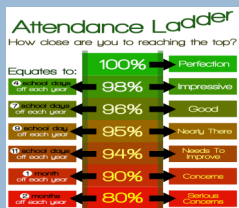




Veryan Primary School News

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Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for last week was:

Carne: 94.39% Pendower: 100% Kiberick: 95.65%

Congratulations **Pendower** you are our attendance heroes this week. **Wow 100% Well done!!**



Parent forum

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us for the parent forum on Thursday last week and to those who contributed to suggestions for the agenda. Some interesting and helpful discussions were had, which are outlined below:

1. Ms Jarrett began the forum with a school update. There are over 50 pupils on role, with some recent visits from potential new pupils moving into the area.
2. Parents were pleased that Ms Jarrett was able to share some positive end of year data for last year and the parent comments were very strong from the previous year's feedback.
3. Parents gave some very positive feedback and comments about current teachers and their approach to appropriate teaching for all year groups and abilities.
4. Ms Jarrett explained that there were plans for a Stay and Play Session for parents and pre-school children after Christmas; the hope is that this will help support the local community with young families and encourage pupil numbers in the school in the future. Ms Jarrett expressed her gratitude to those who volunteered to run the sessions, which may take place in the village hall initially and then move to outside in the park area in warmer weather later in the year. Details to be confirmed.
5. Parents were very positive about the music opportunities currently available in school, particularly with the start of the school band and thanks were expressed to Mrs Karen Green for delivering these sessions. Ms Jarrett also hopes to be able to finalise details for a new school choir led by Angela Renshaw later in the term or early in the new spring term.
6. Ms Jarrett explained that the new Power maths strategy was still embedding and development of this was ongoing throughout the whole school.
7. Ms Jarrett was pleased to be able to introduce the 'Let's Think in English' The lessons are based on structured challenge and include the development of understanding through discussion (social construction), problem-solving (cognitive challenge) and structured reflection (metacognition) which makes pupils more aware of their thinking processes and how they think most effectively. The programme consists of suites of high-interest lessons all using authentic English texts – fiction, poetry, non-fiction and film. Reading remains a firm focus at Veryan and discussions were had regarding the various improvements and developments in the school's reading areas, library and book stocks.
8. Miss Goodall clarified the approach to Wild Tribe and how these sessions are planned, assessed and delivered. Parents gave positive feedback regarding Wild Tribe and were pleased with the current outdoor learning opportunities.
9. Parents queried whether the 3 class structure would remain the same for next year at Veryan School and whether there would be scope for another TA. Ms Jarrett explained that there could be no certainty for the structure as it was dependent on so many factors, however she was hopeful that pupil role numbers would increase and that funding for schools would increase for next year.

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Parent forum continued...

10. There was suggestion that the school could have more of a presence on social media and that promotion on social media could have a positive impact on the school. Ms Jarrett was happy for this to go ahead and is keen for parental help and support in setting up and maintaining this.

Friday Golden Time Club

This week we will sell our usual refreshments for the year 6 fundraising and in addition will offer Pudsey inspired face painting for 30p* to be donated to Children in Need..(*Payable on your Parentpay account—see box, right)

Please remember any money you might like to bring for refreshments/tuck should be in a labelled purse/wallet. Thanks, from the Year 6s



On Friday 15th November we are inviting all the children and staff to bring a change of clothes to school for a spotty non-uniform afternoon of fun!

There is a donation payment available on your Parentpay Account to pay £1.00 for wearing non-uniform.

*Please feel free to add 30p for face painting for your child if this is easier than providing them with the change (a print out will be given to the year 6 children so they know which children have paid for this activity).

You are also welcome to make any other Children In Need donation on your Parentpay account—however big or small!



Kiberick and Pendower children who have not been attending the swimming lessons this year have been hard at work writing some sensational poems; Mrs Allan popped into one of their lessons and had to double check that the poems being read by the children were indeed their own work and not published work being read aloud!

Mrs Cartwright and Mr Hall were also so impressed with the level of work that Mrs Cartwright would like to publish a Kiberick 'book' of poetry. To help with this, we wondered whether there were 2013 parents/carers who may be able to help edit the poems; helping with final spellings and deciding how to lay out the poems and illustrations to go with them! If you are available on Tuesday 19th November from 10.30-12.00 they would love to see you!

Headlice—we have had cases of headlice reported in school this week. There is a guidance leaflet attached at the end of this newsletter for advice on how to detect, and effectively treat lice and their eggs.

Please can all parents use this Friday 15th November to check your child's hair with a comb and treat accordingly. If everyone does this this weekend and follows the course of treatment we can help eliminate the irritating bugs!



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

PFA Christmas Fair

Sunday 8th December

Come and join in the fun at the Vryan Village Hall from 3pm.

The village lights will be illuminated at 5pm and the raffle drawn after this.

Please support your PFA and raise money for your children and school! More details to follow

<https://www.chc.org/for-parents/>

The charity, Community Health Concern has a video about wet combing for Head lice—follow the link above.



Carne class: Ruan for fantastic demonstration of the part-whole method in maths.

Pendower class: Aliyah for recognising and carrying out tasks with greater maturity and independence.

Kiberick class: Bonnie for making excellent contributions to our discussions and reading lessons with well thought out detailed answers.



Local residents have asked us to remind everyone that there is a new 20mph limit through Veryan Green. Please drive slowly and carefully for everyone's safety!



If you have any spare pairs of socks or girls pants that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful to have these for spares in school.

Please be advised that there is a funeral taking place in Veryan Church on Monday 18th November. This will be in the afternoon and may create some traffic and parking issues for school collection time. Please may we remind all parents to park considerately for our neighbours and funeral attendees.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Friday 22nd November—
Non-uniform day**

Our PFA are getting ready for another amazing Christmas Fair this year. They would like to have a Sweet Tombola and are asking children to wear non-uniform for the day and bring in donations of sweets.



Autumn term2 - diary dates

Friday 15th November

- Tempest individual photos (pre-school siblings welcome from 8.30am)
- Year 7 ex-Veryan pupils to attend presentation in Collective Worship. All welcome
- Children in Need fundraising activities and dressing up. Come to school in uniform and we will change into spotty outfits for the afternoon's activities.

Wednesday 20th November

- Year 3&4 badminton—Roseland Academy (individual letters to come home)
- Year 5&6 badminton—Roseland Academy (individual letters to come home)

Thursday 21st November

- Library van visit

Friday 22nd November

- PFA Non-uniform day in lieu of a sweet donation for tombola

Monday 25th November

- Nasal flu immunisation. Reception-Year6 (Information and consent details sent home)

Wednesday 4th December

- Veryan Primestock show, Truro

Thursday 5th December

- School Christingle Service at Veryan Church. All welcome

Friday 6th December

- Carne class trip (letters to follow)

Sunday 8th December

- PFA Christmas Fair. 3-5.30pm. Veryan village hall

Monday 9th December

- Tom McLaughlin, author visit tbc. More details to follow.

Wednesday 11th December

- Christmas Dodgeball competition—Roseland Academy Yr 4,5,6 (individual letters to follow)

Friday 13th December

- Open the Book in Collective Worship

Tuesday 17th December

- Christmas Carols/Nativity Service. Veryan Church.

Wednesday 18th December

- Whole School Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December

- Last day of term. 3.30pm finish. Merry Christmas!

Monday 6th January

- New term begins

Dates and times are added & altered throughout the term—keep an eye on this section for amendments.

Reminder: Please can all toys/soft toys be kept at home and not brought into school. They become a distraction in lessons and potential issue if lost/broken or taken out at break times.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Veryan Sports News

Congratulations to all the children who managed to achieve their 25metre swimming certificate and to all the children for trying so hard each week in their lessons. If your child did not quite manage the full 25metres this week, there will be another opportunity at next week's final session.



Certificates will be handed out in collective worship on Friday 22nd November.

Polite reminder: On swimming days children are welcome to wear tracksuit bottoms or similar clothing to assist in quick changing at the pool, however, swimming days are not non-uniform and ALL children should wear their school t-shirt and jumper to help distinguish them from other leisure centre users.

Funfit

Some children have brought home letters requesting parental consent to take part in 'Funfit' lessons with Mr Webb. The Fun fit programme is designed to support children in developing fine and gross motor skills, for example throwing and catching a ball, using scissors and handwriting skills. This intervention also allows children to grow in terms of self esteem and confidence on both a physical and emotional level. Carne and Pendower Class have selected small groups of children that they feel could benefit from this extra support in motor skill development and sent home letters accordingly. Mrs Cartwright felt that, on the whole, most of her class were confident in their gross and fine motor skills and sent the letter home to all parents on the basis that at some point each child may have the opportunity to take part in Funfit to develop their existing ability.

Don't forget to share your sports news with us! If you are part of a club or take part in a sport we would *love* to know what you do, where you do it and share in any of your achievements by adding you to our **Wall of Fame** in the corridor. Why not send a picture and information to veryan.secretary@celticcross.education or hand it in to the school office.

Wild Tribe

We had our last Wild Tribe of this Autumn term—despite the dreadful weather we managed to create a proper fire to toast our marshmallows and learnt more about our fire safety and fire lighting skills.

We have sent the children's waterproof gear home for a wash and dry over this weekend, but please bring them back into school next week with wellies to keep in school for other outdoor learning between now and Christmas.



Head lice & nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. They are easily spread in schools, but everyone working together using the combing method described below at the same time can help eliminate them.



Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.



Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
 - like something is moving in your hair
- The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice—Important: You can treat head lice without seeing your GP.

- * Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.
- * You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.
- * There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
 - apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
 - comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

You cannot prevent head lice

- * There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.
- * You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.
- * Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.
- * There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.