



Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

January 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a welcome break over Christmas and managed to spend time together as a family.

We have launched straight into 2023 with a new Enquiry, **'How are there two sides to every story?'**. Our value which will be the driver for this is **Honesty**. This is such a powerful and important Enquiry that the children always get so much out of.

Class 4 will be learning about the life of Charles Darwin and will track his voyage to the Galapagos Islands, whilst Class 3 will be learning about Ancient Egypt and the role of Howard Carter – was he a historian or a grave robber?

Class 2 will be visiting Storyville and learning more about Cornish giants, and finally, Class 1 will be learning about the first drawing and Cave Paintings which leads on beautifully from last term's learning. There is a lot to look forward to. Remember to follow us on Facebook for regular photo updates from our daily life in school.



Year 2 and Year 6 Learning Conversations

This year, Y2 and Y6 children will be taking the government standardised attainment tests (SATs) in the summer term. In order for us to share how we plan to support your child in getting ready for this and how you can help support the process from home, we will be setting up face-to-face learning conversations. **Y6 parent conversations will be on Thursday 19th January and Y2 will take place on Thursday 26th January.** If you have a child in these year groups, please book a slot via the Arbor app. Thank you.

Uniform

Towards the end of last term, we were starting to see white trainers and jewellery/nail varnish coming in. Please can we remind you that your child needs black shoes please, long hair tied back and not to wear any jewellery to school. A watch and stud earrings are acceptable. Could you also ensure your child has a named PE kit that stays in school on your child's peg. This means they always have what they need for PE sessions. If you are short of any uniform or need something, we do have ample of second-hand uniform for sale in the office. This is always available but displayed in the last week of each term in the entrance foyer. Thank you.



Pupil Leadership Team

The Pupil Leadership Team will be meeting again this week and I know they have a few requests up their sleeve. There is talk of a school disco and supporting some local charities with non-uniform/dress up days so watch this space...

Home Learning

Children continue to be set Home Learning opportunities via Seesaw (and Tapestry if children are in Reception) and this has already been set this week. It gets set on a Monday and lasts a fortnight.

We had some very impressive creative pieces brought in last term that showed the time invested by your children to showcase their learning. Thank you for your encouragement and support with this – it is such an important part of the partnership. We have seen a dip in some children completing tasks so please do encourage your children to keep up with their learning at home as some tasks in particular support the learning in the classroom.



Please remember the Love Reading Journals and encouraging your child to read at home as much as possible. We also have Times Table Rock Star and MyMaths subscriptions where children can practise their fluency of maths skills that will be beneficial and support them in the classroom. Miss Thomas will be running a Homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime for any child that would like to complete their challenges in school.

Clubs & Wraparound

You will soon have this term's club list circulated, please sign up on Arbor as usual. Can we please remind you that we have waiting lists and so if you take up a place, we do need your commitment in attending. If for any reason your child cannot attend for a week, please contact the office, otherwise we will keep them on site and assume they are attending.

Our wraparound service continues both before and after school Monday to Thursday. Please ensure this is booked via ParentPay so that we are aware of numbers so we can ensure we have staff ready to lead the sessions. Some sessions are very quiet so we only run them if there are children booked in.



Staffing

We are excited to inform you that Miss Wheldon is going to be having her first baby in the summer. This means she will be leaving for her maternity leave during the Summer term. We will be appointing a maternity cover teacher for Class 1 in due course and I will let you know when we have more details. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this next exciting chapter.

PTFA Update

A big thank you to everyone that has supported our fundraisers by attending, helping or simply by sharing our Facebook posts, it all helps! We are delighted to inform you that we have raised a whopping amount of £2000 over the last month. The committee will be meeting this term and will let you know where the money will be spent.

Closure Due to Bad Weather

We had a practise for this last term, but it is that time of the year again and so in the extreme circumstances of the school being closed for bad weather, you will be notified via the Arbor App and this will also be confirmed on our website and via local radio stations. The later opening seemed to be a better option than closing completely last term, but we will keep you informed of decisions with as much notice as possible where we can. Just remember to keep checking your messages.

Kind regards



Lou Kirkman and the team

Diary dates:

Spring Term 2023	
w/c 9 th January	Start of new clubs & Y6 boosters
Thursday 19 th January	Y6 Learning Conversations
Thursday 26 th January	Y2 Learning Conversations
Thursday 9 th February	Last day of term
Friday 10 th February	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 20 th February	First day back of Spring Term 2
Monday 20 th March – Friday 31 st March	Class 1 & 2 Daily swimming lessons
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 17 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 16 th May – Friday 19 th May	Y6 London residential
Friday 26 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1