

# Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

In this newsletter we have endeavoured to pack in all the dates of key events from now until the end of term as we know you have busy schedules and would like to make plans to support your children as much as possible. As we settle into our final term of the year under our core Value of 'Wisdom', and our Enquiry Question 'How have we learnt from the past?', there really is so much to celebrate and look forward to. The children and teachers are currently working on the school reports of their year. These will come home to you on 12<sup>th</sup> July and will hopefully reflect all that we are as a community of learners.



## Drama Group Performs at Falmouth University

On Wednesday evening, a dramatic ensemble formed from children across both schools and coached by Mrs. Murray and Ms. Thorpe, performed one of Shakespeare's most iconic speeches from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as part of the Royal Shakespeare Schools Festival. For the second year running, they performed alongside Secondary schools at Falmouth University. We are so proud to be one of only two primary schools represented in the project, and immensely proud that our talent for exceptional performance and high quality drama as a core element of our curriculum is being celebrated. Once again, our pupils demonstrated immense commitment and truly blossomed as part of the experience.

## London Residential

This was truly a memorable opportunity for our Year 6 children from both schools. They enjoyed four 'high octane' days in the centre of the docklands, staying aboard the scout ship, 'The Lord Amory' and from that base they explored so many iconic sites including: St Pauls Cathedral, The Houses of Parliament, The London Eye, The National Gallery and The Globe Theatre. They even managed to squeeze in a performance of Matilda and shared a fantastic Chinese Supper! My heartfelt thanks go to the staff who accompanied them on this trip. It really is a huge endeavour to conduct a residential of this nature and it was a great success for all involved. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, and I am sure they were brimming with tales to tell when they returned home.



## Porthpean

Next week it is the turn of our Year 4 and 5 children to experience three days of outdoor adventure at Porthpean. We have our fingers crossed for an improvement in the weather and hope they have a fantastic experience. Keep an eye on the class pages of our website for a sample of photos each day.

### **Year 3 Trip To The Minack**

Next week, on Monday we will be treating all our Year 3 children to a performance of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves in the spectacular location of The Minack Theatre. We anticipate that your children will come home full of enthusiasm for the live performance set against the sea. It is a uniquely Cornish experience and an opportunity unlike any other.

### **Healthy Active Living Week – The Wonder of You**

This event takes place in each school over the next two weeks and is linked to our Sports Day activities. As part of our commitment to shaping lifelong learning, under the umbrella of ‘Mind, Body and Soul’ we will explore a different focus on health and wellbeing each day ranging from healthy diets, to emotional wellbeing, outdoor creativity and culminating in our Sports Day. Please could you check the weather forecast for each day and prepare the children accordingly with either sun cream or their coats. They will need to have their PE kits in school all week. In addition to these important learning opportunities, children from Years 4 to 6 will be taking part in the SHEU Health and Wellbeing Survey. This is completed anonymously, and the responses are collated, and the data returned to school to give us a really clear picture of how our children feel about a range of issues such as managing friendships and remaining safe online. We will share the outcomes with parents later this term.

### **Sports Day Details 26<sup>th</sup> June**

We would love to see as many parents as possible for our Sports Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. As with previous years, there will be a series of events across the full day and parents are welcome to join us at any point from 9:30am. Events will include our traditional dance competition to kick start the day and culminate with the more competitive, traditional track races in the afternoon on the field when we aim to start at 1.15pm and end with the awards ceremony at approximately 2.45pm. Children will be released from their classes at the normal end of day pick up time. In addition, we will be outdoors from around 9:30am and there will be a carousel of games and activities led by our pupil sports leaders. All children will participate in their House Teams and each station will be supported by an adult. We would like to invite parents to enjoy a picnic lunch on the field with their children before the afternoon track events. A special lunch can be ordered from the kitchen. Detailed information will be circulated on Monday but the menu is a small burger and chips at the cost of £2.20 per adult.

### **Surf Days at Polzeath**

This annual event will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June for Classes 3 and 4. It is a celebration of our identity as a coastal school and an opportunity for the children to enjoy a day at the beach taking part in beach activities and surf lessons. There are also some really important messages about beach safety and respecting the water – so a memorable learning opportunity as well as being great fun.



### **Fly Up Days**

These will take place on the 1st and 2nd of July when our Year 6 children who are going to Sir James Smiths will be at their new school. All other children will ‘fly up’ to their new year group and sample two days of learning. The new Early Years children are being given several opportunities to sample life in their new class over the next few weeks so they are ready and excited to move on. This year, as previously, there will be some year group splits because of our increasing numbers in order to even out the class sizes. The Senior Leadership team and the class teachers have been in discussion and will base their decisions both on progress and ‘knowing’ the child. For any parents that are affected by this, you will be contacted individually by letter and we will be giving you the opportunity to talk through the details with us prior to the Fly Up days.

### Class 4 Summer Performance

Class 4 are currently working hard on preparation for our production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and we are very much looking forward to their final performance of the year which will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm for Tintagel School. I know the children will be so proud to share their talents with their families – so please do come and join us for a moving and memorable experience.



### Leavers Assembly

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July they will say their final goodbyes at the leavers assembly from 2.00pm, followed by the very special guard of honour as they leave.

The children will then leave through the traditional guard of honour at the end of the day. Tintagel children will enjoy their traditional Fish and Chips supper on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 4.00 till 6.00pm on the school field.

### Tintagel PTFA

Our thanks to Sofie Lowe and the PTFA team who have worked so tirelessly and achieved so much this year to really transform part of our school. We are now so lucky to have a brand new trim trail on our school field which can be enjoyed by every child for years to come. This could not have been achieved without your support at our school events and your generosity. In the years to come with the relentless tightening of school budgets, there is no question that increasingly, our schools will only have the capacity to provide resources over and above the absolute essentials, if they generate some income of their own. We have plenty of ideas for how to raise money and what we need to buy, but your support will be the deciding factor in the success or failure of every event. Please keep turning up, enjoying yourself and spending your pennies!



### PTFA Events

Thanks to all those that came out for our Bingo Fundraiser, we raised £621. Today is just a celebration of all that we are as a school within our community and every time we come together everything we achieve is for our children.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school for when the warmer weather finally takes hold. We would also ask parents to ensure children have sun cream applied and bring a hat for particularly hot, sunny days. Busy times!

If you have any questions please contact the lovely ladies in the office.

Best wishes, Sue Cox and the team.

Key Dates this Term

Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th June	Half Price Book Fair
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June	Y4/5 Porthpean Residential
Monday 17th 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
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm & 6:00pm	Class 4 Midsummer Night's Dream Performance
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 4:00-6:00pm	Y6 Fish & Chip Supper
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of term 6