



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility

Newsletter –8th September 2023

A huge warm welcome back to all our children and families! It has been a joy to catch up with you and to see the children settle into their new classrooms so happily. An extra special welcome to all our new families and children in Reception and other year groups. If you have any concerns or questions, please just pop in and ask at the office. Alternatively, one of us will be on the gate most mornings. If you think you need time or privacy, please just ring / email the office and we will arrange a meeting for you.

We are so excited for the year ahead and working closely with you to ensure our children are happy, thriving and learning.

*Have a wonderful weekend everyone-it's going to be a hot one!!
Jess and Em (Mrs Mills and Miss Lawton!)*

Our school day

Registration is between 8.45am and 9am. If your child arrives after 9am they will need to register at the office. If they arrive between 9am and 9.15am they are marked as late and the number of minutes recorded. Arrivals after 9.15am will be marked as 'absent after close of register'.

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office on 01872 552648 before 9am.

If you need to make a request for planned term time absence e.g. for a hospital appointment, please fill in a green absence request form available from the office. Please note that we are not able to authorise absences unless in very exceptional and significant circumstances.

For further information on attendance, please ask the office to email you a copy of our Attendance Policy.

Uniform (available from Wovina.com - details on our website)

Red sweatshirt preferably with school logo / red cardigan

Red or white polo shirt

Grey trousers/shorts/shirts/ red and white checked dress

Grey / black / white / red socks/tights

School shoes or trainers (trainers can be worn every day-this is to encourage participation in the daily mile and physical play throughout the day). Please ensure that these are trainers are not baseball boots/skate shoes

Please ensure that no nail varnish, make-up or jewellery is worn to school

Hair that is below shoulder length should be tied back please.

PE Kit:

Red t-shirt and black shorts

Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms with a red or black sweatshirt

Trainers or plimsolls

SENDCo Support

Our SENDCo, Emma Parris, will now be available on Mondays and Thursdays. Please phone or email the office if you would like to make an appointment to see her.

School Travel and Walking Bus

It would be wonderful if there was more active travel to school this year, so that we could reduce the number of cars on site and also do a bit more for the environment. If you do need to drive, please be extra vigilant of bikes coming through the car park.

At the end of every day, we provide a 'walking bus' which escorts the children from school to the library car park. By using this you will be reducing the pressure on parking spaces and traffic along the road to the school, as well as hopefully enabling you to have a much swifter exit from the school run. If you would like to book your child onto the Walking Bus, please notify the office.

St Agnes Wins GOLD!!!!



We have been awarded the gold standard Primary Geography Quality Mark from the Geographical Association! This is in recognition of our high-quality geography curriculum and our commitment to sustainability and fieldwork.

We are so proud of the whole school but particularly Mr Belcher who worked incredibly hard to put together our application and who leads our geography curriculum with passion everyday – pats on the back all round!

Is Your Child Eligible For The Pupil Premium?

If you are in receipt of or eligible for free-school meals your child will receive the Pupil Premium Grant. This is a sum of money paid to the school to use as they feel best to support and enhance your child's education. This grant is paid to the school regardless of whether your child receives a free school meal as part of universal free school meals (YR-Y2)

If you are eligible for the income-based pupil premium you will also be entitled to a 50% discount for trips and camps, funding support for music lessons and wider opportunities. If you think your child may be eligible, please speak to us. Alternatively, if you would like to check eligibility and apply without talking to school, please visit: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Tuck and water bottles

All our younger children receive free fruit / vegetables for their morning snack. We would like all children to access the fruit provision rather than bringing in their own snack please. Also can we encourage all children to have a named water bottle in school.

Clubs And Daily Mile

After school and lunchtime clubs will start on Monday 18th September. Our daily mile will now also be on a Friday. If you would like your child to take part, please just drop them to school at 8.30am and they will be supervised by a member of staff on the top playground. At 8.45am the member of staff will take your child to class. Either you can drop your child at 8.30am and leave or you are welcome to watch them run or even better, take part yourself!

Choir

St Agnes School's world-famous choir, led by music maestro, Mrs Turner, will now be on Wednesday mornings at 8.20am. Please drop your child at the office.

Secondary School Open Evenings

For parents of children in Y5 and Y6:

Richard Lander-Thursday 28th September 5-8.30pm

Penair-Thursday 21st September 5-8pm

Welcome Meetings

Thank you for attending the welcome meetings yesterday, we hope you found them useful. For those unable to attend your child's teacher will send home a paper copy of the information letter, curriculum information and end of year expectations.

Communicating with you

We will try and keep our communications simple and effective as outlined below and give you as much notice as possible for events. However, if you ever feel that you would like more information about your child's progress, the curriculum, year group expectations or how to further support your child at home, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us via the office.

Year Group Newsletters-your child's teacher will communicate through newsletters emailed home at the end of each half term. These letters will let you know about PE days and other upcoming events as well as keeping you up to date with class news.

Curriculum-to find out about what your child will be learning in each subject across the year and how they are taught in each subject please visit the 'Our Curriculum' section of our website

Parent Information Sessions-we run information sessions for parents on reading, writing, maths and phonics (YR) at the beginning of each year. These sessions give you an overview of what is taught and how, as well as what end of year expectations look like in each year group and how you can support at home. Please see the Future Dates section at the bottom of the newsletter.

Letters-trip and camp letters will be emailed to you.

Key dates-via the school newsletter (at end of newsletter)



PTA

Our PTA are an amazing group of individuals who raise much-needed funds to help pay for coaches, play and sports equipment, Christmas outings and many other lovely things! If you would like to join this awesome group, please contact Jen Hocking-Ridgewell or register your interest at the office.



2023/24 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1: Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October

EYFS stay for lunch-Monday 11th September

EYFS stay for lunch-Tuesday 12th September

EYFS stay all day-Wednesday 13th September

Reading information session for parents (Y1-Y6) - Wednesday 13th September 5.30pm

EYFS phonics and early reading parent information session-Tuesday 19th September 5.30pm

Maths information session for parents (Y1-Y6 - Wednesday 20th September 5.30pm

Writing information session for parents (Y1-Y6) - Wednesday 4th October 5.30pm

Harvest Assembly EYFS / KS1 – Tuesday 10th October 9.15am (parents welcome)

Harvest Assembly KS2 – Wednesday 11th October 9.15am (parents welcome)

Parent Open Afternoon – Wednesday 18th October – 2.15pm-3pm (come and see your child's work)

Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Autumn Term 2: Tuesday 31st October – Tuesday 19th December

Inset Day – Monday 30th October

Y6 Camp meeting for parents – Thursday 2nd November 6pm

Y4 Multiplication check meeting for parents (face to face)-Wednesday 9th November 3.30pm

Y4 Multiplication check meeting for parents (online) – Thursday 10th November 5.30pm

Parent consultations – Tuesday 14th November 3.30pm – 6pm

Parent consultations – Thursday 16th November 3.30pm – 6pm

Book fair – Monday 13th – Friday 17th November 3.30pm onwards

Y6 Bristol Residential – Wednesday 22nd-Friday 24th November

Y6 Ice skating at Eden Project – Thursday 7th December

EYFS Christmas performance in hall – Thursday 7th December (afternoon performance-times tbc)

Y3/4 Christmas performance at the church – Monday 11th December (afternoon and evening performances-times tbc)

Y5/6 Christmas performance at the chapel – Tuesday 12th December (afternoon and evening performances-times tbc)

Y1/2 Christmas performance in hall – Thursday 14th December (afternoon performance-times tbc)

Y5 Panto at the Hall for Cornwall trip – Thursday 14th December (morning)

Y3/4 Christmas cinema trip at The Lighthouse, Newquay – Thursday 14th December (morning)

EYFS-Y2 Squash Box Christmas performance in hall – Friday 15th December (morning)

Last day-Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Holidays: Wednesday 20th December – Wednesday 3rd January

Spring Term 1: Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February

Half Term Holiday – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Inset Day – Monday 19th February

Spring Term 2: Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Summer Term 1: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May (Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Summer Term 2: Monday 3rd June- Wednesday 24th July 2023 (Monday 10th June is an Inset Day)