

Happy New Year

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Not quite the start we had hoped for with the ice and adverse weather. As ever, we will contact and make decisions as soon as we can. Please do keep your eye on dojo, Facebook and the Cornwall Council website. Please travel if safe for you to do so. Thank you for your support in tricky times.

It has been so lovely to see everyone quickly back into their routines in classrooms and friends again. Our Dobwalls school song kickstarted Monday morning and hearing the children sing this altogether always warms my heart! All classes have started their new topics this week and further information will be sent home to you. We look forward to another exciting year ahead. Next week, we have a pantomime to look forward to right here at school. We will all enjoy watching Snow White together! Following this, children will be writing poetry. The end of last term was truly festive! The grand total from the PTFA is in and now stands at a whopping £844! Wow! Thank you so much to our fantastic PTFA for organising and to everyone for supporting.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Oll an gwella, Best wishes, Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

8 Jan	Y1 Wild Tribe
15 Jan	Y3 Wild Tribe
22 Jan	Y2 Wild Tribe
26 Jan	Governor meeting
29 Jan	Y4 Wild Tribe
5 Feb	Y5 Wild Tribe
12 Feb	Y6 Wild Tribe
16-20 Feb	HALF TERM
23 Feb	Non-pupil day
5 Mar	St Pirans Day
6 Mar	World Book Day
19 Mar	Johnny Cowling evening (adults only!)
9-20 Mar	Y3 & Y5 swimming lessons
16 Mar	Governor meeting
23 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
3-17 Apr	EASTER BREAK
4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
11-14 May	KS2 SATS week
13 May	Governor meeting
25-29 May	HALF TERM
1 Jun	Non-pupil day
22 Jun	Governor meeting
24-26 Jun	Y6 Residential
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

Reminder

Please ensure children bring coats and drink bottle each day. Please remember we are a nut free school—do check the items in your packed lunches contain no nuts. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Christmas Fair THANK YOU!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to all the PTFA who made the Christmas fair such a success and to everyone who came along to support. The children loved it all! We have raised £844.09.

Change of Menu

Thursday 15th Jan is census day and data we submit dictates school funding. Part of this is school meals numbers and so we encourage children to have a meal that day. Menu is golden fish fingers and chips or BBQ veggie wrap and chips. Yum!

Snow White—The Pantomime Comes to Dobwalls next Tuesday!

On Tuesday, the whole school will be seeing the panto 'Snow White. We are delighted there is no charge to pupils this year. Thank you PTFA for donating £199 towards the show. We look forward to everyone enjoying the show together.

Are you eligible?

Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? It may be worth checking—<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/> Each successful free school meal application attracts Pupil Premium funding for the school. This funding is used to support children in school, to subsidise trips/camps/swimming as well as provide uniform vouchers.

Important note for Parents of Infant children

Currently the Government provides universal free school meals (UFSM) for all KS1 children but it is still important that you check to see if you are eligible for free school meals outside of this scheme. If you are eligible and your application is successful, you will be entitled to the subsidies above and your eligibility will continue when the UFSM scheme finishes at the end of year 2. You, your child and the school benefits! Please check!

PE Kits Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminders.

PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/cardigan.

Monday	Y3/Y1
Tuesday	Y4
Thursday	EYFS/Y6/Y5
Friday	Y2

A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.) During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Madison	Valency	Elliott	Lynher	Tarryn
Fowey	Kassidy	Tamar	Thomas	Camel	Laylah
Loveny	Cherry				

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
95%	95%	95%	96%	99%	94%	100%



The star learners this week are from Y6. This week Camel class have begun to explore Mayan culture in their History lessons. They have learnt about a wide range of Mayan gods and the way they were worshipped. After this learning, the children created their own Mayan gods making use of the new knowledge they had gained. Well done Camel Class!



Isabel



Gracie



Evelyn



Ava

Violet

Absence Requests—Reminder

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. We publish the dates of school terms well ahead, this is to help you plan your holidays and check that it does not clash with the school term. **Permission must be sought in advance.**

Headteachers no longer have the authorisation to grant leave during the term time unless it is for exceptional circumstances as outlined by the Department for Education.

When deciding whether to allow term time leave, for any reason, the school will consider:

Are the circumstances surrounding the request exceptional

- The time and duration of the leave (e.g. closeness to Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) in Year 2 and Year 6)
- Your child's record of attendance
- Learning that will be missed

Warning: if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence. In cases where parents subsequently report their child as ill during this period, medical evidence may be requested to support this. This unauthorised absence meets the criteria for a penalty notice, which we must request is issued.**

Please be aware of the legislation regarding unauthorised absences-

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Local Education Officers make termly visits to schools to review individual attendance figures and will visit families where children's attendance is low or there is persistent absence.

Guidance

Other absence from school will be authorised if it is for the following reasons:

- Genuine illness
- Unavoidable medical / dental appointments (but try to make these after school if at all possible)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement
- Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces
- External examinations
- When Traveller

Other absence from school will not be authorised:

- For any type of shopping
- Looking after brothers, sisters or unwell parents
- Minding the house
- Birthdays
- Resting after a late night
- Relatives visiting or visiting relatives



School Snack Guide

Dobwalls Community Primary School



	MONDAY
	TUESDAY
	WEDNESDAY
	THURSDAY
	FRIDAY

It's Friday!
Treat yourself!!

HEALTHY FOOD = HEALTHY BRAIN!

Census Day Menu!

Thursday 15th January

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips or BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips

Friday 16th January

**Campfire Smoky BBQ
Cowboy Pie or Veggie
Campfire Smokey BBQ**

Jacket Potatoes and Tomato Pasta will be available on both days.

Thank you for the support!

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LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY

DROP IN BETWEEN
10.00AM AND 3.00PM

£3 per lantern (free with purchase of Wassail tickets)

Try your hand at creating a willow and tissue paper lantern that will be used for lighting the way at our Wassail on Saturday 17th January

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