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Message from Mrs Giblett

Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + High	96.1% - 96.4% Above national average	95.5% - 95.9% In line with national average
94.0% or below Low	90% or below Cause for concern	85% or below Persistent Absence

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 95.6%.

Congratulations this week to **6FT** who were top of the attendance table with 100%. *Well done!*

Class VLEs (Virtual Learning Environments)

Last year only 51% of parents who returned the end-of-year survey said that they used the Class VLE to support their child's learning and to remain abreast of what was going on in the class. We have been determined this year to increase parental engagement.

We hope that through your child, and your child's class teacher, you have felt encouraged and motivated this year to go to the Class VLE and find out a little more about the topic they are learning, and how you could link that to a family trip out or a fun activity at home.

All you have to do is go to the school website, click on the e-schools login button in the top right corner of every page and then log in with the same details that you use to book up your parents evening appointment. Perhaps you can train your child to do it for you and to talk you through their VLE. The class VLEs have all been updated to reflect the children's learning for the Summer term. We hope the information is useful to you.

Safe use of pupil images

We were treated to a wonderful class assembly by RP this morning. This is the first of many class assemblies this term.

I thought I would take the opportunity to remind parents that, where we can, we try to allow parents to take photographic and/or videoed images during an assembly or play as long as it does not interfere with the performance of the children or the enjoyment of the audience. Sometimes, where we think this is not appropriate during an assembly or performance, then we will try to create time at the end of assemblies or plays for photos or videos to be taken. We remind all adults that all

photographic and/or videoed images are for personal and private use. Parents/adults do not have permission to post photos or videos of any school activities or events with images of pupils on Facebook or other social websites. We ask all our families to support this expectation fully as we have many parents who do not wish for any image of their child to appear on the internet.

We would just like to point out that where we are made aware of a breach in this policy, we are obliged to contact the individual responsible directly for an explanation and to ask for the images to be removed from online.

We truly appreciate that the vast majority of you are very supportive of our safeguarding procedures in relation to safe use of pupil images, and we thank you sincerely for this. It would sadden us greatly if we had to revoke our provision for allowing parents to take photographic and/or videoed images for personal and private use.

We are also very grateful to you for your continued vigilance in reporting concerns to us in relation to possible or actual breaches in acceptable use of social media.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs H Giblett

Year 6 SATS Breakfast

The Year 6 SATS breakfasts will take place from Monday to Thursday next week. Children should arrive at 8.15am if they want to take part. This is a chance for them to get together over a snack before they start the tests. There will be food served but it would be best for your child to have their breakfast before they come to school.

For information this is the timetable for Year 6 SATS:

Mon	English reading
Tues	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2
Wed	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thurs	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

THANK YOU

Mrs Teasdale would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and

New House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains for this term.
They are:

<i>Beckett</i>	Mason S and Abigail T
<i>Tennison</i>	Cameron T and Ruby M
<i>Grindal</i>	Kate H and Cadan P
<i>Islip</i>	Faye F and Matthew H

They all received the highest number of votes from the other children. Well done!

Ballot Papers for Parent Governors

It has been pointed out that the letter sent out with the Ballot paper last week stated that EACH parent could vote, not one per family. Therefore, if any parents would like an additional family vote, please ask for a ballot paper from the school office. The deadline is 11th May.

Parents Meeting re Year 6 London Trip

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 16th May in the hall after school for all parents of children going on the London trip with details of final arrangements.

Class Photos

If you wish to order a class photo, please return order forms and payment in the envelope provided to the school office by **Wed 10th May**.

Care when parking at outside school gates

We would ask all parents who park their cars near the school gates at the end of the school day to please park legally and sensibly. We have instances recently of parents parking on the chevrons around our entrance, making it extremely unsafe for drivers who are coming out of the gates and joining the main road. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

KITCHEN NEWS

If you pay for your child's school lunches on Parentpay please remember to book the days when lunches are required using the Menu option. Thank you.

Truro Cricket Club

Sessions available for children from 5th June for 8 weeks.
5.30pm-6.15pm.
Further info: Rob 07921 365909

Assembly re Porthpean

All parents of children who are attending the Porthpean camp next week are invited to an assembly on Friday 19th May, 9am when the children will be able to share with you what they have been up to on camp!



Hockey Peninsula Finals

On Friday 28th May, our Year 6 hockey team went to Penair School for the Peninsula Hockey Finals. We qualified by winning the Truro area tournament in the Spring term. It was a tough day's competition against the best teams from the Falmouth, Penryn, Redruth, Camborne and Helston areas.

Our first match was against Grade Ruan. We played well and won 3-0. Next up, were Portreath and we won 1-0. Our third and final group game was against King Charles. Although we lost 1-0, they fielded too many boys (you have to have 3 boys and 3 girls on the pitch) so the result was annulled and we qualified as group winners.

In the semi-final we faced Mylor. We played some excellent hockey to secure a 2-0 victory and a place in the final, against Mount Hawke. Unfortunately, Mount Hawke were just too strong and were defeated 2-0.

Well done to our hockey A team: Katie, Dulcie, Lillian, Maisy, Sam, Harry, Daniel and Oliver. A huge thank you to Mrs James for coaching the team so well and to Mrs Glanville for driving the children there in the minibus.

Tadpoles Got Talent Too

Truro Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's Youth Group invite you to their presentation on Saturday 13th May, 7.30pm at Redannick Theatre. £5 entry on the door (seats unallocated).

Muddy Church



GET'S MUDDY!

Truro Methodist Church invite you to Muddy Church on Tues 16th May, 5.15pm. We will be exploring the bible story of Esau and Jacob. Please meet at St Clement, Truro

Please wear suitable clothing bearing in mind it will be muddy! *Please note* – no unaccompanied children as this is a family event and adults are responsible for their children at all times. No charge, but donations at the end welcome for food provided. Will only be cancelled if VERY bad weather.

Further details: Janet Tredrea 07800 586016

Stay and Play

Truro Nursery School, in partnership with Archbishop Benson School, offer a Stay and Play session on Thursdays in St Paul's Children's Centre from 9.00am – 10.30am. Play and early learning sessions for families following the early years' foundation stage curriculum for ages 0 – 5 years. Cost is £2.00 per family (up to 2 children). First session is free to new families.

CLUBS

Netball Club will not start until 15th May as it is Porthpean Camp next week.

Dance Classes are also cancelled next week as Mrs Medcalf will be at Porthpean camp.

Please remember to let the school office know if your child is unable to attend a club. Thank you.

May

Mon 8th to 10th Porthpean Camp – Year 4
Mon 8th to 11th SATS
Tue 16th Year 6 London trip meeting, 3.30pm
Fri 19th Yr4 assembly, 9am (Porthpean)

June

Fri 9th Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16th Class 2L assembly, 9am
Tue 20th June Sports Day
Thu 22nd June Reserve Sports Day
Wed 21st Eucharist Service, 9am
Sat 24th Summer Fair, 11am-1pm
Fri 30th Class 5C assembly, 9am

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

Mon 3rd FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Fri 7th Class RR assembly, 9am
Tue 25th FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
Wed 26th Leavers' service, 1.30pm

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Mon 1st May Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26th May Break up for half term
Mon 5th June Children return to school
Wed 26th July Break up for Summer Holidays

School Summer Fair 2017 **June 24th 11am – 1pm**



A Cornish Summer Games
Food and Drink
Activities
Raffle
Special Visitors
And much much more.

If you can help, please speak to any member of FABB or contact Sarah on sarahzoehills@gmail.com



