



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. We have completed our first half term today. Thank you for your support over the past seven weeks. Please remain safe and well over the next week and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1st November.

St Petrocs Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for St Petrocs. The donations were boxed up today and will be delivered over half-term. Your generosity will make a huge positive impact to people's lives this winter.

Online Safety

You may have seen in the media recently advice being given to parents concerning children accessing inappropriate content through streaming services. To help support parents with this and to find other ways of ensuring your child remains as safe as possible when using technology, please visit:

[Internet Safety - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

Covid-19

Many of you would have seen the recent developments concerning the rates of Covid-19 cases nationally and locally. Currently there are no planned changes to our routines and procedures, however, due to the current situation our school remains very much at risk of returning to stricter measures should the school experience a spike in cases. A spike may also cause the closure of some classes should PHE advise

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

On our return from half-term, we will be offering the opportunity to donate to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As in previous years the Royal British Legion have provided the school with a selection of items which can be taken in return for a donation. The Royal British Legion have provided a suggested donation amount for each item as follows:

Poppies: No suggested donation

Pencils/erasers/pencil sharpeners/zip pulls/reflectors/coloured pencils: 50p

Wristband/rulers: £1

Snap Bands: £1:50

We will be collecting donations from 1st to the 11th November.



School Development

At this week's progress meeting Enviro reported that they are 55% of the way to completing the project. The building is starting to take shape and currently the completion date of 14th January remains in place.

Christmas

As mentioned above – the situation regarding Covid-19 is one of uncertainty and its ability to affect the running of our school remains as high as ever, however, as with last year, the staff at our school are fully committed to ensuring that the children enjoy the build up to Christmas with as many of the usual events happening as possible. Similarly, to last year, we are asking for your understanding and patience regarding any events which may have to happen in different ways to those expected.

Teacher Parent Meetings:

The meetings will be scheduled at various times throughout the week beginning **8th November**. Due to the remaining uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 situation and restrictions, these meetings will happen through TEAMS. Please book an appointment 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 16th November** to rectify any errors concerning missing photos.

FOSS

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) called FOSS (Friends of Shortlanesend School) are planning on holding their AGM in school on **Thursday 4th 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.

Starting School

If you have or know anyone with a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st 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:

| <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 |

- 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 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

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 half-term.