



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

### **FOSS**

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) called FOSS (Friends of Shortlanesend School) are planning on holding their AGM in school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** between **5:30 and 6:30**. The money that FOSS raises supports the education and enjoyment for all our children. Tea and cake will be served. This is the chance for all parents whether established or new to attend and shape the direction of FOSS for this coming year.

### **St Petroc's Harvest Appeal**

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for St Petrocs. If you can donate any of the following during the next week, it would make a huge difference to people's lives over this coming winter.

Tinned Foods  
Packet foods  
Spray Deodorant  
Male Toiletries  
Feminine Toiletries  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste  
New socks  
Working torches  
Clean blankets  
Clean duvets

Thank you

### **Teacher Parent Meetings:**

The meetings will be scheduled at various times throughout the week beginning **8<sup>th</sup> November**. Due to the remaining uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 situation and restrictions, these meetings will happen through TEAMS. The appointments will go live on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and can be booked through the Arbor App.

### **Library Books**

Please check at home for any school library books as we have noticed that our stocks are depleting, and some children are not bringing back their books to swap.

### **School Photographs**

The photographer had apologised for any missing photographs that may have happened during her last visit. She will be returning to school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to rectify any errors concerning missing photos.



### **Height and Weight Opt-out - Reminder**

Parents of children in **EYFS** and **Year 6** have received a link to opt-out of the height and weight check which happens annually in schools. If you do not opt-out the NHS will assume that you agree with your child having their height and weight measured later in the year.

### **Covid-19**

This is a reminder that the virus is still prevalent, and our school remains very much at risk of returning to stricter measures should the school experience a spike in cases. Please continue to support our school by re-enforcing the message for good hygiene at home.

### **Starting School**

If you have or know anyone with a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, the deadline for applying for a place in reception classes to start school next September is 15 January 2022.

Our current risk assessments allow for visits to our school. These have to take place from 3:30pm, however, staff are usually here to meet, and the visit will provide an opportunity to view the school environment and ask any questions you may have.

Please contact Mrs Holroyd for an appointment.

Full details concerning the application process can be found at:

[School admissions - Cornwall Council](#)

### **Arbor App:**

New Parents we recommend that you download the Arbor App. This is the simplest way which we can communicate with you and does not incur any charges. Through this you will receive up to date information concerning your child. Please follow this link:

[Arbor App](#)

For urgent messages, please either phone Mrs Holroyd, or follow up your message with call. Thank you

### **Parent Pay - Reminder**

Thank you for your patience whilst Parent Pay and Mrs Holroyd have ironed out any issues with access for some of our parents. Parent Pay can be used to make payments for wrap-around care, school lunches and for educational visits. Please check your accounts and make payments regularly to avoid any money owing building up. If you do have issues paying for items, please come and chat with us.



### **Free School Meals - Reminder**

Did you know that if your child is registered as eligible for free school meals, the school receives a pupil premium payment of £1,345 per year? The school receives this payment whether or not your child has the school dinner. This premium is used by the school to organise additional opportunities, which directly benefit your child. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

### **How does it work?**

#### **Year 2 and below**

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Free Infant School Meals Scheme.

**It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.**

#### **Year 3 and above**

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you're an asylum seeker
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right can also get free school meals.

We recommend that all parents who think they may qualify whether in any year apply through the link below:

[Free School Meals \(servelec-synergy.com\)](https://servelec-synergy.com)

### **Arrangements for Drop Off and Collection:**

| <b><u>Class:</u></b> | <b><u>Arrival Time</u></b> | <b><u>Departure Time</u></b> |
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| Gannel – Mr Easter   | 8:30-8:40                  | 3:00                         |



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| Lynher – Miss Eddison | 8:30-8:40   | 3:00 |
| Helford – Mrs Ashley  | 8:30-8:40   | 3:00 |
| Fal – Mrs Lewis       | 8:40 – 8:50 | 3:10 |
| Kenwyn – Miss Adler   | 8:40-8:50   | 3:10 |
| Tamar –Mrs Stanhope – | 8:50        | 3:10 |

- Staggered drop off and collection times based on class
- 1-way directional system
- An adult will be at the main gate entrance welcoming the children and supporting with the direction of movement.
- **One adult per family** will accompany their child – unfortunately, no parent or carer will be able to enter the building
- **No child or adult should gather on the school site at any time**
- Children will enter their classrooms via their external classroom door and will immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- For collection, the gates will be open at 14:55. Do not to arrive before 14:55 as this would result in congestion
- **Siblings to be dropped off/collected at earliest time**
- To support the safe environment, **parents must adhere to the collection and drop off times**

#### **Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22**

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the next academic year as:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### **Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:**

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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(Half-term: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October)

Spring Term:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

(Half-term: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February)

Summer Term:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 [1:30pm Finish]

(Half-term: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June – return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**)

Enjoy a restful weekend.