

Lostwithiel Primary School

Newsletter SPRING TERM - 05.04.2019



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Head's Hello

My first week back has been a very exciting one. We have been very busy and have lots to celebrate! I attended a school council meeting on Monday, where our very hard working councillors shared all of their hard work, including how they are now working towards our silver Eco Schools award. The children in years three and four performed their songs from their Eden performance or the whole school on Wednesday and we were blown away by their singing voices! We are all very proud of them and the performance on Thursday evening at Eden was absolutely fantastic. Thank you very much to all of the staff, pupils and parent helpers that made this special event possible.

School Improvement Update

Mrs Webber, the Governing body and the staff at Lostwithiel have been working very hard while I have been on maternity leave to address the issues raised in our Ofsted report that resulted in our 'Requires Improvement' Judgement. The school and trust have been working with a school improvement partner, Paul Hodson, from the Kernow Teaching School Alliance who will be visiting our school once a term to work with us. Paul is a former headteacher and currently an Ofsted inspector so he is able to offer us a wealth of experience and advice. We had our second visit from him this week and he was very pleased with the progress the school is making. Our SATS in year 2 and 6 were above national scores in summer 2018, as were our phonics and EYFS results and we expect to see the same upward trend this academic year too. If you have any question regarding school improvement please contact me on head@lostwithielsch.org

Best Wishes

Natalie Simmonds
Head Teacher

SWIMMING PAYMENT

Swimming lessons have now finished for this year. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed on Parent Pay for their child's swimming lessons. If you have yet to contribute payment can still be made on Parent Pay. If you have any queries regarding Parent Pay please contact Mrs Whitlock or Mrs Sharland in the school office.

After School
Activity Clubs
re-start after the
holidays from
week
commencing
**MONDAY 29TH
APRIL 2019**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CHILDCARE PROVISION ADVANCE NOTICE

Please be aware that we are reviewing the finishing time of our After School child care provision. We have noticed that some of the sessions are considerably quieter on certain days. This may not be sustainable for the future but we will advise parents in good time should we have to change collection times.

THIS WEEK'S STAR LEARNERS

APPLE	Freja and Nell
CHERRY	The whole class for an amazing visit to the church for Easter activities
OAK	Leon and Jowan
WILLOW & BEECH	All of both classes for their hard work in preparation and their performance of Invisible Worlds
MAPLE	Adam and Ashley
CONKERS	Poppy and Ebony



This week's attendance

Apple:	95%
Cherry:	93.78%
Oak:	99.38%
Willow:	94.07%
Beech:	98.04%
Maple:	95.91%
Conkers:	97.53%

Last day of term: **Friday 5th April 2019** Return to school: **Tuesday 23rd April 2019**

Half Term Week-Summer Term: **Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019**

Inset week (training week)- Summer Term: **Monday 3rd June 2019 to Friday 7th June 2019**

Return to school: **Monday 10th June 2019**

After School Club phone 07821 645720 3.15pm to 5.30pm



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Please check every week for new events being added)

APRIL

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd
Tuesday 23rd
Saturday 27th

EASTER HOLIDAY

Return to school
LSA children's clothes swap/sale—details on LSA page below and on posters in school

MAY

Year 2 SATS will take place during May. Specific dates will follow from Mrs Naylor.

Mon 7th to Thurs 9th
Mon 13th to Thurs 16th
Friday 17th
Mon 20th to Thurs 23rd
Friday 24th

Year 5 Residential Camp at Bude
Year 6 SATS
May Fair (this will take the place of the Summer Fair usually held)
Year 6 Residential to London
Non school uniform day (for a donation to raise funds for the LSA)

Mon 27th May to Fri 7 June

HALF TERM AND INSET DAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

JUNE

Monday 10th
Mon 10th to Fri 14th

Return to school
Year 1 phonics screening will take place this week.

JULY

Tues 2nd
Thurs 4th
Thurs 4th

Bodmin College—year 6 induction evening—MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
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Fowey River Academy—year 6 induction day and evening –MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

2019/2020 Academic Year—Advance notice of these important dates

Year 6 SATS—11th May to 14th May 2020..
Year 2 SATS—during May 2020
Year 1 Phonics screening—8th June to 12th June 2020

Message from Lostwithiel Twinning Association

Lostwithiel Twinning Association are looking for a Lostwithiel family to host a French family who have 2 girls aged 10 and 12. Lostwithiel is twinned with Pleyber Christ in France and there will be several families coming over on the 14th (arriving in the evening) - 16th June. It is the 40th Anniversary of the Lostwithiel / Pleyber Christ Twinning Group and we have lots planned for the weekend including a big meal and ceilidh for the Saturday night as well as outings on the Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will be spent with other Lostwithiel Twinning families and their hosts so you wouldn't need to be alone with your French family for very long at all- in case you are worried about conversing in French! So French language is not required. You also do not need much space - people are willing to be put up on blow up mattresses etc .or wherever you can fit them in. It really is great fun for all the family.

There will also be the opportunity to return to your family in France for a weekend in September if you want to. This is a very cheap weekend away and is packed with entertainment and fun that is laid on by our French families. There are a few families from Lostwithiel School who are members of the Twinning Association and would be happy to talk more about their experiences. Please contact the school office if you are interested in more information and they will pass on their details.

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE PROVISION AT ST MEWAN SCHOOL

St Mewan School will again be offering Holiday Club childcare provision for pupils of schools in the Peninsula Learning Trust (PLT). Parents are welcome to ring or email to book:

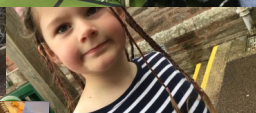
Kay Walker, Assistant Head at St Mewan School
kwalker@stmewansch.org
Tel: 01726 74887

Please see Lostwithiel School Office for a list of the activities being run during these clubs

PARENT PAY BALANCES

The end of term is a good time to check your child's Parent Pay balances to pay any debit balances and also to top up your child's account if they regularly have a school lunch (Year's 3 to 6) or use our After School and Breakfast Childcare provision. All these services should be paid for on the day or in advance as Lostwithiel School does not offer credit facilities. We appreciate that many of our parents have busy lives so you may find it helpful to set up an email reminder on Parent Pay. By doing so when your child's balance drops to a specific amount (of your choosing) you receive an email alert. Thankyou.

MAD HAIR DAY!



Apple Class playing 'Grandmas Footsteps' with Emma on their balance bikes this week

The lucky children in CHERRY CLASS were each given a beautiful hand knitted Easter chick made by Mrs Davis



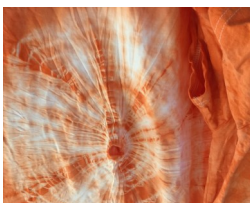
OAK CLASS

Sea scenes and sea creatures



VIOLIN ASSEMBLY

Willow and Beech classes preparing their costumes for their performance at Invisible Worlds at Eden Project on Thursday, taking inspiration from the colours of the micro beasts.





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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (LSA) NEWS

Fundraising events coming up..

Saturday 27th April: Children's clothes swap/sale—DETAILS BELOW

Friday 17 May: May Fair—this is instead of the Summer Fair that has been held in previous years

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL LOTTERY

If you would like to take part in the LSA school lottery simply set up a monthly standing order for £2 per lottery number to account number 22296868 and sortcode: 30-99-08 to be in the account by the 10th of each month. You may purchase as many numbers as you wish.

Email lostwithielsa@gmail.com for your lottery number(s) or with any questions. Thankyou for your support.

Lostwithiel School Association Class Reps

Each class has parent representatives from the LSA to communicate information about LSA and school events. This is to further improve communication between the school, LSA and parents and carers. See below for the parent representative for your class.

Apple (reception)	Emmy and Kelly K
Cherry (Yr1)	Gillian Brown
Oak (Yr2)	Tia T
Willow (Yr3)	Nicole D and Dora
Beech (Yr4)	Stacey B and Sarah L
Maple (Yr5)	Sally C and Becca E
Conkers (Yr6)	Catharine C and Vicky B

FUNDRAISING TOKENS AT ASDA BODMIN

Lostwithiel School Association have been nominated for the Green Tokens at Asda Bodmin. As of the 1st April you will be able to pop your Green Tokens into our box on the Community Board in store! Please spread the word to all of your family and friends!!

Childrens LSA Present:

CLOTHES AND TOYS SWAP/SALE



**27th April
10am - 12pm**

**£1 Entry
Per Family**

Drop off your pre-sorted items Monday 21st – Friday 26th April in exchange for a ticket to use on swap day.
All good condition, clean children's items welcome including shoes, wetsuits, uniform, books and toys.

Tea, coffee and cake!

Nothing to swap? Then just come and shop!

Join us in the School Hall





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SCHOOL YEAR 2018/2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND CLOSURE DATES

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Cornwall Council

2018/19 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

October 2018						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
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November 2018						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
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Sun	4	11	18	25		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2018
Boxing Day	26 December 2018
New Year's Day	01 January 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019
Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Early May Holiday	06 May 2019
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018 (73 days)

04 September - 20 December
(Half term 22 - 26 October)

SPRING TERM 2019 (60 days)

07 January - 05 April
(Half term 18 - 22 February)

SUMMER TERM 2019 (62 days)

23 April - 25 July
(Half term 27 May - 31 May)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Please note Lostwithiel will be closed to pupils from Monday 3 June to Friday 7th June inclusive for staff training (inset) days.

December 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
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January 2019						
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February 2019						
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March 2019						
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April 2019						
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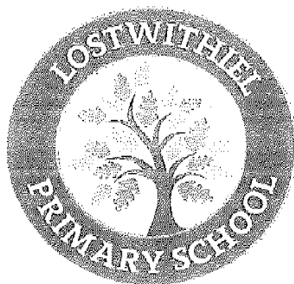
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9 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to update you on the following attendance procedures we have put in place after agreeing a new attendance policy with the local governing body. Although we know that most families work really hard to ensure their children are at school every day, on time, average attendance at Lostwithiel Primary School is below the national average for England. Our school attendance target this year is 96.5%. We have now created a policy and system for when children's attendance falls below 95%. We are sharing this with you so that we can ensure the challenging of non-attendance is fair and consistent. Most children have excellent attendance and we want to thank all those families who make every effort to support this.

Lostwithiel School will now be referring unauthorised holidays of 10 sessions (5 school days) or more to Cornwall Council Education Welfare Service. This will be common practice from Easter 2018. This decision has been strongly recommended by the Regional Schools Commission, who visited our school in September and identified absence, particularly term time holidays, as an issue that is negatively affecting the outcomes of pupil at our school. This has been considered carefully by the school governors, senior leaders and the Peninsula Learning Trust.

The Department of Education no longer allows headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the request from the school office. Letters and emails requesting holiday will not be accepted. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence and you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We will then refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. The Penalty Notice Officer will consider requests when attendance is or would fall to below 94.5%. They will look at your child's current attendance and their attendance of the previous academic year. You can find further details on this on our website.

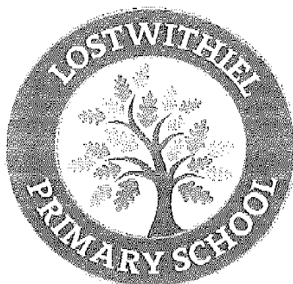
A Penalty Notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. Please note that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. Cases of ongoing and entrenched cases of poor attendance are dealt with separately by the school and EWS. Processes for this can be found on our website.

Celebrating Good Attendance:

We listened to feedback from parents and pupils last term and will be changing the way we celebrate good attendance. Instead of weekly class awards which caused concern for some children and families, we will be introducing a whole school half termly target of 96.5%. If the whole school reach this target, *all* pupils will celebrate together at the end of the term with a special celebration disco. We will still publish class attendance weekly in the newsletter to raise awareness of class attendance.

Headteacher: Natalie Simmonds

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Absence Reports and Requests

If you know your child is going to be absent from school you should contact the office and leave a message. If a child is absent without a reason, we will ring their named contacts to establish the reason for absence.

Following Department for Education guidance, we ask that all medical appointments be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, please make sure the office have a copy of the appointment letter for your child's file. We will expect your child to be at school before and after the appointment (e.g. for an 11am appointment, we would expect your child to be collected at 10:30 and then returned to school for afternoon lessons).

Formal Steps to Challenge Non-Attendance

When attendance is not good enough we will meet with parents to discuss how it can be improved. If attendance still doesn't improve, we will take steps to challenge this, which ultimately may include prosecution, issued by Cornwall Council.

Attendance drops below 95%	Letter A sent home Phone call and/or meeting with school to establish causes of absence and how we can support this
Attendance drops below 93%	Letter B sent home No further absence for illness will be authorised, without a doctor's letter. Meeting with class teacher and headteacher to establish an improving attendance plan
Attendance drops below 90%	Child is classed as persistently absent, which we must report to the local authority. Meeting with head teacher and local authority for an education planning meeting. 100 day monitoring period- if attendance improves we will continue to monitor, if your child misses 10% of sessions during this period we will begin proceedings with EWS to prosecute

No-one wants to fine or prosecute parents (to be clear, any funds raised from this do not come back to the school so there is no financial incentive for schools to take this route) but we know that children need to be at school to achieve well. I hope never to need to take this action at Lostwithiel Primary School. Please come and talk to us if there are reasons why your child is not attending school regularly. It is much better to work with us early on, so that children do not become persistently absent.

Our Attendance policy, copies of our letters and information about penalty notices from county are available on our website attendance page.

http://www.lostwithiel.cornwall.sch.uk/website/attendance_information_/333894

Yours Sincerely

Natalie Simmonds

Headteacher: Natalie Simmonds

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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL UNIFORM

March 2019

Dear Parent/carer

Wovina continues to sell the Lostwithiel School uniform items. The uniform will not be stocked in their shop for general sale so all items will need to be pre-ordered. Items can be posted (postage is free for orders over £30, for purchases of under £30 please allow £2.50 for postage and packing) or you can call at Wovina to collect the items personally (please allow up to 14 days for items to be ordered). For those parents who do not have internet access Wovina will accept telephone orders.

Wovina, 1-3 Omaha Road, Bodmin, PL31 1ER, Tel: 01208 833070, www.wovina.com.

The current Wovina prices, **as from 1st March 2019** for items showing the Lostwithiel School logo are:

**Full zip fleece: £13.20, Sweatshirt: £8.80, Cardigan (sweatshirt material) £11.65, PE T shirt: £4.30,
PE Bag: £3.95, Book Bag: £4.70.**

We would like to reiterate our school uniform policy:

Shoes

Plain black sensible shoes (no logo) – **No** canvas shoes, training shoes, boots, open toed or backless shoes.

Sock/Tights

black tights, white or black socks

Uniform

Black skirt or trousers (no jeans/leggings/jeggings)

Dark green polo shirt or white shirt/blouse (no white polo shirts)

Dark green jumpers/cardigans

Items with Lostwithiel school logo: dark green fleece, dark green sweatshirt, dark green cardigan (sweatshirt material)

In warmer weather : dark green and white check summer dress, black tailored shorts

PE

Black shorts or black track suit bottoms, black PE skirt or black skirt

Training shoes

Items with Lostwithiel School logo: dark green PE T shirt

Thank you for your continued support with our policies.



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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL TRAVEL AND SAFETY

29th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Governors and school staff are very concerned about the safety and congestion on Bodmin Hill and around the school car park at drop off and pick up times.

We have taken the following actions to try and improve the safety and organisation of these very busy times of the day.

- Staff members will no longer park on the left side of the car park. This area will be kept free to allow drivers with a disabled badge easy access to the spaces provided. It will also allow turning room for the taxis that provide transport from the county council.
- A member of staff will do a car park duty from 8:45 am to 9 am. This will be to ensure safe drop off in and around the car park.

Staff members, disabled badge holders, taxis and child care providers will be allowed access to the car park.

We politely ask all other parents and carers:

- Do not enter the carpark to 'drop off' or park your car. Please park away from the school car park and gate to ease congestion
- Do not park or stop on the yellow zig zags outside the school entrance. This is illegal and is dangerous as it blocks the entrance and line of sight for pedestrians and other drivers
- Drive slowly and considerately on Bodmin Hill for the safety of pedestrians and children.

Natalie Simmonds
Head Teacher