

Mabe Community
Primary School
Newsletter

13th September 2019



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Transfer to Secondary School September 2020

ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS. An orange form was sent home this week. Your application form must be submitted by 31st October 2019.

Apply on line at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Starting School September 2020

Do you have a child born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016**? If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2020 for that child by the deadline of 15th January 2020.

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school – you still need to apply. The criteria in the school's admission arrangements will be used to allocate places. Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.

Puffins News

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely summer. It's great to be back in school again and working with your lovely children – I have missed it so much! We have already got underway with one of my favourite topics 'Woeful World War II'. This week we have been exploring when, where and how World War II started and locating the Allies and Axis powers on a world map. In English we have started our study of the fantastic book 'Goodnight Mr Tom' where we have been inferring meaning on the two main characters in the story and writing detailed descriptions based on what we have been reading. The children also had the opportunity to work with their peers on editing and improving their writing using a checklist.

In Maths this half term we will be heavily focusing on place value and number. We have started off by exploring digit value, finding more or less than a given number and Roman numerals. As always we take the mastery approach to teaching maths, moving from fluency to reasoning and even greater depth problems. The children also completed an arithmetic test and times table challenge to help with developing their mental maths skills. Please ensure you are practising times tables and division facts regularly at home as the children are expected to know them at speed up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. For resources to support you with this, please see our class webpage.

On Monday afternoons and Wednesdays this half term, Puffins will be taught by the wonderful Mrs Saunders while I continue to recover from treatment – consistency is key to your child's learning so I can assure you that routines and systems will remain the same. The children have already enjoyed their first session of dance with Mrs Saunders, learning the 'Jitter Bug' routine that was incredibly popular during World War II.

To keep you updated, PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays this half term but please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at all times. Homework went out on Tuesday this week, it needs to be completed and returned to school for Monday. We will also be having a World War II day on **Friday 11th October**. Please can your child come to school dressed in a World War II costume on this day – I will send a reminder out nearer the time.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Fisher

Sandpipers News

We have thrown ourselves straight into our Topic this term, Bright Lights, Big City and finding out about London and the Great Fire. This week we have been looking at images of London in the past and present and talking about the similarities and differences. Our English work on the poem, Buckingham Palace by A.A. Milne is beginning to take shape with the children learning the poem well, we are hoping to perform it to the rest of KS1 or even KS2 in a few weeks time. In Maths we have been counting backwards and forwards with numbers to ten and explain how we know the answers. We have also been practising writing the numeral and writing the words. We have started our Science topic - Everyday Materials - looking at their properties.

Swimming Volunteer

This school year the school will be swimming on a Thursday morning at Penryn Primary. They leave school at 9.00am and return at 10.50am. The school needs a volunteer to accompany the Class alongside the Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant. You will have no responsibilities for swimming, but will assist us in ensuring we have the correct ratios on the coach to and from the pool.

If you can spare the time on Thursday mornings for a few hours please can you let the school office know so we can organise the appropriate checks etc.

Dear Parents

On Tuesday 10th September the school went through a very thorough Safeguarding Audit led by our new CEO Mrs Jennie Walker. The school safeguarding files, website, the Academy board and school safeguarding procedures were put under intense scrutiny. The resulting action plan will be fed into our whole school improvement plan. The County Council will also be carrying out their own unannounced audit this month. The headlines from the school improvement plan will be on the school website under School improvement plans in the Ofsted section from next week (week beginning - 16th Sept 2019).

I look forward to seeing Parents at our Forum meeting on Monday 16th September.

May I remind Parents we have a before and after school club. Our Breakfast club starts at 8am until 8.45am and our after school club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm. If you would like more information please come to the office. At the same time, may I remind you that children may be dropped off at school only after 8.45am and not before this time. This is because the playground is not supervised by adults until 8.45am. Any children arriving before this time will be at risk.

Punctuality at the start of the school day is very important, arriving late affects your child's attitude towards learning.

We will be holding a Phonics Evening on Monday 6th October for all parents and I do encourage as many parents as possible to attend especially if you have a child in the Early Years Foundation Stage (Kittiwakes Class) or in Key Stage 1 (Sandpipers and Curlews). We will be giving parents an insight and demonstration into how we teach phonics through the ReadWriteInc programme

Finally, at the end of last term we presented a number of pupils with 100% attendance certificates for either the term or the whole school year. Our goal this year is to beat the number of certificates handed out last year. I look forward to seeing you all as the term progresses.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Hayes
Headteacher

Parent Pay

I am hopeful that everyone is now on Parentpay. If you are still having problems can you email at secretary.mabe@tlat.org.uk and I will endeavour to sort out the issue. If you pay for meals and have 5 meals a week, under the Chartwells system you get one free. I have to go on each Friday and credit you with £2.30.

Swimming

This will be starting on Thursday 12th September and running until 19th March. It will be taking place at Penryn Primary School from 9.30am to 10.30am. Please see the following dates:

Herons Class – 12th September to 14th November

Puffins Class – 21st November to 30th January 2020

Cormorants – 7th February to 19th March 2020

Further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These are coming home today for all children. Please complete and amend if possible and return them to the school. Thank you.

Sailing

HRCST are unable to offer any sailing this half term. We look forward to starting in the Summer Term 2020.

Parent Evenings

There will be informal parents evenings on Monday 7th October and Tuesday 8th October. This will be an opportunity for teacher to let you know how your child has settled in this term and more importantly an opportunity for you to inform teachers of any concerns or issues you may have regarding your child outside of school. Signing in sheets will be in the school reception area from Monday 30th September.

INSET DAYS FOR 2019/2020

Friday 18th October 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 27th March 2020

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Menu

Monday:	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges Crunchy Bean Bake with a Rice Side Carrots and Peas Creamy Baked Orange and Vanilla Rice Pudding
Tuesday:	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy Green Beans and Roasted Peppers Oatie Biscuit
Wednesday:	Roast Turkey with Gravy or Quorn Roast with Gravy Roast Potatoes, Cabbage and Carrots Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt
Thursday:	Been Bolognese or Mild Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Salad Broccoli and Mediterranean Vegetables Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake with Custard
Friday:	Fish and Chips or Tomato and Quorn Wrap with Chips Baked Beans and Peas Banana and Cinnamon Cake
Jackets:	Monday – Beans Tuesday – Tuna Wednesday – Cheese Thursday – Cheese and Tuna

REMINDER

Can you please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day filled with water. It can be refilled during the day if necessary. Thank you.