

## St. Newlyn East Learning Academy

'Growing Excellence Together' Date: Friday 1st March 2024

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Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Being able to speak clearly and with volume is something the whole school are working on. I have been telling the children in assemblies that if they are able to articulate themselves, look someone in the eye and use their marvellous manners they will fly high in life. You could help at home: any discussions, debates and interesting chats you have, please let me know, I'd love to know what you've been talking about at home.

Parent open afternoons

We would like to invite you to come in and see the children's learning before the end of term. You are welcome to come in from 3 pm on the following days in March: 18th – Year 6, 21st Year 3, 19th Year 2, 20th Year 4, 21st Year 1/Foundation 20th Year 5.

#### Career talks

A plea: before Christmas, we had some fabulous parents who came in to talk to the children about their careers. We have nobody booked in at the moment and need your help. So please can you tell uncles, aunties, grans and grandads, that we would love them to come in to talk about their careers. WE NEED YOU!

#### WE NEED YOU CONT...

Please come and speak to me if you feel you could volunteer an hour, an afternoon or after school to support the children in any way. We are also on the lookout for volunteers to help start up different after school or lunchtime clubs for the children. I'd love you to come in and work with the children directly.

Along with safeguarding, attendance is one of our main whole school priorities.

Thank you for trying to get your children into school every morning. Many of them show great resilience by being in when they are feeling a little bit under the weather. This really does benefit them as just one day off in the week can lead to disjointed learning. Thanks and have a great weekend. Mr. W.

### **Our Persevering and Passionate Citizens:**

Friday 22nd February

Holywell - Sienna D

Tolcarne - Charlotte

Porth - Jacob

Fistral - Billy

Watergate - Grace R

Crantock - Lowenna

Friday 1st March

Holywell - Kara

**Tolcarne - Tilly** 

Porth - Joseph

Fistral - Grace

Watergate - Lily

Crantock - Elliot



#### **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 95.5%. Thank you for your support

in helping us reach our target of 96%. Well done to Year 2 for achieving our highest attendance at 96.4% this week! Pease continue to fill out an Absence request form (available

from the office or on our website) if you wish for your child to take an absence. We are 2nd in our Trust overall for attendance, let's aim for 1st!



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 £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1)

Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

# What's on at SNELA and in the Community

#### Coming up at SNELA

Wednesday 6th March - Heights and Weights for Year 6 pupils. Please see previous email about this. If you have any questions, please come and see us in the office.

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day. We will be celebrating our love of reading with a storytelling switch around in classes and bookish themed activities. We are also running our 'Bake a Book' competition with prizes for EYFS and KS1 and KS2. Happy baking everyone! We'll be selling entries in a bake sale outside of school to raise funds for our library.

Tuesday 12th March - Parent drop in with Jane Shaddick -Brady, Mental Health Support Worker from 3.15—3.45 pm. Please come to the office if you would like a chat.

Wednesday 13th March - Cross Country Race 3—details to follow.

#### **Reminders/Notices**

#### MyEd app

Please can you continue to book your child's lunches through the MyEd app. This really helps us to provide the kitchen with accurate number and to ensure that balances are kept on top of. Many thanks for your support with this. New menus will go live before the end of term.

#### **Easter Services**

Advance notices for our Easter Services. EYFS and Key Stage 1

will be attending an Easter Service at the Church on Monday 25th March from 1.30 pm. Parents are welcome to come along and watch. Key Stage 2 will have their service at the Church on Tuesday 26th March at 1.30 pm.

Again, parents are welcome to watch. We have been asked to ensure that parents arrive by 1.15pm to be seated before the children arrive. Thank you.



#### Friends of SNELA

We're ready to don our dancing shoes thanks to our Brilliant Friends of SNELA who are running our Spring Disco again this year on **26th March.** This is an

opportunity for the children to boogie on down with their friends. The disco will run in two parts - EYFS and Key Stage 1 from 3.30—4.15 pm and Key Stage 2 from 4.30—5.15 pm. Please could EYFS/ KS1 children bring a change of clothes. KS2 children to be dropped off at the office. Children can be collected from the side hall door only. Snacks will be provided. £2.50 per child.

If you need a reply slip, please see us in the office.

#### **Sporting Superstars**

Mr. Watkins was very proud of our Year 2 basketballers on Wednesday. Well done Archie, Livvy, Charlotte, Poppy, Willow and Sienna - you all showed great Participation, Passion and Perseverance!

#### Community What's On



ST NEWLYN EAST PARISH CHURCH STORY TIME

in the church Friday, 8 March at 4,30pm (Please arrive in time to be ready for

Enjoy refreshments

Story Time . Listen to a story Sing a song

ST NEWLYN EAST PIT FUTURE



**PLEASE JOIN US** Tuesday, March 19th 7pm-8pm

We'd love to hear your ideas, see your photos, memories, & hopes for the Pit's revival!

What could the St Newlyn East Pit be in the future and how could the community use the venue more?

Find out how you can help – support us, join our committee or be a trustee.

Free Tea & Coffee

**FREE** parent/ carer drop in information event at the Eden Project Long Gallery from 10 am - 1 pm on Thursday 7th March. Over 30 services supporting parents, carers and children will be attending. All welcome!

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

#### Holywell

It's hard to believe we've only been back to school for two weeks! Here are just a few snippets of the brilliant learning we've enjoyed so far this half term... Our new History topic is all about the Normans. In order to understand what is meant by the term 'invasion', we played a game as a whole class that involved invading and defending by turning cones up or down depending on our team. In Science we've been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and plants, so we went on a hunt around the school grounds for examples of each type. In Literacy, we've begun two new stories, *Oi Frog* in Foundation and *The Knight and the Dragon* in Year 1. We're so impressed with the writing these have inspired in both year groups!





### Porth

This week in Year 3 we have been learning about different types of rocks. We spent time observing different rocks using magnifying glasses. We looked at how different rocks are varied in their appearance, by looking for grains or crystals withing the rocks. We then decided upon our own categories for us to sort them, deciding on whether they are hard, soft, rough or smooth. We will look further into this by identifying different rocks by their name and looking into how they are formed.



#### Watergate

Year 5 have settled in well after half-term, over the last fortnight they have been writing their own version of Asha and the spirit bird. A book set in India about coming over hardships. Within math, they have been learning about fractions, a hard topic but a lot of perseverance has shown amazing progress and understanding. Their new history topic is the Indus Valley, learning about the differences between life in Pakistan and Britan 5000 years ago. Alongside this, they have been completing Science experiments, learning about the effects of different forces.



#### Tolcarne

Year 2 have become geographers this term and have been using globes and maps to locate Antarctica and the Arctic. We are learning all about penguins and how they survive in their environment. We are also writing about a macaroni penguin called Nellie Choc-Ice in Literacy in preparation for writing our own adventure story. As scientists, we have begun our investigation to find out what plants need to grow healthily and we will be observing overtime plants growing in different conditions.





#### Fistral



Year 4 have come back from half term all refreshed and ready for their new topics. In Literacy we are coming up with our own non-chronological report about a desert, jungle or rainforest somewhere in the world. We have just finished area in Maths, and we are excited to get started with our new fraction topic. Our Afternoons have looked at finding out what happened during Holy Week and

why Christians celebrate it. Electricity is our new Science topic and they are raring to go with all the practical that comes with it.

#### Crantock

Year 6 are now half way through their final year of Primary school! We have recently started a new class reading book linked to the Tudor period, which the children are enjoying. In Literacy, we have been working on our fiction writing; the children are now writing their own stories about poaching. Our work in Maths has been focused on fractions of amounts with the children now applying this to calculate percentages of different amounts. In the

of different amounts. In the afternoons we are delighted to be working alongside Deborah again for our Christianity unit and in science the children loved experimenting and making predictions with our new electricity resources.

