

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter

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Monday 20th July 2020

Dear Mawnan Families,

We have now reached the end of this rather unusual academic year and I wanted to say a huge thank you for the part you've played in helping us manage this very challenging time.

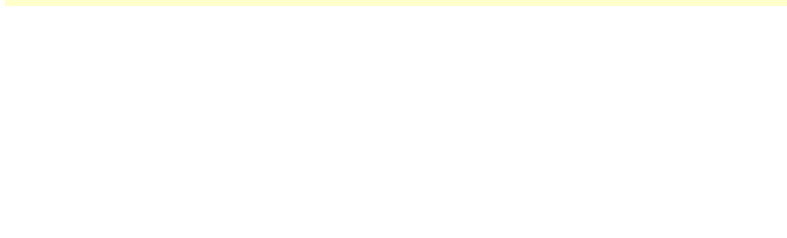
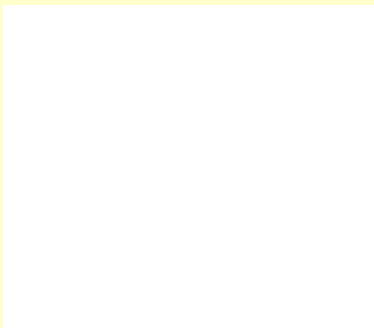
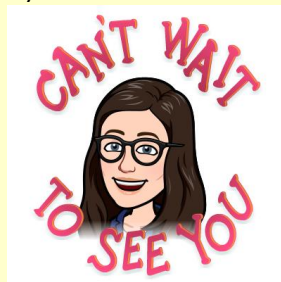
I have now reached the end of my third year as Headteacher at Mawnan School and despite this year being a particularly challenging one, I continue to feel blessed to be leading such a special school. I could not wish for a more committed, talented staff team who always work extremely hard to provide the children with exciting and meaningful learning experiences. I am tremendously grateful to you all for being such engaged and supportive parents.

It has been a real pleasure to support the children in school but I have really missed all of the children who have been at home since March. I am so excited about reuniting our school community in September and I remain fully committed to ensure that this is done in the safest way possible. We are unsure what we have ahead of us but your support continues to be invaluable.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and thank you all sincerely for being such fantastic people to work with. I hope you all find some time to relax and enjoy some quality family time over the summer. Next year is going to be different but we will work together to ensure that it is going to an awesome year!

Please stay safe,

Miss Pridmore



Good Luck Year 6

We will be saying goodbye to our incredible Year 6 pupils this week, as they will be heading off to secondary school in September. We recognise that it's been a very different final year and we wish them all the very best as they embark on the next stage of their education. They have brought their own unique personalities and contributed many positives to our school. We were so pleased that we managed to reunite them all in school so they could end their days at Mawnan School together.

We would like to sincerely thank these brilliant children because they have been an exceptional cohort who will be greatly missed by every member of our school community. We wish them all the very best in the next stage of their journey and want to thank them for the amazing contribution that they have made to Mawnan School over the years.

Good luck Mrs Churcher

We would all like to wish the amazing Mrs Churcher the very best of luck for the birth of her second child. Mrs Churcher's baby is due at the end of this month and we will keep you updated with news about the new arrival.

School Reports

You will be receiving your child's school report for this academic year in the post this week. Our report format is different this year to reflect the fact that children have not been in school for a significant part of the school year.

September Guidance and Home- School Agreement for Parents

We have drafted a guidance to explain the steps school will be taking to open up to all children in September to minimise the risk from Covid-19 to pupils, parents and staff and to offer a full curriculum to the children. **It is vital that you read this guidance in full.** We have also drafted a home school agreement that sets out clearly the expectations.

The government guidance published on 2nd July explains clearly that all pupils in all year groups will return to school – full time from the beginning of the autumn term. It explains that:

- Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later.
- The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. We know that school is a vital point of contact for public health and safeguarding services that are critical to the wellbeing of children and families.
- Lower academic achievement also translates into long-term economic costs due to having a less well-qualified workforce. This affects the standard of living that today's pupils will have over the course of their entire life. For many households, school closures have also affected their ability to work. As the economy begins to recover, we need to remove this barrier so parents and carers can return to work.

(Guidance for reopening school – 2nd July 2020 gov.uk)

We've very much missed seeing all of our brilliant children and are really looking forward to seeing them come back in September. We are aware that parents will understandably have concerns about sending their children back to school and I want to outline the measures we'll be taking in school to reduce the risk from Covid-19. Please take some time to read the guidance as it should answer any questions that you might have. We have also drafted a new COVID-19 home-school agreement to provide clarity around our shared responsibility to keep everyone in our community safe.

The international pandemic has caused enormous distress and disruption. It's something we've never previously experienced and it will take time for the children to readjust to school. I know that the measures we've put in place may look complex but we've been working in this way for a while now and it won't take long for us to embed our slightly different routine and reengage our brilliant children back to the school that they all love.

The guidance and home school agreement are attached to the email that you have received this newsletter through. We need to know that you have read and understood the guidance and accept all of the points in the home-school agreement.

Please could you do this by completing this quick form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKRfMYfjLqiSvzIbi7J26-Xxs2aBFmEfpA0cdLp3P5IE-2Cw/viewform>

We need to have receipt of your acknowledgement by 1st September 2020.

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Staggered Start Times

You will be emailed your staggered start times and we ask that you keep to these times. Your start time will either be 8:40am, 8:50am or 9am and your collection time will either be 3:00pm, 3:10pm or 3:20pm. We will be coordinating it so siblings arrive at the same time.

Home-School Communication

Our staff team have been available to support you electronically throughout lockdown either via class dojo or email. The team definitely deserve a break so I am requesting that messaging and emails stop over the holidays. If you need to contact the school over the holidays please contact Miss Pridmore on head@mawnanschool.com and mark the title as urgent.

If you are worried about the safety of a child please contact the MARU on **0300 1231 116** (For urgent referrals after 17:15 or at the weekend call the Out of Hours Service on **01208 251 300**). When we return to school, we are requesting that parents only contact teachers through ClassDojo during school hours (8.30am to 5pm) if you have queries about the day or you can phone the school to make a phone appointment. We would like the direct emailing between parents and teachers to cease. Miss Pridmore will be on the playground at the beginning and end of the day to respond to questions and pass on messages.

Happy Birthday!

The following children all have a birthday over the summer holidays. We would like to wish them all a very Happy Birthday!
Elizabeth, Dottie, Meredith, Eden, Poppy, Trystan, Kai, Matilda D, Tilly P, Billy-Bob, George, Orson, Oliver, Harry PM and Arthur D.



Summer self-care – for pupils

As schools and colleges prepare to close for summer, we know that many of you will be concerned about supporting pupils' mental wellbeing over the coming weeks. To help with this, the Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families have created primary and secondary #SelfcareSummer packs to offer children and young people some fun self-care activities and signpost to additional support if needed. We'd love you to share these with your pupils

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/selfcaresummer-primary-pack/>

Message from Lizzie Hoskins, Chair of Governors

Dear Families

Normally at this time of year it is time for us to reflect on the academic year and the successes of the children, staff and the school in all the many activities they have participated in. However, this year is an exception that I am sure we all hope we never see the like of again. If in 2015 we had been asked the question “Where do you see yourself in five years’ time?” none of us could possibly have envisaged our lives being turned upside down by Coronavirus.

As this very strange term draws to a close, it is time to reflect on some of the successes everyone has contributed to. I have been so impressed by the way you have all embraced the challenges of the children’s learning at home and in very different ways at school. Some of you have been juggling the challenges of being a key worker and caring for your family; many of you have been juggling the demands of working at home and keeping home learning going and we have all had to adapt to social distancing and keeping ourselves and others safe.

Our school staff, under the outstanding leadership of Miss Pridmore, have had to rise to so many challenges since March. Their dedication, imagination and care has indeed

been awesome. I have been privileged to witness their immediate response to not only teaching in a virtual environment but also to helping the children, and often families, learn this way. The quality of the teaching, learning and interaction that has continued despite everything has been amazing. Thank you to all of you for supporting your children even when there have been so many other pressures on your time.

The school has managed the transition of the children back into school safely with such care and attention to detail and it has been wonderful to hear the stories of how the children have settled so quickly and happily to the new routines that keeping everyone safe demand.

Normally at the end of the summer term, I would have the opportunity in person to thank the whole school community for another fantastic year and wish our leavers well as they move to new schools. This year I too can only do this virtually and acknowledge with great pride in our staff and families that, despite everything, the community spirit of the school has not been dimmed.

A temporary goodbye, thank you and best wishes to Mrs Churcher as she and her family prepare to welcome her new arrival. To our Year 6s, who sadly have not had the normal ending to their primary school journey but, thanks to Miss Prosser, have been able to celebrate together, to the other children who are moving to different schools, we will miss you. May your days be filled with blessings like the sun that lights the sky, and may you always have the courage to spread your wings and fly.

Very best wishes to you all for a good, safe summer break. In September, the classrooms will look a little different, the routines will have changed to keep everyone safe, but the welcome and care for the children from the staff will be as warm as ever.

Take care and stay safe

Lizzie Hoskins
July 2020



Breakfast Club

We will be running Breakfast Club differently from September so our bubbles of children don't mix. The club will run from the hall with children sat in their bubbles on separate tables and their breakfast will be served to them. They will then have some table-based activities to entertain them before the start of the school day. Breakfast Club will start from Tuesday 8th September, at 8.00 am. The cost for the autumn term will initially remain at £3 per child, per session.

Children who attended Breakfast Club up until Easter will have priority over the places. A new contract will need to be signed for the next academic year.

If you have not been under contract to Breakfast Club already and require your child to attend to enable you to get to work, please contact Mrs Rawley secretary@mawnanschool.com to see if there are any places available.

Term Dates for 2020-2021

Cornwall Council

2020/21 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2020							October 2020							November 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24			Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020							January 2021							February 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23		
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed	3	10	17	24		
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Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun	7	14	21	28		

March 2021							April 2021							May 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		4	11	18	25	
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Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	3	10	17	24			Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	31
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School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2020
Boxing Day	26 December 2020
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28 December 2020
New Years Day	01 January 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Monday	05 April 2021
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2020
(HALF TERM 26-30 October 2020)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

4 January - 1st April 2021
(HALF TERM 15-19 February 2021)

SUMMER TERM (64 days)

19 April - 23 July 2021
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2021)

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.



The first two INSET Days of the new Academic Year have been booked for:

- Thursday, 3rd September 2020
- Friday, 4th September 2020

On these days the school will be closed to the children.

