

St. Newlyn East Learning Academy *'Building Excellence Together'* Date: Friday 22nd September 2023

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Dear families,

It's been another really busy and productive week in school. I have been around classes each morning, conducting learning walks, and all the classes are settled with the children focused on their life. **Reading is the bedrock of our curriculum** and it's been fabulous seeing all the children in the school focused on this key life skill each morning. RWInc is in full flow each and every morning, and it has been lovely seeing the younger children start their reading journeys at school.

Personal development is a huge focus area for the children this year and one part of this is the after-school clubs and extra-curricular opportunities we offer the children. If you would like your child to come and try one session please let one of us know—they will probably love it and stay on; dodgeball last Friday was super-fun and the children loved it; there are spaces available here!

A staffing update at School: we are sad to be saying goodbye to **Mrs. Richards** in a couple of weeks time. She has been an *inspirational figure for the younger children in our school* over the years and we wish her well for her onward journey. Hayley's replacement and the restructure is an ongoing process. Thank you for your patience with this. Mrs. Richards' dance classes on Mondays will continue.

Have an amazing weekend.

Andy Watkins



Remember your wellies next week if you want to go on the grass!



Our Citizens

Friday 15th September Holywell - Evie Tolcarne - Oscar Porth - Noah Fistral - Edith Watergate - Oakley Crantock - Theo

Friday 22nd September Holywell Jamie Tolcarne - Archie Porth - Sonny Fistral - Benn Watergate - Piran Crantock - Harlowe



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

97.5%. We have exceeded our target of 96% Well done to our Foundation children for achieving our highest attendance at 100% this week!

Please 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.

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(1A) of the 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

Our children will be heading to St. Newlyn East Church on **Thursday 5th October** to take part in Harvest celebrations. Children will be singing some Harvest songs and sharing some poetry and readings

Whole school individual and sibling photos will be on **Thursday 19th October.** Pe-school siblings will be invited in for their photos from 8.30 am. Advance notice: please can all children have their school jumpers/ cardigans with them on that day.

This year's Nasal Flu Immunisations will take place on **Friday 20th October**. Consents and opt-outs have been emailed to you. If you have any questions please come and see us in the office.

Reminders

MyEd and +Pay

Michelle and Angela would like to thank all our parents for bearing with us as we have set up MyEd. We know it hasn't been easy! If you have not yet downloaded the app, please can we ask that you continue to do so. We will be holding a drop in session on Tuesday 26th September from 9.35–10.30 am for anyone requiring support. MyEd will now be our only communications and lunch bookings system. Please come and see us if you have any questions about the app.

Parentpay balances

We have refunded any credit balances within ParentPay. If you have an outstanding debit balance, please can we ask that you settle these by **Monday 25th September.** If you require any assistance with this, please let us know in the office.

News from across our Trust

We have been busy alongside our Kernow Learning colleagues updating our safeguarding knowledge with the latest changes from the Government, particularly around online safety and in school monitoring and filtering of our IT systems. Starting from next week, you will receive a fortnightly esafety bulletin. Please come and see us in the office if you have any questions.



Friends of SNELA...

With our Autumn term well underway we are looking forward to all the events that our brilliant Friends of SNELA are planning. Stand by for updates soon.



Here's what we have been learning...

Holywell



What a wonderful start to the term we've had in Holywell class! We're so proud of all the children for how well they're settling into our new routines and making lots of new friends. Our new Foundation children have begun learning to read and write sounds and are doing brilliantly! Our Year 1s have been so kind at helping the new children to settle in, all while getting to grips with the new challenges of being in a new year group. <u>Well done, everyone!</u>

Tolcarne

It has been a fantastic start to Year 2 for Tolcarne Class! We have become 'geographers' this term finding out where our food comes from and why Devon has so many dairy farms. In Literacy, we are reading Jim and the Beanstalk and discussing our opinions about the story and about how characters might be feeling. In Maths, we have been using lots of Base 10 to show tens and ones and how we can partition a two-digit number into different parts. In Science, we are



learning about how we change as we grow, and what animals need to survive.

Porth

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new school year and the children have settled in really well. We started the new term by exploring the diary of a time travelling dinosaur. We discussed different types of dinosaurs and how paleontologists use lots of evidence to piece together what the dinosaurs looked like all those years ago. We designed our own dinosaurs and then used clay to model them and finally point thom

paint them.

We had an excellent time at camp, enjoying the last of the summer sunshine. The children have made an excellent start to what is going to be a fantastic action-packed year.





Fistral

Fistral class have been learning about why the romans left Britain. They had fun acting out various events. They are also examining the classification system of different animal groups in science looking at similarities and differences between them. Spanish lessons have focused on the names

of different fruits and their pronunciation.

Team work and being part of a great team is a theme important to us and the children have been involved in discussing ideas about what contributes to this.



Watergate

Year 5 have had a fantastic 2 weeks back, we have really packed in the activities and learning. With our 1 night school camp to kick off the fun, the children were brilliant and had lots of team building opportunities. We have also started reading *Asha and the Sprit Bird* as our guided reading text and "Percy Jackson the Lightning

Thief" for our literacy writing. In the afternoons, we have been learning about how to stay safe online and the Ancient Greek era. We would like to welcome Miss MacQuarrie to the class and she will be training with Year 5 during the Autumn and Summer term.





Year 6 have had a brilliant first 2 weeks. Our 1-night camp was a great chance for us all to come together and start the year off working as a team. IT was lovely to see the children solving problems to set up their own tents and take responsibility for this. In Literacy, we have been focusing

Crantock

on Grimm Tales before the children end up inventing their own. Our learning in Maths has been centred on place value, I have been blown away with how much the children have remembered from Year 5. Our afternoons have been filled with learning across the curriculum from evolution and inheritance in science, to Volcanic activity in Iceland.