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The whole school trip to Trevaylor Woods.

Dear All,

Thanks to all who attended to work on the school at the volunteer day - the path and all the other improvements are far better than we could have hoped for. Thanks also to the FOTs (Friends of Trythall School) for all the other work that they are doing for the school. The Easter event was brilliant, and I know that more exciting events and projects are being planned for the Summer.

This Term's Topic is about exploring hidden things that we don't always appreciate the importance of. The children will be presenting their work on-line, through their Mazey Day Parade and through their Summer Performance.



### **Bikes and Games After School**

Please support us in not allowing the children to play with balls, bikes or other equipment after school. Younger children can easily be hurt and the equipment (eg trikes) can be left out and go missing.

Class 1 on Thursdays surfing with the Sennen Surf Centre

**Important information is included in the attached information pages on:**

- **Sunscreen in school**
- **Communicating with staff**
- **Pupil Absence**
- **Dates for this Term**

### **Swimming Drivers**

We are dependent on volunteer drivers for swimming. If you think you can help, please do let Georgia know.

### **Fruit Snacks**

I reminded the children about the type of snacks and drinks allowed at school:

Snack: Unprocessed fruit or vegetables (please avoid nuts)

Drinks bottles: Water only please.

### **Knowledges Pages**

All classes have sent out Knowledge Pages this term. These are to help children to remember important elements of their learning and to help parents to get involved with their children's learning. Please spend some time talking these through with your children to get them to explain what they know (some of it may not have been covered yet!)

### **Driving and Parking**

Please drive slowly, carefully and considerately around the school. We need to work together to keep everybody safe. There is often space in the school car park but speeds on the road should be below 10mph. In the car park, please drive even more slowly and reversing should be at a snail's pace as children might be around.

### **Stress Awareness**

April was National Stress Awareness Week. In School we discussed with the children reasons why they may experience stress and ways to deal with it. Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing support for young people commissioned by NHS Cornwall & IOS. In school we will be involved in their webinars regarding stress, transition and online safety. Attached is a letter explaining how Kooth can provide advice and resources for parents in supporting their child's mental health.

### **Cleaning**

Cove Cleaning are now looking after the cleaning at Trythall. Ausra is our new cleaner and she's doing a fabulous job. Sharon our previous cleaner has gone on to new things. Thank you Sharon for coming in every day and working at the school.

### **Football on Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday we send teams of children down to Mounts Bay to play on the 3G pitch against other schools. Autumn Term: Year 5/6; Spring Term: Girls; Summer Term: Year 3/4

The children have been doing really well. As the smallest school there, our focus is more on taking part, learning and enjoying the game (rather than winning). It's great to see the players encouraging each other and building resilience. WE always do well in the tournaments for small schools and even won the County Cup for Small schools a while ago. Well done to our teams- we're so proud of you all.

# Sun Screen

Now it's sunnier, we need to think about how we handle Sun protection. One complication is that children might have allergies to some sunscreens.

So, please can we ask parents to:

- send children with sun hats.
- Apply high protection sunscreen every day before school
- Provide a long-sleeved shirt to keep the sun off (possibly kept in bag or on peg)
- Not send their own sunscreen in \*\*

The school will then assume that this has been done. We will however, take the following precautions, if they feel it is necessary, based on the weather and activity\*\*\*:

- Apply further sunscreen \*
- Ask children to put wear long sleeves/a hat
- Seek shade

If you forget to put sunscreen on and are worried your child might get burnt, please let us know and we will apply extra.

\*In school, children will be supplied with sunscreen if needed. We use Tesco sunscreen. Older children may be expected them to apply it themselves but we will give reminders.

\*\*If there is an important reason why the child should not use our sunscreen, let us know and we will not use it. If you then send in your own sunscreen, will will treat it as a medicine. You will need to complete a medicine form and we will administer as directed and keep it away from other children.

\*\*\* eg if the children are spending a lot of time outside, it's very sunny and they're having water fights.



**These are the sunscreens that we will use on the children.**

**I hope this suits everyone- it's not easy to find a solution to this one.**

# Communicating with Staff

We need to stop messaging on Dojo- sorry.Dojo is great for sharing photos and was excellent through the lockdowns but communicating with staff through Dojo gives us a big GDPR legal headache.

I therefore have to ask Parents/Carers to use only emails for electronic communication.

Do use the following emails when appropriate and necessary:

Headteacher: Mat- [head@trythall.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@trythall.cornwall.sch.uk)

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Please Do Not:

- Use social media eg WhatsApp, Facebook to communicate with staff
- Use Class Dojo to communicate with staff
- Communicate with other members of staff

Telephone or face to face communication are often the best option.



# Absence

Absence levels are something that we are working on at Trythall. Attendance below 95% is a cause for concern. A significant number of pupils are defined as persistent non-attenders as their attendance rate is lower than 90%. We completely understand that most absences are unavoidable. Nevertheless, part of our job is to communicate to you the importance of good attendance.

## **Why it's Important for Children to have Good Attendance**

Children with high levels of absence often struggle at school academically, socially and with their self-esteem. These three factors actually make it harder for children to come to school.

Academically, missing one lesson in 10 is obviously 10% of their education missed. However, as they are missing lessons that are part of a sequence (particularly in maths and literacy) one day off can impact the whole unit eg the child does not understand the unit on fractions. In the worst case this can lead to the child believing that they are not good at Fractions.

Socially, children find it hard to make friends if they are not in. Good friendship groups emerge between pupils with high attendance levels and other children might feel excluded. Even being late has more impact than people imagine.

Children with low attendance often start to believe they are not very good academically and socially and find it harder to come to school. In addition, they often become anxious about coming to school than children for whom coming to school is just something that you do every day- a bit like brushing your teeth (but we try to make it more fun).

## **Why Low Attendance is Difficult for the School**

Low attendance and lateness often result in children having significant gaps in their learning. When the school identifies this they do their best to 'plug the gaps'. This costs the school money, time and effort. It's frustrating for teachers to realise that a child doesn't understand a lesson because they were absent unnecessarily. If we take them out of class for extra lessons, the children might miss something else important.

Also, high absence rates put the school under pressure from Ofsted and the local authority who share the responsibility of raising attendance. The school can be pressurised to change policies and procedures to reduce absences.

## **Changes We Need to Make:**

- We can no longer authorise any holidays during school time
- We will have to review our Attendance Policy
- We will need to make more referrals to the EWO (Education Welfare officer) and meet with parents of low attending children and persistent non-attenders to see what we can do to help.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please bring your child to school unless there is a very good reason to bring them in. We always do our best to look after children and take account if they are not 100%.

# Summer Term Dates

This week – Mon after school football with Scott  
Tuesday – CMST Woodwind with Sophie Orchard  
                  CMST Piano Keyboard with Rachel Cutts  
                  Years 2,3,4 mixed football at Mounts Bay 3G  
Wednesday – **no** skate club this week  
Thursday – Surf club (earlier time) – Please see email  
Friday – **Class 1** CMST Brass with Kirsten  
                  Years 1,2,3 swimming

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup>– Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - **Half term**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Back to school  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – **Class 3** Maritime Museum trip  
                  **Class 1** Operation Kernow Dance (session 1) with Grace Murdoch
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Skate Club – **Group 1**
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Skate Club – **Group 2**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Carn Brea Athletics - **no** surfing  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - **SPORTS DAY** – Sennen. Parents welcome in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Skate Club – **Group 1**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - **Year 6** Treat - Hall for Cornwall  
                  **Years 4/5** Chapel Street Music ensemble  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – MAZEY DAY - 3PM PROCESSION**
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - **Class 1** Operation Kernow Dance (session 2) with Grace Murdoch  
                  Skate club - **Group 2**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - **Class 2** Camp and sleepover  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Years 1/2/3 last swimming – fun session
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Minack rehearsal **Class 1**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Music scholars performance  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - **School performance and BBQ**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Operation Kernow performance at the Minack **Class 1**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - **Year 6 leavers’ assembly**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - **LAST DAY OF TERM** - 1.30pm finish