



Veryan Primary School News

Friday 25th January 2019

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Attendance



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

Carne: 98.65% Pendower: 96.35% Kiberick: 94.84%

Congratulations **Carne** you are our attendance heroes this week.



MAT Attendance Policy

"Missing education leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Regular school attendance plays a key role in effective safeguarding. All schools must have robust procedures in place for pupil admission, ongoing attendance and punctuality." (Achieving High Attendance 2016, Cornwall Council).

At Celtic Cross Education, we aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community to strive for excellence. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend school regularly and your child should be at school, on time every day, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Why regular attendance is important?

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Any pupil's absence disrupts teaching routines, and so, may affect the learning of others in the same class.

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

As part of our Trust policy we will be sending home more frequent attendance reports to help you keep track of your child's attendance. You will shortly receive your child's attendance report as part of our ongoing commitment to improve Veryan School's attendance and to ensure that every child is given the best possible chance to meet their full potential. The letters will explain in more detail and our policy can be found on the school website

www.veryanschool.co.uk

https://www.veryanschool.co.uk/web/school_policies/223067

After School Club 'Friday Funhouse'

We will be playing games together like charades and hangman this week. In addition to our usual refreshments, there will also be home-made cakes on offer.

Please remember your weekly subs (20p)
and spending money if required.

Don't forget to book online so we know who is attending each week!

Student of the Week



Carne class: Teddy for managing to work out all the combinations of coins to make 10pence in maths this week.

Pendower class: Charlie for a mature attitude in his maths work and for the quantity of work he managed to achieve!

Kiberick class: Archie for his fantastic RE work over the past couple of weeks—doing his own investigations, questioning and immersing himself in the carousel activities.



Due to a delay in checks we still do not have a final date for our external coach to begin the Monday football club. Sorry for any disappointment this may cause—we hope to be able to confirm a date soon. In the meantime we will run the club with school staff.

Spring dates for your diary

Friday 25th January

- Open the Book in Collective worship at the church 9:10am approx. All welcome

Wednesday 30th January

- School office will be unmanned due to an admin team meeting.

Thursday 31st January

- Deadline for parent forum agenda items to be sent into school

Tuesday 5th February

- Parent forum. Carne class 3.30pm

Wednesday 6th February

- MCSN Par Cross Country team

Friday 15th February

- Open the Book in Collective worship at the church 9:10am approx. All welcome
- Last day of term

Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February

Half term

Monday 25th February

New term begins

Tuesday 26th February

- WOW basketball event Grampound with Creed (individual letters to come home)

Thursday 28th February

- Bag2School collection



Poetry Competition Deadline



At the beginning of term, Kiberick class brought home a Poetry Wonderland booklet. These gave your child the chance to write their own poem at home, which may go on to be published and entered into a competition, with the chance to win prizes for both the individual pupils and for our school.

The deadline for entries is approaching and to ensure they are all posted in time for the close of the competition we ask that these are all completed and returned to the school office by **Friday 1st February**

Please ask for spare copies of the booklet at the school office if needed.

Veryan Sports News

Well done to our tag rugby team— Sam, George, Thomas, Chloe, Jacob, Owen, Talan, Charlie, Kayleigh and Merryn, who all went to the Roseland Academy on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Peters was delighted that our team played fairly and with great sportsmanship as well as giving a great performance in their rugby games.

School emergency closures

A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on our social media channels.

Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools should have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (e.g. via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

Useful websites

Cornwall Snow Advice
www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow

Met Office
www.metoffice.gov.uk

Environment Agency
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Devon & Cornwall Police
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY
Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



 www.cornwall.gov.uk

Veryan School closure procedure



Whilst we are yet to experience any snowy conditions, we thought it prudent to remind everyone of the procedure in the event that our school needs to be closed.

We are sure you will remember that last February we had to close the school part of the way through the morning—if snow arrives whilst children are still in school a text message will be sent to inform you and request that you collect your children promptly to ensure everyone is able to leave the school and village as quickly and safely as possible. We will ensure that all children are kept safe and warm until someone arrives.

If the decision is made to close the school before the start of the school day a text message will be sent out as soon as confirmation of this decision is made. The local radio stations will be informed, along with Cornwall Council. Our school website scrolling bulletin will also display the information.

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Pendower class had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday.

The children were doing their comic superhero art work—we're looking forward to seeing the final results on display! Each week the children are using different mediums for their comic work and will evaluate which they felt worked best.



Thank you to Granny Beetham for coming in again and helping us—hopefully you weren't too paint splattered by the end!?

