

Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Aspire Academy Trust News

As you know, our school is a member of the Aspire Academy Trust and at the end of this summer term, the CEO of the Trust, Mr Andrew Fielder, is retiring. Current Deputy CEO Mrs Vanessa Bragg will become interim CEO and Mrs Rachel Warwick, who is currently an Aspire Director, will step up into Vanessa's shoes. Mr Fielder has been in education for many years and has headed up the Trust from its inception. Mrs Bragg said "It's a privilege to be appointed interim CEO, leading a truly inspirational and aspirational educational trust of 28 primary academies, full of hugely talented staff and children. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Mr Fielder for his outstanding leadership and we wish him all the best in his retirement."

Staffing update

As parents will be aware, this is the time of year when school leadership teams are looking ahead to September and beginning to finalize staffing structures and class allocations. Although teaching staff may secure posts elsewhere at any time up until May Half Term, I am in a position to now inform you of a significant change to our Early Years staffing at Tintagel. It is with some sadness that we find ourselves preparing to say a very fond farewell to Miss Hodgson at the end of July as she has found a post in a school much nearer to home. Miss Hodgson has been a really important member of the school team and has been instrumental in welcoming new families to our school. As our Early Years lead, she is so passionate about children's early development and has contributed so much to the development of our wider approaches to nurture, as well as teaching and learning across the whole school. We will of course really miss her when she goes, but in the mean time we intend to enjoy every moment of having her through the remainder of the Summer Term – and we hope she relishes each moment with us as well.

Interviews for the post will be taking place at the end of next week and we will inform parents of the outcome after the half term break.

Pride in our Year 6 children

Year 6 parents will be aware that the children – alongside their peers across the country – have been completing their SATs tests this week. They have been incredibly focused and hard-working, and we are truly proud of them. No matter what the outcome from the tests, they have shown that they are mature, focused and quietly ambitious for their futures. It is the quiet aspiration that I have admired the most and for that very reason, I know they will be a credit to their Secondary schools as they move on at the end of the year. Well done to one and all, and a thank you to all the parents who nurtured their children through the challenging papers. It is also worth mentioning the respect that the other children have shown our year 6, and of course, the way in which the whole Tribe of Tintagel has pulled together to make sure the children can meet their best potential.

KS1 Assessments

Next week, the assessment and reporting window for our year 2 children opens. This means that throughout the week, the children will be supported through some assessments which measure their progress and attainment in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Each day, key members of staff including: Ms Thorpe, Mrs Dingle and Mrs Cox will be working in small groups or 1:1 situations with the children. We deliberately keep these 'quizzes' very low key in school in order to minimize any pressure on the children. The outcomes from the assessments are combined with ongoing teacher assessments and are reported to the DfE via Cornwall County Council as part of our statutory responsibilities. All we ask of our parents is that they ensure the children are well-rested after the weekend and have a good breakfast each morning. All we ask of our children is that they come to school with a smile and do their best. The results from all assessments will be shared

with parents via school reports at the end of the academic year. If you have any concerns – please to talk to the class teacher or Mrs Cox. Their writing is assessed as part of ongoing teacher assessment in class.

Important Information About EYFS Transition to Year 1

In preparation for next year we, as a team, have already started planning some carefully thought out sessions and activities to get the children ready for their new year groups. We want them to feel confident with this transition and make it as smooth as possible for them. For our very youngest children in Reception, one of these steps is to begin the day out on the playground with their current Year 1 classmates. This change now should make September easier for them after the long break. Class 1 will remain closed during this time but teaching staff will be available on the playground should you need us. We appreciate your support and cooperation at this exciting time.

Enjoying PE

Just a gentle reminder that we have really high expectations of dress codes for PE – especially as children need to be able to take part in all weathers safely. Thank you to all those parents who are providing children with smart, named kit. Please could all parents make sure their child brings a PE kit to school ready for sporting activities. Do check with your child's teacher if unsure. This should be in line with the school uniform policy. It is essential that jewelry is not worn for PE please.

PTFA News

Our next event is our popular Bingo night on Wednesday 12th June at the Poldark Inn in Delabole. Doors open at 6:30pm with eyes down at 7:30pm. We have a variety of fabulous prizes including meal out vouchers, a £75 mobile car valet voucher, Wrecking Coast Gin and lots of days out for adults and children!

Save the date, our Grand Opening for our long awaited Trim Trail is on Friday 14th June straight from school. Instead of our usual traditional stalls this year, we have something very exciting in store! We would like to invite you, and all the community and businesses, that have helped us in our bid to fundraise to celebrate our achievements at our Grand Opening. More info will follow.



Deli Farm Run

Get your running shoes ready, the Deli Farm Run is on tomorrow! Registration takes place at 9:30am. Cakes and refreshments will also be on sale.

Key Dates this Term

Saturday 18th May	Deli Farm Run – registration at 9.30
Tuesday 21st May – Friday 24th May	Y6 London Residential
Friday 24th May	Last day of term 5
Monday 3rd June	First day of term 6
Tuesday 4th June	Class 1 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
Friday 7th June	Community Cohesion Day – School Closed
Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th June	Half Price Book Fair
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June	Y4/5 Porthpean Residential
Thursday 20th June	Y3 Minack Theatre Trip
Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day
Friday 28th June	Class 3 & 4 Surfing/Beach Day
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd July	SJS Fly Up Days
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of term 6