

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 4 – 10.05.2024

Hi everyone,

Quite a few bits and bobs in the newsletter this week including new dates, summer stuff some great celebrations. And check out the last image on the newsletter about a free mental health service.

Firstly the celebrations. We have had such an exceptional year in the sporting world, and this week both the boys and the girls progressed into the finals of their respective Cornwall Cup competitions. This is an outstanding achievement and we are so proud of both teams. And on the theme of sports, it is due to be Sports Day a week on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The long range forecast is looking very dodgy so we have a backup date of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. So far it is likely that we will be using the backup!

Also this week we had an awesome Celebration Assembly from Year 3, Year 4 had a great River Trip, we had a very successful Fire Audit visit and I met with Chloe Turner, SENCO at TCC, to see how we can collaborate to ensure TCC can benefit from our animals and the therapy that they offer.

Then yesterday we had our termly full governing board day where the governors spend the day in Carbeile, speaking to the children, getting lots of reports from me, and presentations (Science and Phonics this time from Mr. Webb and Mrs. Lee). They are such committed volunteers and we really are lucky to have such structured challenge to ensure we are always the best we can be.

I hope you all have a great weekend, enjoy the sunshine on Saturday.

Take care

Mr. H

### **Killarney**

The mufti day for the winning merit/Golden Token team from last half term, Killarney, will be on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **Pantomime**

I have been informed by the Theatre Royal that because we haven't hit the minimum order number for maximum discount (200 tickets and we only have 154 booked so far) the price of an adult ticket will then go up from £20 to £24. This is still considerably cheaper than the full price but this would have to be paid by everyone if you have booked tickets. If you are still interested, there are lots of tickets still available for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Theatre have very kindly extended the booking deadline to 4<sup>th</sup> June, so please see Sue if you are interested.

### **Communication**

I am sure you will have seen the thread on Facebook this week regarding the appropriateness of the text I sent out this week regarding some help needed in our school community. I rarely do this, and I try to keep the texts to a minimum so you aren't barraged by them. However, I will continue to use texting as a form of reaching every single parent/carer if I feel that someone is in need.

## Term Dates

In case you're planning anything for the next academic year, the dates are below. We are currently waiting for the 2025-26 dates and then we will sort INSET days between TNIS, TCC and us.

### Cornwall Council

#### PROPOSED 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2024							
Mon				4	11	18	25
Tue				5	12	19	26
Wed				6	13	20	27
Thurs				7	14	21	28
Fri			1	8	15	22	29
Sat			2	9	16	23	30
Sun			3	10	17	24	

December 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

February 2025						
Mon			3	10	17	24
Tue			4	11	18	25
Wed			5	12	19	26
Thurs			6	13	20	27
Fri			7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

May 2025						
Mon			5	12	19	26
Tue			6	13	20	27
Wed			7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

July 2025						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

August 2025						
Mon			4	11	18	25
Tue			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27
Thurs			7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

#### School holidays

#### Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

INSET Days

#### AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024  
(HALF TERM 28 October -1 November 2024)

#### SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025  
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

#### SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025  
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

## Tennis Courts

Park tennis courts in Torpoint have been officially reopened after a £60,000 renovation, managed by the LTA and Torpoint Town Council with funds from DCMS within UK Government, LTA Tennis Foundation, Torpoint Town Council and Local Donations.

The courts have undergone extensive work to ensure viability for years to come, including resurfacing, repainting, new nets and gate system. An appropriate accessible pathway has also been installed to court 1 to enable wheelchair users to enjoy games of tennis. This nationwide programme of investment is seeing thousands of existing park tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition brought back to life for the benefit of communities across the country, providing vital opportunities for children and adults to get active.

Weekly free park tennis sessions are planned in the future, with equipment provided, the new courts will host Local Tennis Leagues, giving people the opportunity to get involved in friendly and social local competitions.

The tennis courts will be available to book via the LTA website. New booking systems and gate access technology means it is now easier to get on court by booking in advance to guarantee availability. The courts have an affordably priced annual pass (£35 per household per annum with no further charge) or a one off of price of £6 to book a court. The income is secured to ensure that the courts are maintained at their new high standard for years to come.

## **Attendance Updates from August 2024**

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from autumn term 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

## **Sextortion**

The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to education professionals following a considerable increase in global cases of financially motivated sexual extortion – a type of online blackmail widely known as ‘sextortion’.

Sextortion involves people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand, after an offender has threatened to release photos of them. This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image created of them by the offender.

Advice to parents and carers if their child says that someone is trying to trick, threaten or blackmail them online:

- **Don't pay, do stop contact and block:** you may be tempted to pay, but there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats. As the offender's motive is to get money, once you have shown you can pay, they will likely ask for more and blackmail may continue. If you have paid, don't panic but don't pay anything more. Help your child to stop all communication with the offender and block them on any accounts that they have been contacted on
- **Avoid deleting anything:** try not to delete anything that could be used as evidence such as messages, images, telephone numbers, and bank account details
- **Report to the police:** call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk

For more information please see the National Crime Agency [website](#) and the Devon & Cornwall Police [website](#).

## **Bring Things from Home**




We have a lot of sports equipment, so I can I please ask that children don't bring their own footballs or basketballs. Unless as part of their SEN provision plan, or agreed with their teachers, please also ensure that children don't bring cuddly toys or other toys into school. They are welcome to bring their own pencil cases in. Their teachers will tell them where to keep them and when is best to use them.

## **Summer Weather**

We are finally seeing some sunshine, so please make sure you suncream your children before sending them to school, and that they have a cap or hat and a large water bottle. Thank you.


**Dates for your diary:**

<b>SUMMER</b>	
<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>	Parent Workshop, Maths – Fractions, 9.00am
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Celebration Assemblies – Sennen 1.30pm, Fistral, 2.00pm, Polzeath 2.30pm
<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>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Maths Parent Workshop, fractions at 9.00am
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Celebration Assemblies – Lynher 1.30pm, Tamar, 2.00pm, Ottery 2.30pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
<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

Are you a parent or caregiver of someone aged 0-18 years and have concerns for their mental health?

If you are registered with one of the listed surgeries and would like to discuss your child's mental health needs please scan the QR code to access this free service:



OAK TREE, LISKEARD  
 OLD BRIDGE, LOOE  
 PORT VIEW, SALTASH  
 QUAY LANE, ST GERMAN'S  
 RAME GROUP, TORPOINT  
 ROSEDEAN, LISKEARD  
 SALTASH HEALTH CENTRE, SALTASH

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