

# Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

## A round up of great moments from the Spring Term:

Sometimes school life is so hectic and we are so caught up in the day to day that we forget to take a breath and really think about what has been achieved in only a few short weeks. From a rather soggy St. Piran's Pilgrimage, a beautiful moment on stage at the Songfest Celebration in Bude, to an exhilarating team biking challenge at Cotton Woods; from a first tentative 'push off' from the side of a swimming pool, to achieving a pen licence – these are all significant achievements (no matter how large or small) which make up the fabric of a school day. As we look back over this term, despite some challenges with staffing, the children have continued to step up to new challenges every day supported by their school community. Together with parents, we have offered them so many new opportunities and this is reflected in their ever increasing confidence and their pride in their 'tribe' – be it their sports team, their class or their school. Thank you if you have contributed to our school achievements in any way.



## Staffing News

Parents of Class 2 children will be aware that Mrs Wilmott is relocating at the end of next term. We will be very sorry to see her go but we are really pleased to be able to inform parents that we have appointed a new teacher – Mrs Nia Thorpe – for the class. Nia is an experienced teacher who lives in North Cornwall, but who has also taught extensively abroad and so brings a wealth of experience. We were impressed by her obvious passion for teaching and learning, her creative thinking and a very calm, child-centred approach. This fits our school ethos perfectly. She will be able to start in the Summer Term which is great, in that it paves the way for September transition. She will also have the opportunity to spend some shadowing days with Mrs Wilmott and the team next term and we will invite parents in for an informal meet and greet.

## Sports Relief

It was great fun but we shouldn't forget that it was also an important opportunity to raise funds for a really good cause. Thank you for your efforts – together you raised £70.00.



## PTFA Egg Decorating Competition

What a spectacular array of wonderfully decorated eggs we have on show in the foyer. We were so pleased with the response and looking forward to announcing the winners at today's cake sale. We would like to thank the lovely ladies from Open the Book who had an extremely hard task in judging all our entries.



## Class 3 Fair Trade Café

As a Headteacher, I am always proud when the children initiate an event that enables parents to come into school, but also which has a very important message linking to wider global issues. These connections always deepen learning and so the children welcomed their parents into school for tea and glorious cakes...but with a view to spreading an important message. Thank you to Class 3 and to all their visitors. It was a lovely event.

### Biking Challenge at Cotton Woods

The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The route was challenging and they had to manoeuvre through rocks and trees but they managed to do this showing great skill and control. They even overcame some steep descents and muddy courses, well done all involved. The pictures show how much you all enjoyed it!



### Water Bottles

The link between keeping hydrated and more alert learners has long been proven, so as we – hopefully – enter a period of warmer weather, please do ensure that your child has a clear, named water bottle for school.

### A Gentle Reminder About Uniform

I know that many of you will be out and about purchasing new uniform and shoes for the summer. Please could I ask that children have appropriate shoes/sandals which protect their feet. Trainers may not be worn during lesson times but children are welcome to bring them in to change into them for their break times.

### Early Morning Protocols at Drop Off

We just wanted to give parents a gentle reminder that we would like all children – both walking and on bikes/scooters - to remain **outside** the school gates until the bell goes for entry at 8.45am. A member of staff will open the main entrance doors and then welcome children in. There is increasingly a group of children who are racing to get to the door – this causes a little stampede which is unsafe and actually quite stressful for some of the children. Please could parents remind all children to move calmly (part of our Calm School Code) and walk alongside their bikes/scooters so that we can all have a gentle start to the school day.

Have a wonderful Easter break – let's hope the sun shines.

With best wishes,

Sue Cox  
Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4/5 'Source to Sea' Residential
<b>Wk beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SATs week for year 6 – ensure your child is in school</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Bristol
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Deli Farm Run
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed – Community Cohesion Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6