

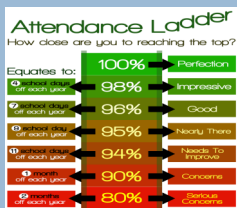


Vernan Primary School News

Vernan, Truro, Cornwall, TR2 5QA



Friday 27th September 2019



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

Carne: 100% Pendower: 92.22% Kiberick: 96%

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

WOW 100%



Friday Club

As you know we sent a letter home at the beginning of term outlining the new Friday Club format. After our first Friday Club took place last week, we have reviewed the plan for this club going forward.

This week's Friday Club, will incorporate the Macmillan Coffee Morning (see box below) but, thereafter the Year 6 children would prefer to offer a Friday shop and/or stall each week within Golden Time as advertised before. This will eliminate the need to book on the online booking system and only children **with money in school** will be able to participate in purchasing goods and services from the year 6s. The children intend to sell various snacks and treats as well as have tattoos, face painting etc available which will be advertised in the newsletter in advance each week.

Every so often the year 6 children may hold an event such as a disco or movie afternoon. On these occasions the children and teachers will agree on a safe and sensible number of children to participate and entry will work on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Sadly, we will no longer be able to 'sub' those children who have forgotten money on any given Friday, as we are a cashless school and do not have change except for the money that the year 6 children are making; it becomes confusing for the year 6s during the rush of Friday Club and potentially they are out of pocket if these sums are not repaid. We're sure you will understand and thank you for your support in ensuring your child has the correct funds if they wish to purchase items or take part in Friday Club. (Please remember to put these in a clearly marked and labelled envelope or purse/wallet)

On Friday 4th October the Friday club will be offering face painting and games.



On Friday 27th September we will be holding a coffee 'morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our year 6 children will help to run this event in their club from 2-3pm and would like to invite parents, friends and the Vernan community to join us in school (or even outside if the weather allows!) for a drink and cake to raise money for this fantastic charity.

If you are able to bake or buy cakes to donate to this event we would be very grateful.

Please hand these into school on the morning of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning (Friday 27th).

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Carne class: Alice for settling in so well and being a fantastic member of Carne and Verryan School

Pendower class: Annie for being noticed by the swimming instructor as having developed in water confidence since last year.

Kiberick class: Mrs Cartwright wanted to nominate all the new additions to her class:

Judah for his interesting contributions to class discussions. Eden for being a quietly positive presence in the class and Libby for her enthusiasm for learning.

ST MAWES DENTAL

St Mawes Dental Practice would like to invite your child/ children to attend a NHS dental exam in October half term week (Monday 21st to Thursday 24th October 2019). We have received limited additional funding until March 2020 and would like to give your child/ children the best start to their Oral Hygiene Care and education.

Please provide your school office with: Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Name, contact number and how many children you would like to see the Dentist. The Practice will contact you to arrange an appointment. For more information about St Mawes Dental Practice please visit www.stmawesdental.co.uk. Nina Khaira and Team, St Mawes Dental Practice.

Information needs to be sent to your school office by **Mon 7th October.**



On Thursday next week, there will be another Census Day in school, this is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area. This is, in part, to guide them in planning and funding. The LA collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, those entitled to Pupil Premium funding, those entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), attendance information and so forth.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to FSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 3rd October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day. It is the number of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs the funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not included, nor are children who normally take Universal Infant Free School Meals, that are absent on 3rd October.

Once again, we encourage as many children as possible to commit to eating their FSM on Thursday next week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. Hopefully, it will also encourage any children who don't normally take the meals to join us for lunch and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year!

Next week's special menu from Caterlink will be:

Build your own burger

Choose a beef or veggie burger and select toppings from:

Cheese, lettuce, tomato, tomato sauce, cucumber, sweetcorn and peppers

Served with chips and baked beans

Dessert – Chocolate cake and fresh fruit.

Our cook is also happy to keep jacket potatoes and packed lunch options available on Census Day so there are plenty of options for your child to choose from!

These choices will be available to book on your Parentpay account as normal.

Can my child go out without me?

Just like staying home alone, there is no legal age limit for a child going out alone. A lot of the advice that goes with being home alone – like making sure your child can cope – applies to going out.

Can your child deal with risks? Will they behave responsibly? Is it safe to be out late, for example? These are all things you need to consider when you make a decision.

What are they planning to do?

There's a big difference between walking to the corner shop and going into town.

So think about:

- where your child wants to go
- what they want to do
- who they'll be with
- how far they would have to travel.

➔ You might find our *Is my child ready to be left alone?* guide helpful too.

For further advice on how to keep your child safe when they're away from home visit nspcc.org.uk/parenting



As soon as your child is able to understand, teach them their full name, address and two family phone numbers (including their home number).

Teach your child never to go off with anyone, not even someone they know, unless they're able to contact you to check it's OK.

Teach older children how to cross roads safely. Explain how to stop, look, listen, and find the safest places to cross.

Listen to your child. It's really important to listen and believe what your child is trying to tell you, so they know they can talk to you about anything that's worrying them.

CORNER SHOP

Ready or not?

Our top tips to help prepare your child for going out alone.

Talk about the risks

Talk to your child early on about staying safe. How would they cross the road safely? What would your child do if they were approached by a stranger? Or if they were being bullied?

Make sure they're happy

Take the time to talk to your child, listen to them and check that they're happy to do things on their own. Don't make your child do something they're not happy with.

Set the boundaries

Be clear about any places you don't want your child to go. Be willing to explain your decision so that your child understands your concerns.

Do a trial run

Let your child take the lead when you're out together. Only correct them if they do something that puts them at risk.

Give them a chance to shine

Let your child show you they can be trusted. If they keep to the curfew and rules you set, you'll feel more confident about letting them do other things independently.

Not ready? Don't feel pressured.

Your child might insist that they'll be OK when they're out alone. But if you're still unsure, don't feel pressured. You need to be satisfied your child can make wise decisions on their own – even if they're with a sibling. It's easy to become separated or lost if they have an argument.

Who can I talk to?

We're here for you, every day of the year. If you have any questions or worries, feel free to get in touch with us, or find out more from these organisations.

Our trained experts at the NSPCC helpline can listen to any worries you have about your child going out alone, or any tough decisions you're facing.

Reading this guide may have also made you think about other children who you have seen out alone. Contact us if you're worried about any aspect of their safety, and we can help.

Call **0808 800 5000**

Email help@nspcc.org.uk

Or talk to us online at nspcc.org.uk/help

Family Lives provides help and support on all aspects of parenting and family life, and runs Parentline.
0808 800 2222
familylives.org.uk

Parentline Scotland (Children 1st)
0800 028 2233
children1st.org.uk

Parenting Across Scotland
parentingacrossscotland.org

Parenting NI Helpline (Northern Ireland)
0808 8010 722
parentingni.org

Family Information Services in Wales provides information, support and guidance on all aspects of childcare, and children and young people's services.

Safe Network works with community clubs and groups to keep children safe.

The Child Protection in Sport Unit has useful information on keeping children safe in sport.
thecpsu.org.uk

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has lots of guidance on preventing accidents.
capt.org.uk

Autumn term - diary dates

Friday 27th September

- Macmillan coffee 'morning' in Golden Time Club 2.00pm

Thursday 3rd October

- School census day and special menu

Friday 4th October

- Harvest Festival service in Vervan Church 9:10am (all welcome)

Wednesday 9th October

- Year 5&6 high 5 Netball at The Roseland. (Individual letters sent home)

Friday 11th October

- Open the Book in Collective Worship

Friday 18th October

- End of term, 3:15pm finish

Monday 28th October

- Inset day—school closed

Tuesday 29th October

- Term begins

Thursday 31st October

- Year 1 hearing screening—consent booklets and information sent home.

Monday 4th November

- School office unmanned from 12.00noon

Dates and times are added and altered throughout the term so keep an eye on this section for more events and dates!



As some of you may already be aware, there have been a few conversations in school over the past couple of weeks regarding the children's welfare out of school hours. Sadly, this has had implications for the children *inside* school, and so whilst we respect parent/carers choices and decisions for their own children, we have spoken to the whole school in collective worship to remind each child about our school values of caring, acceptance and kindness to one another.

We have included some information and guidelines from the NSPCC overleaf, that you may find helpful, along with some contact phone numbers for help and support regarding children's safety and wellbeing when out alone.

This is taken from the NSPCC website:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/>

A question every parent has to face

Sooner or later, your child will start to become more independent – whether they're going to school by themselves, going to clubs and activities or going out to play with friends. It's all part of growing up.

When they start to spread their wings, how do you make sure your child is safe?

Packed with tips and advice, this guide can help you make decisions that are right for your child.

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Truro Library | 12 October | 10.00-13.00 |

Bodmin Library | 19 October | 10.00-13.00 |

Free activities, including:

- Story trails
- Silent disco stories
- Story telling
- Healthy Under 5s
- Face painting

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www.cornwall.gov.uk/realheroesread

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Carrick North Guiding Funday

Sunday 6th October

Merlin MS Centre

Bradbury House, Hewas Water, PL26 7JF

2pm to 4pm

**Fun for all the family whilst
supporting a worthy Cornish charity**

Stalls Games Raffle Refreshments

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