



SPRING NEWSLETTER 7 – 23.02.2024

Hi everyone,

I hope you have all had a good week. We have started with lots of interesting topic launches this week in all year groups to introduce the new learning for spring 2. I have also had lots of merits and children achieving their next target tokens, showing that the outstanding learning attitudes have continued after the half term break.

Although we are all probably fed up of talking about it, the weather really does have a huge impact on the children but they are managing all of the wet plays and the 'fallen-over-in-muddy-puddles' very well. Let's hope we see some improvement soon.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Take care

Mr. H

### **Start with Thanks**

As our budget newsletter outlined, we are in the situation where any donation is very welcomed and we have been very lucky recently. A huge thank you to John Tivnan in his role as councillor for finding £400 to donate towards the tent fund. Alex Bird, one of our awesome governors also donated £250 towards a tent and so did Craig from Ideal Homes. We are so grateful for these. And then I was blown away over the half term break to receive an email from Tash Wigfield, who has been desperately trying to get us some funding from the Proceeds of Crime 'pot' that organisations can apply for. She has managed to secure us £1,000, which is simply fantastic. Thank you to everyone in our community who are doing their bit to help with these vital donations.

### **Positive Comments**

I have simply been blown away by the unwavering support after the budget newsletter was sent out on Tuesday. It has been a very stressful time for all of the staff and we really do appreciate everyone who has sent an email or just passed comment on how much they would like to help and support the school. Thank you for not pressing the panic button and having faith that your children will continue to receive the best possible education at Carbeile.

### **Home School Parent Agreement**

There are a lot of schools who ask their parents to sign a 'Home-School Agreement' when their child starts at the school. We haven't done this for many years but I thought it would be good to inform you of the standard content of one of these agreements.

- I will send my child to school on time every day, unless there is a good reason why they cannot attend.
- I will phone school to inform them of my child's absence and complete a form if I know of a planned absence.
- I will send my child to school dressed according to the school uniform policy, making sure they are dressed for PE on the correct days.
- I will read with my child at least 3 times per week.

- I will make sure my child does their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars (or practicing on paper) for at least 10 minutes per week, but more if possible.
- I will make sure I practice my child's spellings with them at least 3 times per week (going on Spelling Shed at least once also).
- I will attend parents' evenings and assemblies if work/other commitments allow.
- I will keep my ParentPay account in credit.



## SENDCo Cafe and Parent Network

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

2.00pm-3.10pm at Torpoint Nursery and Infant School

*Arrive when you can, stay as long or as little as you like between 2.00-3.10pm*

This time our planned focus will be around  
**'Neurodiversity'**

**Charlotte Price,**  
**Neurodevelopmental Strategic Lead for Cornwall**  
will be present to talk about the current developments  
in Cornwall in terms of identifying and supporting needs

This will be a very informal get together with tea, coffee, and biscuits!  
It is a chance to share ideas, concerns, or simply just to catch up.

Parents of children from **all three** schools are invited to attend.

SENDCos from Carbeile, Torpoint Community College and Torpoint Nursery and Infants (Mr Tamblin, Mrs Turner, and Mrs Lock) will be there to answer questions and sign post you to advice and support.



## **Sad Goodbyes**

It is sad to announce that we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Walker from September as he successfully applied to start a new adventure as a secondary school maths teacher. He has been such a fabulous teacher since he joined us in 2017 and we will be very sorry to see him go.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hadland in the kitchen. She has worked for Carbeile for 19 years and she has always been there to provide the best meals for the children. She has made the decision to retire at Easter to spend more time cycling and with her family – very sensible! This does mean that we will have a vacancy from after Easter as 'Cook-in-Charge' with hours from 7.30am to 1.45pm every day, that's a 31 hour per week contract. If you are interested, please email me: [head@carbeile.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@carbeile.cornwall.sch.uk) Please remember to type this into your email not click on this link as it says that the inbox is full – it isn't!!!

## **New Menu**

The new menu has been a real success this week, with lots of very positive comments about the baguettes and the new options. We are going to run the weekly menu differently this cycle so if there are some meal options that don't seem popular with the children then we will change the option, communicate it to parents and change the online menu too. This means an ever-changing menu, but hopefully syncing it to the needs of the children. This also applies to the baguette option, just in case the children stop having them or if they are proving to be too expensive (although we have been doing up to 140 a day at the moment!).

## **ParentPay**

We are currently £700 in debt for 50 ParentPay accounts. Please make sure you clear these. It is likely that we will soon be moving to a system where you have to order the lunches in advance so that accounts cannot be overdrawn as it won't let you order if there isn't money in the account. We will keep you posted about this.

## **Personal Development**

Check out our new Personal Development policy and everything that we do for the children in this area.

<https://carbeile.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Personal-Development-Policy-Feb-2024.pdf>

## **PTFA**

We had such a positive PTFA meeting this week, with another great turnout and some really good suggestions for some fundraising. Some ideas that came from the meeting were:

- A quiz and curry night for adults only.
- A DJ evening.
- Amazon wishlist with items that vary in price if anyone wants to donate. We would then like to acknowledge the donation with a sign saying it has been donated by a particular parent for future generations.
- Getting more parent volunteers to read.
- Reading to the elderly members of the community in the library.
- Making another Big Lottery application to try and replace the front play equipment that is rotting and needs to be removed (this will be the main focus of our fundraising now).
- Asking members of the community to help out with specific work like ground works to dig holes etc so we don't pay!

## **E-Safety**

I have been made aware of a website called Emeraldchat. Apparently, it has replaced Omegle and allows people to speak to people around the world for free. There has been some chat around Year 6 girls that they have been talking to people from other countries and sharing photos that are inappropriate. Please, please check phones regularly as this is the definition of grooming

and could be putting our children at risk. I always call parents the moment we get any hint of a rumour of these sites being used, but I might not always find out!

### Dates

I am conscious that there are a lot of whole school dates in the diary for March, but sometimes this is the way it falls. The dates are below just to ensure you know what is when!

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day.</b> Dress up as your favourite character and bring a piece of writing about why you have chosen that character.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School disco. Tickets will be on sale from break time on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.</b> These have to be sold on a first come first served basis and we are limited to 200 spaces due to fire regulations in the hall.
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day.</b> Children can come to school dressed in anything they choose for a donation towards charity. Suggested donation of £1 please.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Fayre.</b> This will start at 1.30pm, with a cake stall, games in classes and other exciting things including a great raffle too.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term –</b> wear pyjamas, raising money for St. Luke's as requested by our school council.

**I will text out in good time so you remember all of these!**

**Please see other dates below for things like Celebration Assemblies for Year 4 and 6 etc.**

### Piggy Patrol

It will be Lizard class in the week after half term so if you would like your child to start this, they should bring their wellies in on Monday next week.

### Dates for your diary

<b>SPRING</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 Celebration Assembly: Ottery 1:30pm; Lynher 2pm and Tamar 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Disco
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Spring Term Reports to parents
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Easter Fayre
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Celebration Assembly: Pendeen 1:30pm; Lizard 2pm and Godrevy 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pyjama Day, Bring a Teddy for a donation to St. Luke's
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
<b>SUMMER</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET Day, children not in school
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 4 Celebration Assemblies
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Celebration Assemblies
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Celebration Assemblies
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	INSET Day, children not in school
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fizzpop Science for Year 3
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 trip to Paignton Zoo

<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Aquarium Sleepover
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Term Reports to Parents
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Sleepover
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 End of Year Play, 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 End of Year Play, 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Colour Run
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	SUMMER HOLIDAYS START