



Dear Parents

24th October 2024

Firstly, as we approach the half way point in the term I am able to share some staffing updates with you. Sadly, after much deliberation, Mrs Murray has decided to resign and focus on her wellbeing after a considerable period of ill health. We will miss her, but wish her well.

As you may be aware, Mrs Foley has been absent since Mid-May. After a fall, she required significant shoulder surgery which she has now had. Her recovery time is, as of yet, unknown. Whilst we wish Mrs Foley a full and speedy recovery, we are delighted to have Miss Kent covering full time in her absence. In addition, to boost staffing in Class 3, we have recently advertised for a casual Teaching Assistant and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Self will be working with us on a Monday and Tuesday morning. Mrs Arnott will also be working in Class 3 on a Thursday and Friday morning.

We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Thomson back in the New Year on completion of her maternity leave. However, having requested a return on a part time basis, this is being trialled up until the end of the academic year, with Mrs Thomson teaching on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Diffey teaching on a Thursday and Friday.

Next, a huge thank you for your continued collective and individual efforts in improving attendance for your child(ren). Whilst we are not quite leading the way for WeST primary schools in terms of the weekly 'leaderboard', we are top of the North Cornwall schools, which has not gone unnoticed. Our current overall figure is 95.43%, 97% is the dream 😊. You will receive your child's individual report after half term.

It's been a very positive end to the half term with a mega bingo evening at the Wilsey Down (£1742), first and second place in the North Cornwall Netball tournament, a successful open morning with children proudly sharing their work and £125.60 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you 'FRIENDS' for your ongoing support, the time and effort taking place in the background is considerable. Thank you everyone for your support towards the school, it is very much appreciated 😊.

Finally, a list of dates for your diaries to start us on the journey to Christmas 😊.

NOVEMBER

8 th	Farm and Country visit to school
8 th	The Great Otterham Sleepover
12 th	Parental Consultations
13 th	Parental Consultations
15 th	Children in Need
21 st	Camelford Library - Presentation of Certificates
21 st	Football tournament - SJS 3.30 - 5.00

DECEMBER

6 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
6 th	Non-school uniform for tombola prizes
12 th	Class 1 Cognition and Learning
13 th	Christmas Fayre
17 th	Go Active Cornwall - All classes
18 th	Christmas Lunch
18 th	Nativity Class 3 - 2.00 pm
20 th	The Last School Day of 2024! 2.00 PM FINISH

Kind regards
Mrs H Ward

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