



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and hoping you all keep safe and well during the festive period.

Behaviour policy review and Trauma Informed School Training next term.

At the beginning of next term, we will be reviewing our whole school behaviour policy and will be sharing the new version with you and the children over the course of the first half of term. We will be simplifying and renewing our school rules and deciding on clear and consistent rewards and consequences.

For those children who struggle to regulate their emotions, we will be renewing our training as a 'trauma informed school' receiving support from Connor Downs Academy, another Aspire school with national accreditation. One of the benefits of being in a multi-academy trust is that we can share our strengths and support each other with areas to develop.

'Connor Downs is an inspirational school where children are cared for and nurtured by a team of highly trained and supportive adults. It is a school that enables children to develop within an environment that is sensorially rich, and carefully planned to support emotional wellbeing. The value placed on the natural environment and the opportunities provided is excellent enabling children to explore the world through horticulture, animal husbandry and engaging in outdoor play.'

Trauma Informed School Award.' (TIS 2019)

What is a trauma informed school?

'A trauma informed school is one that is able to support children who suffer with trauma or mental health problems and whose troubled behaviour acts as a barrier to learning. TIS supports schools, communities and other organisations in providing relationships for these children that heal minds, brains and bodies. Key conversational skills in addressing and making sense of what has happened are central to our work as is a major shift in whole school culture.'

Why do we need trauma informed schools?

'Rising numbers of children are presenting with mental health difficulties in schools and current teaching environments are struggling to keep up. Many children have a high ACE score (meaning multiple adverse childhood experiences) known to leave children at risk of mental and physical ill-health later in life. Children spend 190 days



a year at school, so we believe that schools are very well placed to pick up the baton and help these children.

The government Green Paper 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision' (December 2017) wants a Mental Health Lead in every school (trained member of school staff). 'There is evidence that appropriately-trained and supported staff such as teachers, school nurses, counsellors, and teaching assistants can achieve very positive results in delivering a number of interventions addressing mild to moderate mental health problems.' Mrs Livingstone, our new SENDCo is currently doing Mental Health Lead training.

Another poem by one of our brilliant pupils:

Animal Haikus

Class 6 have been using the haiku form (5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables) of poetry to describe animals.

Can you guess which animals Chloe is describing?

Leaping round the woods
A big fluffy orange tail
hunting down rabbits

Black and white hunter
Strolling round the midnight woods
looking for meals

long, brown, large ears
Hopping round fields all day
Running from hunters

Flu Vaccine

We have today received confirmation that this will be administered in school on Wednesday 12th January during the afternoon.

Height & Weight Measuring Year R&6

Children in the above Year groups will be weighed and measured unless you have opted out using the link sent out previously within the online booklet.

FOSS Message

FOSS are very happy to say they have raised £415.00 from the sale of children's crafts and refreshment at the KS2 Carol singing event. A huge thank you from FOSS to all staff



and children for the beautiful festive creations, including Mrs Beach for her wonderful cakes. Thank you to FOSS from everyone for organising the refreshments.

New Build

As you are aware the sections of the build were all lifted into place earlier this week. An exciting couple of days for everyone watching the crane and seeing the much talked about extension for Shortlanesend School come to fruition!



Reminder PE

- First date after Christmas **5th /6th January**
- After school / lunchtime Go Active clubs will begin the following week
- **12th /13th January Actual clubs to be confirmed.**

Arrangements for Drop Off and Collection:

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
Gannel – Mr Easter	8:30-8:40	3:00
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
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- 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 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January Pupils Return

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Day

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 7th September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2022
(Half-term: 25th – 29th October)

Spring Term:

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022
(Half-term: 21st – 25th February)

Summer Term:

Monday 25th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022 [1:30pm Finish]
(Half-term: 30th May – 6th June – return to school on **Tuesday 7th June**)

Enjoy a restful weekend.



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