SNELA...

We hope that Year 6 have a fabulous time on their London Residential next week. A special thanks to Mrs. Datlen for helping to organise a fantastic itinerary for us.

On Monday 22nd May, we will be having a Cricket Engagement day for Years 3 -6 with Cornwall Cricket - please can children have their PE kit with them on this day.

Year 4 camp at Porthpean is Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th May. Please let us know in the office if you need copies of the kit list.

## Parking

Please can we remind parents to only use the Disabled parking spaces if you have a blue badge or express permission from Mr Watkins. We want to make our school accessible to everyone and appreciate your support with this. Many Thanks.



## PE Kits

Please can children have their PE kits with them on Thursday 25th May for our whole school Active Afternoon supported by and raising funds for the Friends of SNELA.

Year 5's camp meeting for parents will be on Monday 12th June, straight after school.

## Reminders

## News from our across our Trust

We are proud to be part of the Kernow Learning family and the Gannel Cluster. Our Trust is 'building excellent schools together, #AsOne'. We will be using this hashtag to celebrate the ways that we are working together, within our school community and with our fellow Kernow Learning schools.

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## 'Friends of SNELA'/Community news

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 19th May in support of our brilliant Friends of SNELA. If you would like to donate, please could children bring £1 with them on the day.

Our Active Afternoon on 25th May is an opportunity for children to spend time in their house teams and fundraise for the Friends of SNELA. Children recently came home with sponsorship forms. If you would like to support the event with sponsorship donations, please return these to the school office. Many thanks!

Summer Fair preparations are under way - more on this soon!



# Reading at SNELA

Mrs. Coote and Porth Class have chosen our recommended book this week: 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler. Here's what she said: "We have loved sharing this book for our guided reading lessons.

The children have enjoyed the funny story of the mysterious creatures who come to stay at the hotel. A great read!"



# Class News

## Here's what we have been learning...

### Holywell

In Holywell class we had a fantastic trip to Newquay Zoo where the children thoroughly enjoyed observing many of the animals we had been exploring throughout our topic. The children also enjoyed learning and writing about the Kings Coronation, together with a trip to church to enjoy Tolcarne class roleplaying the Coronation. For our new topic 'What are Homes like near and far' we have been looking at Google Earth to explore whereabouts in the UK we live, what the land is like that surrounds St Newlyn East and how it may differ from other countries such as Kenya. We have also been thinking about the differences between Human and Physical Geography and to explore this further, Foundation children have been using our 'Make and Do' resources to create their own versions of Human and Physical Geography.



### Tolcarne

Tolcarne had a fantastic trip to Newquay Zoo for this term's Science topic - 'Habitats'. We located and observed lots of different animals in their habitats and have begun to investigate what a habitat needs to be suitable for an animal or plant. In Geography, we are looking at the different weather types and how the weather changes throughout the seasons and across the world. Holywell and Tolcarne were amazing last week at performing a mock Coronation at our local parish church, a huge thank you to Reverend Chris, Clare Jacques, Linda Angove and everybody that helped us to recreate this iconic ceremony - a truly memorable experience for all!



### Porth

The children have made fantastic progress with our Literacy learning and have started some fantastic newspaper reports describing the events in Pompeii.

In Art the children have been exploring collage, looking at flowers and thinking about texture and composition of materials. They have studied the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and experimented with drawing close up areas of flowers with oil pastels then blending these with oil. The children are very excited for camp, updates to follow!



### Fistral

In Fistral, the stories we are writing based on 'Winter's Child' are starting to take form. Our drama piece about The Tudors is also taking shape - a date will be given out shortly for you to watch our class performance... watch this space.. But the highlight of the week was the Zoo. With links to our Science, there were lots of thought-provoking questions asked by the class to our guides - great to see and 'feel' the teaching exhibits such as crocodile and snakeskin, elephant teeth and a variety of skulls. The children were all fantastic, despite getting a little wet, which didn't dampen their love of learning.



### Watergate

Year 5 have had a brilliant half term, they have been focusing on adding and subtracting decimals and relating this to worded questions. They have been reading 'The Rabbits' and writing a balanced argument on whether they should have invaded or not. In the afternoon, they have been focusing on their History topic - 'How the 20th century has changed' and been acting out a Charlie Chaplin scene. They loved learning the Flora Dance and relating this back to Cornish history.



### Crantock

A huge well done to everyone in Crantock Class, who have showcased their journeys through primary school by smashing their Year 6 SATS this week! We can't wait to celebrate by exploring some of the exciting attractions London has to offer!

