



Carclaze Newsletter

Friday 8 November 19

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Torchlight Carnival

This is just to remind parents that Carclaze School are taking part in the Torchlight Carnival on Saturday 16 November. If you would like to join us in the procession then please let the office know - we will be meeting at the college at 4.45pm



Welcome and updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all had a fantastic time this week when Ross Montgomery visited to share some of his books and talk to us to help us to improve our writing.

On Tuesday 12 we are encouraging children to wear odd socks to school to mark Anti-bullying week.

Next Saturday is the St Austell Torchlight Carnival. We look forward to seeing lots of families there. If you would like to walk with the school please speak to the office staff.

Best wishes

Simon Pollard
Head Teacher



'Care Communicate Persevere Sparkle'

7 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

School Uniform

Wearing a school uniform brings a sense of pride, shows that we are part of one team and that we are committed and ready to learn. We have noticed that recently, the standards we expect are beginning to slip and some children are not wearing the agreed uniform. This is therefore going to be a focus for us over this half term and staff will be speaking to children and parents if they are not wearing the correct uniform (including the correct school shoes) with a zero tolerance regarding uniform beginning in January 2020 (allowing time for parents to purchase the correct uniform). The majority of our uniform (with the exception of our jumpers) can be bought at a very reasonable price from most supermarkets, including school shoes. Our jumpers are available from Speranza or Cornwall Screen Print.

A reminder of our school uniform:

- Grey/Black – Trousers, Shorts, Skirt or Dress (Purple Check Summer Dresses)
- White Polo Shirt, Shirt or Blouse
- White, Grey or Black Tights or Socks

Purple School Cardigan or Jumper

Please note - If the option of black trousers or shorts is taken up, these must be smart – no jeans or tracksuit bottoms.

Footwear:

Black School Shoes (sports shoes e.g. trainers or knee high boots are not permitted)

PE Uniform:

- Black Shorts
- White T-shirt

Sensible Trainers or Plimsolls (Black Hoodies and Leggings/Joggers for winter sports if required)

Swimming:

One-piece swimming costume (no bikinis) or trunks

Jewellery:

The children can wear one pair of studs and a watch. No other jewellery can be worn. If a watch is worn this must not be a smartwatch. Make up/nail varnish is not allowed.

Hair:

In the interests of safety, practicality and hygiene, long hair i.e. shoulder length or longer, must be tied back during school hours. This is particularly important during PE and swimming. We are very aware of the fact that children are continually subjected to

fashion influences with regard to hair styles and hair wear – some of which are appropriate to the school situation, whilst others are not. Any styles which cause a potential health and safety issue will not be allowed, nor will any style/accessory which is not formal school wear. Bearing this in mind, Grade 1 is not acceptable and children should not have their hair or eyebrows shaved. Hairstyles should not be attention seeking. Therefore, styles such as tramlines/patterns, Mohicans, highlights or dyed hair are not allowed. Noncompliance with the policy will lead to parents/carers being contacted and asked to resolve the situation.

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named as this makes it easier for us to return lost items to their rightful owner.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Pollard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'd'.

Mr Simon Pollard

Head Teacher



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Welcome to the weekly attendance awards. We have been set a target of more than 96% attendance.

This week the following classes have reached their target and will receive 10 minutes extra play:

Polkerris	98.8%
Charlestown	98.3%
Porthpean	97.2%
Pisky Cove	96.4%
Carlyon Bay	96.1%
Perranporth	98.3%
Sennen	97.8%
Porthluney	98.9%
Hemmick	97.4%
Polzeath	98.9%

The following classes just missed out on their target this week. Good luck for next week:

Mawgan Porth	93.9%
Greenaway	89.8%
Harlyn Bay	94.4%
Bamaluz	95.7%



If you would like to know your child's individual attendance please login to the eSchools website - www.carclazesch.org

Responsibility- Celebration

Our focus value for this half term is:

Friendship

We listen to and respect other peoples opinions and values. We respect the culture and beliefs of others.

Certificates will be presented in assembly each week (Fridays at 2.30pm). We aim to call parents the night before to invite you in if your child is receiving a certificate.

Pisky Cove	Friendship - L-M Early Celebration - E Elkins and K.Farwell
Porthpean	Celebration - P Spurgeon Maths - J Roberts Friendship - M Tree
Greenaway	A Blamey, P Doorey-Yates and C Darville
Bamaluz	Friendship - E Dingle Celebration - H Torr

School Meals

Please remember to book your child's school lunches via ParentPay (whether they are free school meals or not) before the Sunday evening deadline. If you forget to book, your child can have a jacket potato but will not get the choice they want. This is so the cook knows what to order/prepare for the week ahead. Alternatively you can provide a packed lunch for them. Thank you.

News and Information:

Christmas Card orders:

Please note the Christmas card proofs went home this week. Orders/payments are to be made via ParentPay please. Items include Christmas card packs, gift tags, mugs, tea towels and bags for life. NO CASH OR CHEQUES will be accepted. All orders to be in by **Thursday 14th November** latest. There will be no orders collected or processed after this date. If you notice a mistake on your child's name please speak to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks and happy shopping!



May Bank Holiday 2020 - Has been changed from
Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May.

Inset Days 2019 (confirmed):

- 4 September 19
- 28 and 29 October 19
- 6 January 20
- 14 April 20

Please see the school website for a full list of next year's term dates.

Mobile Phones

You will notice the no mobile phone posters that have been put up on the school premises. Please help us safeguard and protect our children by not using phones on the school premises. If you are approached by a member of staff whilst using your phone on the site, please note that they are upholding the school safeguarding policy by asking you to stop.



Car Park

Unfortunately due to the bad weather the Car Park has been very busy over the last few weeks. Please can we remind parents:

- Only Park in marked Parking Spaces
- Reverse Park (for safety when leaving)
- Drive Slowly
- DO NOT park beyond the Zebra Crossing or the old School Car Park (Staff Parking Only). You will be blocked in and will be stuck until break time or later.
- DO NOT Park in Taxi Bays or Disabled Bays unless you have been told you can do so.

It's DOUBLE DONATION WEEK!

You can raise TWICE as much for Carclaze Primary School when you use #easyfundraising to shop online this week. Please think of us if you're starting your Christmas shopping - every donation matters!

It's completely free to sign up and the school gets a small donation EVERY SINGLE time you buy something through the website! All the biggest retailers are included - please have a look!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/HAq1YbIMBN>



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Garden News Update 1 November 2019



Although the seasons are changing and there is plenty of wet weather around, we are still planning on doing a few garden jobs over the winter. If you can lend your time at any point, we are aiming to carry on with the Friday gardening club from 8th November at 3.10pm (meet outside reception by the round flower bed). One of the projects that we have in the pipeline is to improve the fenced garden near the school reception.

Edible St Austell have donated 3 fruit trees which we aim to plant in this area. We will need raised beds to plant them in.

If anyone has any wood, tools, knowhow etc please make yourselves known to the office! We might be able to create vegetable beds in here too and create a community area where people can help themselves to fruit and vegetables. Let us know if you have any thoughts for this area.

Kind Regards,

Helen Knight & Jo Plester

"Remember, remember to read in
November"

During November we will be running additional activities to promote reading for pleasure and try and ignite a lifelong love of reading.

On Monday 4 we had our author visit, which was very exciting.

We will also be running a competition for children on Accelerated Reader. Each child will need to try and read as many words as possible. Mr Dingle has set targets of 20 minutes a day (this can be 10 minutes at home and 10 minutes in school). There will be prizes for children who reach their target and additional awards throughout the school.

Extreme Reading we are also looking for photographs of children reading in the most unusual places. Take a pic and email it to secretary@carclazesch.org. Pictures will be accepted throughout November and will be printed and displayed in school.

We are holding some book and bite sessions in the Library. This will be times for parents to come with the children and share books and a biscuit with their children. The session times and dates are:

Thursday 14 November - 8.00 - 8.40am

Tuesday 19 November 3.00 - 4pm

Monday 25 November 8.00 - 8.40am

Diary Dates 2019/2020:

Proposed Residential Dates:

Year 3 - BF Adventure 6 to 8 July 2020

Year 4 - Delaware 22 to 24 June 2020

Year 6 - London 18 to 22 May

All of the above trips will appear on your Parent Pay account once they have been confirmed. Camp meetings will be held in class throughout the term.

Foundation Stage

2020/21 - New Starters Open Afternoon 1.30 on 12 Nov19

2020/21 - New Starters Open Afternoon 1.30 on 20 Nov 19

10 December 2019 - 9.30 Nativity Play

11 December 2019 - 2.00 Nativity Play

Wednesday 18 December 2019 - Christmas Lunch Day (order via Parent Pay)

Christmas Jumper Day (donations via Parent Pay to the NSPCC)

Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons will continue every Tuesday afternoon until Tuesday 3 December 2019. Year 3 and 4 will swim after the Christmas break.

Football and Netball Fixtures 2019/2020 - letters will be sent home to selected team members:

Tuesday 1 October 2019

Carclaze V Mount Charles - Home

Tuesday 15 October 2019

Sandy Hill V Carclaze - Away

Tuesday 5 November 2019

Carclaze V St Stephen - Home - Postponed until Tuesday 12 November 2019

14 January 2020

St Mewan V Carclaze - Away

Tuesday 28 January 2020

Carclaze V Charlestown - Home

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Biscovey V Carclaze - Away

Other Competitions:

Rosewarne Shield - Played during the Autumn/Spring Term - letters will be sent to selected players.

Diamond Shield - Played during the Autumn/Spring Term - letter will be sent to selected players.

Various Netball and Football Competitions throughout the Autumn and Spring Term - look out for letters in your child's book bag.



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Head Teacher ~ Simon Pollard

Care Communicate Persevere and Sparkle

11th September 2019

RE: ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Carclaze Community Primary School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. **Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head Teacher using the school's request form at least 14 days prior to the proposed date of absence.**

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. **Penalty Notice fines are issued per parent/carer, per child.** Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences *. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Carclaze Community Primary School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Pollard
Head Teacher

* For an offence under the Education Act 1996 Sec 444 (1) the maximum fine is £1000. For an offence under the Education Act 1996 Sec 444 (1A) the maximum fine is £2500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months. Alternatively, a penalty notice may be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action.

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AVOIDABLE ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

IMPORTANT: Please read carefully the information below.

WARNING: If you allow your child to miss school in term time for an avoidable reason without obtaining the prior approval of the school, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice* per parent per child, or made the subject of court proceedings under section 444 Education Act 1996.

As a parent/carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional and unavoidable reason.

THE FACTS	THE LAW
<p>School aged pupils in Cornwall maintained schools are expected to attend punctually on the 190 days that the school is open. Whilst there are a number of unavoidable reasons why a pupil might be away from school (illness, medical appointments, exclusion etc.) the legislation is clear that any avoidable absence may only be authorised by a school if there are exceptional circumstances.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WHAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER</p> <p>Research suggests that children who are taken out of school may never catch up on the learning they have missed. This may affect test results and can be particularly harmful if the child is studying for final year examinations.</p> <p>Children who struggle with English or Mathematics may also find it even harder to cope when they return to school, while younger children may find it difficult to renew friendships with their classmates.</p> <p>If the school is unable to authorise the absence and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and you may receive a £60* fine per parent per child.</p>	<p>The law allows the school to consider individual requests to authorise a future avoidable absence. However, before the school can authorise any such requests, they must satisfy themselves that there are exceptional circumstances which justify such a decision. It is entirely the responsibility of the parent submitting the request to provide sufficient evidence/information in order to establish this fact. The request for leave must come from the parent with whom the child normally resides.</p> <p>If a child then stays away from school for more than the authorised period this must be recorded as unauthorised absence and could be quoted in a prosecution for poor attendance.</p> <p>If the child is away for a period of four weeks or more, the school may have the option to take the child off roll subject to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.</p> <p>In case of unexpected extended absence, it is advisable that the parent fully informs the school as to the reasons. If a child is removed from roll, there is no guarantee that the child will regain a place at the school.</p>
<p>Unavoidable absence from school will be authorised. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genuine illness Unavoidable medical/dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible). Days of religious observance. Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces External examinations When traveller children are on the road with their parents 	<p>Other examples of absence from school that <u>will not</u> be authorised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any type of shopping Looking after siblings or unwell parents Minding the house Birthdays Resting after a late night Relatives visiting or visiting relatives
<p>The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time.</p> <p>We hope that when you have read this leaflet you will consider that your child's education is too important to allow them to miss school for avoidable reasons.</p>	

*Penalty notice - £60 if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 if paid after 21 days and before 28 days.

Friends of Carclaze



Autumn Term



A poster for the Friends of Carclaze Christmas Fayre. It features a cartoon Santa Claus on the left. The text reads: 'Friends of Carclaze Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th November, 2-4pm'. Below this, it asks 'Could you help by?' and lists: 'Helping run a stall on the day', 'Helping us set up or clear away', and 'Serving refreshments'. It also asks 'Could you donate?' and lists: 'A prize for the raffle', 'Cakes or cupcakes', and 'Books or toys for the stalls'. At the bottom, it says 'Please drop any donations to the office. If you can assist in anyway please call into the office, speak to one of the committee or email friendsocarclazeschool@outlook.com'. There is a small illustration of two children holding a sign that says 'We Need You!'.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Next Meeting	Wednesday 13 November	7.30pm (all welcome)
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 November	2.00-4.00

Non uniform days for Christmas Fayre are as follows:

Friday 22 November - Jam Jars (see examples below)

Friday 29 November - Bottles for Tombola

Christmas Singalong Wednesday 11 December (details to follow)

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 November** to discuss/action the finer details for the fayre.



Current Committee..

Chair - Jo Plester

Vice Chair - Ann Dash

Treasurer - Zoe Derriman

Vice Treasurer - Cathy Higginson

Secretary - Kerry Gray

Vice Secretary - Debbie Cockayne

We are friendly, approachable and hope to put new attendees at ease but if you are nervous, bring someone along with you as the more the merrier!

Bun Bake Dates:

Year 6	-	4 November
Year 5	-	13 January
Year 4	-	10 February
Year 3	-	16 March
Year 2	-	4 May
Year 1	-	8 June
FS	-	13 July