

# Mawnan C of E VA Primary

# Newsletter

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13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

We have had another happy, enjoyable and productive week at school. Your fantastic children continue to impress us with their kindness, exemplary behaviour and thirst for learning.

Thank you very much for joining us for your Zoom parent teacher meetings this week. We missed having you all in school but we hope you found the meetings helpful and informative.

Thank you for helping us to support Children in Need again this year. We are really pleased to share that we have raised **£287-31** for the charity today.

We are extremely proud and impressed with Alice in Y4 who raised an amazing **£495** for Children in Need outside of school through her sponsored triathlon.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alice-triathlon>

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,



*Miss Pridmore*

## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### November

16<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

### June 2021

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Closure Days (School closed to everyone)

## Attendance

Oppie, Pico & Dart Classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done!

Oppie – 99.31% 0 - late

Topper – 96.31% 0 - late

Pico – 98.52% 0 - late

Fusion – 96.95% 1 – late

Dart – 98.68% 0 - late

Well done Oppie Class for having the highest attendance this week.

## Anti-Bullying Week

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.



### What is Odd Socks day?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! So, on Monday **16/11/2020** we'd love everyone to wear their most colourful odd socks!



## Attendance Matters

'Every day counts' and we aim for 98%- 100% attendance because children who attend school regularly are more successful learners. We ask parents to bring their children to school every day unless they are too unwell to attend.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health
- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please **phone** the school on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time and the DfE has made it clear that headteachers are not to authorise absence for any holidays during term time, except under exceptional circumstances.

We are not able to, therefore, grant authorisation for absence in the following instances:

- Day trips and holidays in term time
- Leaving school unnecessarily during the school day
- Not attending school for an unnecessary reason such as birthdays, shows, concerts
- Absences which have not been properly explained or have failed to follow the absence procedure

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

Thank you for all of the support and commitment that you put into improving our attendance average last year. Our attendance target for this year remains at **98%**.

**Our final INSET (closure) days will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (the school will be closed on these days).**

These days follow the May half-term which means that the children will not be at school from Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 inclusive, 12 days. We hope that the Covid-19 pandemic will have eased by then, and that everyone can take the opportunity to have some family time whilst the school is closed.

## **Are you looking for a unique and memorable Christmas gift?**

The Mawnan School Tea-Towels will be available in December for you to purchase.



## **Reception 2021**

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2021/starting-school-september-2021/>

**The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 15th January 2021.**