



# Welcome Back!

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

-Malcolm X

It has been a busy start to the term with a lot of changes including new equipment, a new teacher, new children and a Yr2 Pop-Up classroom in our school hall! What a way to begin! We have been so very proud of how quickly the children have adapted to these changes and how our new and youngest pupils have settled in to the routine of the school week. We are very much looking forward to working with you all to provide the best possible provision and education for

your children. It is likely to be a year of change with a new classroom on the horizon. We aim to keep you as well informed as we possibly can. Exciting times ahead! Please enjoy some of the pictures we have taken of your children during their first week back.







#### Welcome to our new Governors who have joined our Governing Board this term!

#### Mrs Katherine(Kitty) Teff: New Co-opted Governor

I grew up in and around the village and after attending university in Brighton, gradually worked my way home again. Both of my children attended Perran-ar-Worthal CP and although they are now at Penryn College, being able to remain linked to the school is very important to me. While my children were at PAW, I used to love my role volunteering for Fab Fridays and for Sports Days. Being a school Governor is an opportunity to continue to contribute to a part of the community from

which we have gained so much as a family. I have been a qualified physiotherapist for over 20 years and have a breadth of experience from working within healthcare that I feel will translate well to the educational setting. As well as my clinical role, I managed a team of physiotherapists and provided representation for the Therapies Department at RCHT on a number of hospital committees. I now work as a Specialist Respiratory Physiotherapist in the Helston area. When I am not ferrying children around, I enjoy singing, reading, gardening and crafts.

#### Mrs Sarah Smith: New Parent Governor

As a parent with two children in the school (Agnes in Year 3 and Barnaby in Reception), I have a solid understanding and experience of the school's values and vision, particularly the motto that "Every Moment Matters". From Fab Fridays to the extra clubs after school, I firmly believe that every interaction and experience can shape a child's education and foster their personal development. Providing children with opportunities beyond academia is important to me. With a background in strategic integrated communications in healthcare, charity, and pharmaceutical industries, I thrive on knowledge and ideas. I am passionate about fostering self-esteem, confidence, and self-belief in each and every student and I am keen to help sustain the culture where everyone feels valued and recognized. These qualities, combined with my passion for education and my dedication to the development of each child, forms the foundation of my application for a School Governor.

**OPEN DOOR THURSDAYS**—To allow the children (particularly our youngest and newest pupils) to settle in, our weekly open door Thursday morning sessions for parents to pop in to class between 8.45m and 9am, will start for <u>all</u> classes after the October half term. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when these weekly sessions resume.

ANOTHER UNIFORM REMINDER! - Following a long summer break, we often need to remind some pupils about wearing the appropriate footwear and correct uniform throughout the week. This is also another gentle reminder about having natural hair colour and safe and suitable earrings, if pupils have their ears pierced. Please could we ask parents to continue to support our standard of dress code. We are always keen for our older pupils to continue to be proud role models for the younger children in our school and to become fully prepared for the strict uniform dress code they may face at their chosen secondary school. Thank you for supporting our high standards.

Please could we also ask all items (particularly jumpers and cardigans) to be named. We have already started the term with several lost items appearing in our Reception area with no name. Please help us to return them to the right pupil. Thank you.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: As with most schools, we are a NUT FREE school. Although this has always been the case at our school, we felt that this needed to be sent as a reminder as we currently have a pupil who has a severe nut allergy. Please be aware that this also applies to nuts within snack bars. Thank you for your support with this.



MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES: Now that the children have had their first week in school, we would like to remind parents to encourage their children to make healthy choices for their packed lunch boxes and snacks. We will be monitoring healthy eating even more closely this year and talking to the children further about what makes a healthy snack and lunch.

Miss Davies worked hard last year on promoting healthy eating across the school and we were impressed with the knowledge our pupils shared about the reasons for making healthy choices. We are keen to continue this great work and discuss and agree, with the children, a more structured approach to ensuring snacks and lunches are healthier across the school. This term we will be talking regularly to the children about this focus on healthy eating. Thank you for supporting this drive for maintaining and improving the health of our young people. We aim to regularly post ideas on healthy snacks and lunch boxes on our newsletters.









**ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2023**—At the end of last term, we asked parents to complete a survey online. We had 63 responses. Many thanks for your feedback, which can be seen in the results below. Your additional comments and words of praise for the school were very gratefully received and several ideas for how we can continue to improve the school were very helpful. Thank you. As a result of this survey and the comments received from parents, we will be considering the following:

- Portion sizes at lunchtime, particularly for our older pupils
- More invasion games opportunities in PE
- Supporting parents with understanding reading development and progress
- Providing parents with holiday club options
- Sharing termly overviews as early as possible

Thank you for your useful feedback and also your many kind words. One example of a comment included the words: 'Great school, great ethos; my child is extremely happy and proud to attend this school.'



Fabulous Friday Timetable 2023-2024

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	8 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 29 <sup>th</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> October 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> November 17 <sup>th</sup> November 24 <sup>th</sup> November 1 December 8 <sup>th</sup> December	12 <sup>th</sup> January 19 <sup>th</sup> January 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 9 <sup>th</sup> February	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1 March 8 <sup>th</sup> March 15 <sup>th</sup> March 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> April 26 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> June 14 <sup>th</sup> June 21 June 28 <sup>th</sup> June 5 <sup>th</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> July
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Wagtails Year 1 am	Music	Art 1	STEM	STEM	DT	Art 2
Wagtails Year 1 pm	Computing	Forest School / Cookery	Computing	Forest School/STEM	Drama	Forest School / PE
Robins Year 2 am	Art 1	Music	Swimming Y2	Swimming Y2	- Art 2	DT
			Computing	Computing		
Robins Year 2 pm	Forest School / Cookery	Computing	Forest School / STEM	Drama	Forest School / STEM	PE PAFC
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Kingfishers Year 5 am	PE	PE	Forest School / Cookery	Music	Languages	Art 2
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Kingfishers Year 5 pm	DT	Drama	PE PAFC	PE PAFC	Art 2	Pupil Voice
			Pupil Voice	Pupil Voice		PE PAFC
Swifts Year 6 am	Forest School / Cookery	Art 1	Languages	Languages	Music	PE
			PE	PE		Languages
Swifts Year 6 pm	PE PAFC	PE PAFC	- Art 2	DT	PE PAFC	- Drama
	Pupil Voice	Pupil Voice			Pupil Voice	

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR 2023-2024

Please note that there will be further dates added as the year progresses. If any dates need changing due to unforeseen circumstances, then we will give you as much notice as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes and additions on our weekly newsletter and via dojo.

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September, Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY: School Closed		
September, Tuesday, 5th	First day of Autumn Term: School open to all pupils		
WB October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dyslexia Awareness Week		
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Pupil Photos		
Thursday, 19th October	Harvest Festival at the Village Hall from 1.30pm. More information		
	about arrangements will be confirmed closer to the date.		
Friday, 20th October	INSET Day: School Closed		
WB 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	HALF TERM WEEK		
Date to be confirmed	November School Disco at the Village Hall		
WB 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parental Consultations		
WB 6th November	Remembrance week		
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week		
Friday, 17th November	Children in Need Day		
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School lantern making workshops		
Friday, 1st December	Tree Decorating Service outdoors (weather permitting) 1.30pm to 2pm		
	KS1 at 2.15pm and KS2 at 2.45pm		
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive Film Night at the school		
Wednesday, 13th December	Xmas Dinner: Wear your favourite Christmas Jumper or Christmas		
	outfit on this day		
Thursday, 14th December	Christmas Nativity/Christmas Concert/Christmas Market at the Village		
	Hall. More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to		
	the date.		
Tuesday, 19th December	Last day of term – Christmas Party Day (Wear your favourite Christmas		
	Outfit)		
Wednesday, 20th December to	CHRISTMAS BREAK		
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January			
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of Spring term: School open to all pupils		
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Eden Trip		
WB 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's mental health week		
Date to be confirmed	February School Disco at the Village Hall		
WB Monday, 12th February	HALF TERM WEEK		
WB 26th February	Progress Review Meetings		
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	St Piran's Day		
Thursday, 7th March	World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character)		
WB 11th March	Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part		
Tuesday, 26th March	Yr3, 4 and 5 Spring Play and KS2 Spring Concert at the Village Hall.		
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WB 25 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.  Autism Acceptance Week		
WB 25 <sup>th</sup> March	More information about arrangements to be confirmed closer to the date.  Autism Acceptance Week  Last day of term		

Thursday, 18th April	Non-Uniform Day for Choccy Bingo		
Friday, 19th April	Choccy Bingo at Village Hall. More information about arrangements to		
	be confirmed closer to the date.		
WB: Monday 13th May	KS2 SATS week		
Monday, 20th May	Class photos		
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day: School Closed		
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day: School Closed		
WB 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 camp at Porthpean		
18th June, 25th June, 2nd July	Learning Together sessions		
2pm to 2.45pm			
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr3 Seal Sanctuary and Tea (TBC)		
Monday, 1st July to Wednesday	Yr5 Camp at CampKernow		
3 <sup>rd</sup> July			
Thursday, 11th July	Yr4 Surf and Sleep		
Tuesday, 16th July	Yr6 Production Matinee performance		
Tuesday, 16th July	Yr6 Production Evening performance		
Thursday, 18th July	Sports Day		
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Back up Sports Day		
Tuesday, 23rd July	Yr6 leavers assembly 9.30am to 11am and last day of term		
Wednesday, 24th July	INSET day: School Closed		
Thursday, 25th July to	SUMMER BREAK		
Wednesday, 4th September			
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET: School Closed		
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term: School open to all pupils		
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Keep an eye out for additional dates for Bags4schools in December, March and July. We will also dojo out dates for regular after school Bake Sales and Frozen Fridays! Watch this space!



PLEASE NOTE: As it is a new school year and your children have been moved to their new classes on Dojo, please could we remind you to open your Dojo account to allow it to update. Until this is done, you may not receive Dojo messages that are being sent from school. For anyone new to Class Dojo, please do ask your child's class teach-

er, or Miss Deakin in the front office, if you are experiencing any difficulty getting access.

In addition to quick messages and reminders, Dojo is used for sending out the newsletters and information about clubs etc. We ask that parents check their Dojo messages regularly and read the newsletters to keep informed. Thank you.



### Friends Of Perran-ar-worthal School

## Join in the Fun!

### Who are we?

FOPS are a group of ordinary parents with an extraordinary mission; to support our fantastic school in being a better place for all children to thrive and learn.



### What do we do?

We meet every 6 - 8 weeks to organise and plan social and fundraising events for the school and local community including:

Bake Sales ~ Discos
Code Breaker Challenge
Christmas market ~ Auctions
Movie night ~ Family Quiz
Choccie Bingo ~ 2nd hand uniform
Spring Concert ~ Ice Lolly sales
Perranfest
(Our Summer Fete)

We welcome new ideas!



- For the children! Every penny we raise goes back into school to improve your child's school experience.
- For you! Volunteering is a rewarding and fun way to be an active part of the school community!

  Team work makes the dream work!
- For the School! Help our school raise much needed funds and have a voice in the purchases that are made to support the children and staff.

## What have we provided over the years?

We are very thankful for all of the support we receive from our wonderful families.

Outdoor learning shelter
New library furniture
Trim trail
School trips
Topic Library books
Reading cloud
Sensory area
Cooking equipment
Outdoor picnic benches
School minibus
(arriving this year)

### **Interested in helping?**

Come and join our friendly team!

There are plenty of ways to get involved: be a class rep, attend meetings, suggest new fundraising ideas, help organise or volunteer at events...

We would love to hear from you!

You can contact us by email on

FOPS@perran-ar-worthal@cornwall.sch.uk or find us in the playground

## **FOPS** newsletter

Friends Of Perran-Ar-Worthal School



# FOPS Annual General Meeting (

Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm at School

The objective of FOPs is to enrich our children's school experience by organising fun events both in and outside of school for the children and grown ups as well as creating a social network of members.

FOPS is run by a committee that is elected each year at the AGM. It is the only formal meeting of the year and is open to all.

Attending the meeting means you can listen to and share ideas on how we can raise money to directly fund enrichment opportunities for the children and improvements made to the school.

As Teachers, Parents and Carers of children at Perran-ar-Worthal, we are all members of FOPS and we hope you can join us at our AGM.

With the help of our families and community, last year we raised a total of



Every penny we raise goes back into our school.

FOPS provide financial support every year towards the whole school trip to Eden, the Reading Cloud, new subject books, sports day refreshments and class trips as well as providing resources for the Grow Zone, Cookery lessons and Forest School.

All these wonderful opportunities currently cost £5,000 a year.

Thank you for helping us smash this target which allows us to cover our annual costs and will provide additional resources for our school.

# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

## **Save Money**

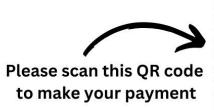


## Save the Planet!!

FOPS have a range of uniform all freshly washed and in good condition



Please text Celia on
07867694228
with what you're looking for
and we'll do our best to help





Swifts Hoodie	£2
School Jumper	£1
Red polo shirt	£1
Summer dresses	£1
Trousers	£1
Skirts	£1
Sports Leggings	£1
Fab Friday T-shirt	50p
Team T-shirt	50p
Sports shorts	50p
Book Bags	50p
Caps	50p

We accept uniform and book bags in good reusable condition.

Please bring your donations to the outside shelter on:

**Monday 18th September** 

Thank you!