



Newlyn News

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Spring 2021

Well, we certainly had some happy faces on Monday, and I don't just mean the children! Teachers were skipping into school and parents were skipping out! It is wonderful to have all the children back and to see their delight at seeing their friends again. Over the first couple of weeks we are focusing on lots of social and creative activities because the most important thing for us at the moment is that the children want to come to school and have a love of learning. We are also checking where children are with their learning and identifying next steps for them. Please do not worry as we will make sure all the children get back on track and achieve to the best of their ability. So far we have been very pleasantly surprised by how much they have learnt at home so, once again, a huge thank you to you all.



Apologies

In the previous newsletter I sent out the wrong finish time for Y5/6. They **finish at 3.15pm**, not 3.20pm and the children were very keen for me to make sure their parents and teachers knew this!

Forest School

Our Year 6 girls enjoyed a forest school session on their first day back. They particularly enjoyed making their own hot chocolate.



Foundation/Y1



Fdn/1 have been planting runner beans and sunflowers and doing still life drawings of daffodils. We have also been working on coming together as a class again with team parachute games and ball games.

Year 3

Y3 have been carrying out science tests using and exploring magnetism. They have also been getting creative with some secret craft (top secret until Sunday).



Which magnet is the strongest?



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Parents' Evening

Unfortunately we are still unable to have our usual face-to-face meetings. As in the autumn term, the class teacher will be contacting you to agree a good time for a telephone conversation before the end of the spring term.

Clubs

Clubs for Y5/6 will start after Easter. Information about the clubs will come out next week.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy using colour and textures to recreate Stone Age art. The children have made their own paint too which we will add to the pictures later.



Sickness

If your child is unwell then please be cautious and keep them at home.

If you or your child have any symptoms you must get a COVID-19 test.

Please ring or email the school office as soon as possible to let us know if you are getting a test.

You can book a test online at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phone the NHS test line 119.

Year 6

Year 6 have returned ready to learn - super. They are very excited about their upcoming surfing lessons and are trying really hard with continuous line drawing for their art topic. Yesterday, they sorted Liquorice Allsorts and biscuits as part of their science topic and then enjoyed eating them.



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Term dates:

Last day of term: Thursday 1st April, 1pm

First day back: Monday 19th April

Last day of term: Friday 28th May

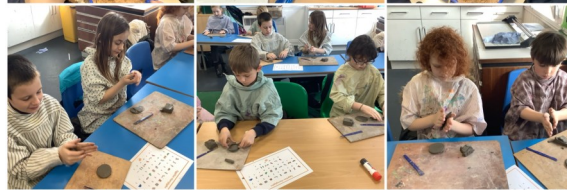
Year 1/2

The children have loved getting back together with their friends. They have been playing maths games this week to get them calculating and thinking mathematically. This game is called Odds and Evens. One child plays odd, the other even, and the object of the game is to get four in a row by rolling odd or even numbers.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great start to the week by becoming Egyptologists and conducting their very own archaeological dig finding remains of a plate from Tutankhamen's tomb. They also learnt about the gruesome mummification process and how the organs were stored in canopic jars. They used the coil pot technique to make their very own canopic jars from clay. We are now just waiting for them to dry so we can fire them in the kiln ready to paint.



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Car sharing on school run

At this time please **avoid car sharing**, but if you have to, please follow these simple steps.



Wear face coverings



Sit as far apart as possible



Share with the same small group only



Keep windows open



Wash hands or use sanitisers before and after



Clean the car after every journey



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Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

At this time, many families may find themselves eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium who previously did not meet the criteria. Please read this page carefully to find out if you are now eligible. Cornwall Council are continuing to process new applications for Free School Meals. **Please ensure that you read the eligibility criteria before applying** and complete the online application form if you are eligible.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-freeschool-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Postal applications are currently not being accepted but, if you are unable to apply online, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves in their own right, receives any of the following benefits:

- ◆ Income Support (IS)
- ◆ Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- ◆ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ◆ Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- ◆ Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- ◆ Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- ◆ If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **NOT** eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed:
 - ◆ Working Tax Credit
 - ◆ Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a **Working Tax Credit run-on**, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you think that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please contact Cornwall Council on the link above.