



Newlyn News

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Spring 2022

Welcome back to our new term! I hope you had a good half term despite the rain, and that the storms did not cause too much difficulty for you all. Although Covid is still with us, we are cautiously optimistic about our summer term and hoping that we can have some whole school events once again. This is obviously dependant on the local Covid situation and I ask that you please do continue to keep your children at home if they are infectious to avoid an outbreak in school. Thank you for your support with this. We have some lovely trips coming up so please keep an eye on all the dates.

World Book Day

It was so lovely seeing the children coming to school in their outfits and spending the day celebrating books that we love.



Year 5 Trip

Our Year 5 children have been learning about the Victorians this term. Earlier this week they went to Helston Museum where they were able to dress up and learn about life at that time. They were an absolute credit to the school and their parents and impressed the curator with their subject knowledge. Many of the girls liked their dresses and the boys their caps.



Y1/2 Science

Our Y1/2 children used their knowledge of squashing and forces this week to make rockets and fire their paper mice into space. No animals were injured in this experiment! 😂



Y4, Y5 and Y6 Trip

I am delighted to say we have booked the Minack for our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children. They will be watching the Calvino Nights Show on May 19th in the afternoon. The cost of the trip will be covered by the school with assistance from FONS. Early warning that we will be a little late back to school. More information to follow.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April. You should have received an email asking if you would like a virtual or an in-person meeting. We are hoping to offer both so please let us know which one suits you by March 7th.

Trip to Humphry Davy

Year 5 enjoyed a great afternoon at Humphry Davy School before half term. They made their own clay mini ecosystems in art and once these are dried and baked in the kiln, they will be returned to school for them to paint. This was followed by a fun gymnastics sessions. Yesterday they made delicious banana muffins and had fun in a maths lesson on fractions. A huge thank you to Humphry Davy for providing our children with this opportunity.



PIC-COLLAGE



Trip to Humphry Davy

Year 6 had 2 days at Humphry Davy School before half term. They were given the opportunity to experience French, Art, Drama and Maths. They were a credit to both themselves and Newlyn School and had a great time getting to know what life will be like as Year 7s. Well done Year 6.



Parent Governor Position

There will be vacancies coming up to join our governing body. If you are interested or know someone within the local community who is interested, then please email me with an expression of interest:

headteacher@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk

Please just briefly summarise the skills you have and why you are interested in this role. Thank you very much.

Term dates:

Last day of term: Friday 8th April 12.30-1pm

First day back: Monday 25th April

Bank holiday: 2nd May school is closed

Last day of summer term: Friday 22nd July

Covid Guidance:

Children with COVID-19 **should not attend school while they are infectious**. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to school as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Children who live with someone who has COVID-19 can continue to attend school but please test them to ensure they are not infectious.

Online Safety Support for Parents

We strongly recommend parents/carers make the most of this opportunity.

TPAT are running a special live, virtual online safety presentation on **09.03.22 at 7pm** (on Zoom). During this session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will explore what your children are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe. To book a free place at this event please use the link:

<https://forms.gle/HBcK8dyKdkbGvrDF7>

Thank you

Sport Day

I know it's a long way off but we are so excited we wanted to share the date as soon as possible. It will take place on Friday May 20th, EYFS-Y3 in the morning and Y4/5/6 in the afternoon. More information will follow nearer the time.

Virtue

Our virtue this term is kindness. The children will be learning about how important it is to be kind to each other and the impact kindness can have on the whole world.

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.

Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved 94.3 % attendance for the week before half term.



Academic Year 2021/2022

Start of Term 4

28.2.22 Beginning of term
4.03.22 Y4 to St Piran's Day
23.3.22 Y2/3 to Carnyorth
8.04.22 End of term 4 **1pm finish**

Start of Term 5

25.4.22 Beginning of term
26.4.22 Y1/2 to the Eden Project
2.05.22 Bank Holiday– school is closed
3.05.22 Y4 and Y5 children to Porthpean school camp
17.5.22 Y4 to Feadon Farm
19.5.22 Y4, Y5 and Y6 to Minack- Calvino Nights Show
20.5.22 Sports Day
27.5.22 End of term 5

Start of Term 6

6.06.22 Beginning of term
6.06.22 Y6 to London
22.6.22 Reception to Dairy Land
22.7.22 End of term 6 **1pm finish**

Change of contact details

Name of child/children:

Name:

Email address:

Contact phone number:

Second contact details including name and phone number:

Please return to secretary@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk. Thank you

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps such as Wink and Hoop have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily. Spotlight Challenges give users the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshotted first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TikToks: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in: strangers, bullies and groomers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering **FREE** weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Cam Brea Leisure Centres.

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www.activecornwall.org/children-young-people-families/familys-provider-hub

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