

**Our values:** Compassion, wisdom, forgiveness, perseverance, trust and respect

*Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive so that all our children succeed, learn & thrive.*



**Welcome back to the summer term 2016 at Grampound Road Primary School.**

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead of us and will be expecting the children to work hard to achieve their very best. Thank you for your continued support with this. We hope the weather will also improve and we will be able to be outside much more in the coming months. We have included some key dates for this term for you to add to your calendars.

Can I also please remind you that full attendance at school is important for all children. You will be shortly receiving your child's Spring attendance % (**96% plus** is the average level of attendance for most children.) In particular Year 2 and Year 6 should avoid absences in May 2016 because they are undertaking national tests. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

This half term our topic is 'Journeys' and our focus value is 'Trust'. This week Mr Lees and Miss Cameron led collective worships about trust including the story of 'The Boy who cried wolf.' Talk with your child about how they can show trust and be relied upon as trustworthy. Well done to all of the children who have completed their Easter Projects. They are truly amazing! Some prizes have been awarded to each class for projects with exemplary effort.



Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship or a positive relationship. On Wednesday our '**Trust Values Newsletter**' was sent home. We hope that you might work on some of these ideas together at home. We also hope that you and your child might take part in the **HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE - Build a Boat** - details can be found on the sheet. Please can your child bring their boat to school on **Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**. There will be prizes for the most effective boats. Thank you for your support with this challenge. We hope you enjoy the experience!

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar focus this week:**

**Adverbs :** Modify (change or add to the meaning of) verbs, adjectives, adverbs and clauses. Roving reports in sentences - **how, where, when**. He moved **slowly** down the path (modifying verb). We don't get to play games **very often**. (modify adverb) That match was **really** exciting. (modifying the adjective) **Fortunately**, it didn't rain. (modifying the clause). Challenge: can you write a sentence with a different adverb in it?

### Clubs for the summer term starting on Monday:

Please book on line at Teacher to Parents. If you have any difficulty with this please contact the office.  
Many thanks.

Monday Film Club Year 3-6 until 4.15 pm Mrs Warne  
Monday Cricket Club Year 4, 5 & 6 until 4.15 pm Cricket Club  
Monday Sewing Club Year 3, 4, 5, 6 until 4.00 pm Miss Peters  
Tuesday Football Club Year 4, 5, 6 until 4.15 pm Mr Vian and team  
Tuesday ICT Club Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 until 4.00 pm Mr Moore  
Thursday Multi Skills Year 1,2 3 until 4.15 pm Cricket Club  
Thursday Cooking Club Year 1 & 2 until 4.00 pm 12 pupils for 5 weeks  
Thursday Dance Club Laura Beth - book direct £3.00 4.15-5.15pm

### National tests for 7 and 11 year olds - SATs.

The SATs for Year 2 children will be undertaken in May and will be part of everyday lessons. This year there are also some tests which are similar to the ones we do on a half termly basis. Year 6 SATs take place during the week beginning **9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. This is an important assessment for the children in Year 6. In the summer term of 2016, children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be the first to take the new SATs papers. These tests in English and maths will reflect the new national curriculum, and are intended to be more rigorous. There will also be a completely new marking scheme to replace the existing national curriculum levels.

At the end of Year 6, children will sit tests in: **Reading, Maths, Spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

These tests will be both set and marked externally, and the results will be used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

### **Our Top Tips for Year 6 children**

**Tip 1:** Remember your child's education is a partnership. Meet with their teachers as they will know your child's strengths and weaknesses, and ask them how you can help.

**Tip 2:** Support your child with homework tasks and daily reading. Try drawing or acting out answers for difficult concepts.

**Tip 3:** Encourage your child to work to speed. Try timed recall of timetables in the car/journey to school. Set mini challenges, for example, "Can you find the word on the page that means 'dangerous' you have 1 minute - go!" "What is 10% of 150? You have 10 seconds - go!"

**Tip 4:** Make sure your child is aware that getting stuck is not a problem. Move on and give them another challenge and come back to the hard ones at the end and/or go through it together.

**Tip 5:** Encourage your child to believe in themselves, 'you can do it!'

**Tip 6:** Remind your child that the tests are important, but that they are not the only way they are to be measured. We don't want children panicking or worried, we want them to be prepared.

**Tip 7:** Approach a subject from lots of different angles. Software, games, activities, books, flash cards and practical applications can all help. Make the revision time at home as fun and interactive as possible.

**Tip 8:** It is easier said than done, BUT do not put your child under too much pressure. Have fun - they will find things easier to remember if they recall the good times they had learning.



### **Residential Trips this term**

We are currently finalising the residential trips for this year and we will be inviting you and your children to a briefing meeting:

- **Year 6 to Barton Hall** - 25<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 pm at Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary School.
- **Year 5 to Porthpean** - 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 pm at Grampound Road CE Primary School.
- **Year 4 to Camp Kernow** - 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 pm at Grampound Road CE Primary School.

At these meetings we will do some team building with the children while you find out about the visit, itinerary and kit lists etc.

It is possible that we may have a few places available for each visit even at this late stage. Please ask at the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

## Stars of the Week. Come and see our work displayed near the office...

Christopher who has shown compassion to others.

Lucas for writing fantastic sentences and beginning to work independently.

Robin for showing fantastic determination with her Maths learning and helping others.

Oliver has worked very hard this week, He has enjoyed his learning and very keen to share his ideas with the class.

Tipper has worked very hard this week and produced some really special work. Tipper has been a good class contributor, always ready to answer questions.

Finley for showing wonderful enthusiasm towards learning and excellent knowledge in Science.

Eden for excellent progress in Maths and being an excellent role model around school.

Georgina for being determined and for challenging herself with division and fractions in Maths this week.

Mr Brown for a fabulous start at Grampound Road Primary School. Great enthusiasm and getting to know the children really well in Trelyon Class.

### Bursting to tell moments

Well done to Tegan, Megan, Katie & Will for their fantastic dance performance at The Hall for Cornwall and Roseland secondary school. They have rehearsal and learnt their dance with other local primary schools and were inspirational in their dance performed. Well done and thank you for all of the support of parents with transport.

It has been a delight to see so many children this week with fabulous handwriting, learning across the curriculum. Thank you for all of your hard work. Looking forward to seeing more outstanding learning over this term.

### Information for Parents:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Gammon	Beef Meatballs	Battered Fish
Veggie Bangers	Cheese Whirl	Cauliflower Corn Bake	Veggie Chow Mein	BBQ Bean Wrap

New menus for the summer term have been sent out. Please complete a school meal form at the beginning of the week and hand into the office. Please remember that Parentpay offer a completely secure way to pay for your child's meals in advance and for you to view your child's account 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations to Harry S, Poppy and Wilf for have earned a golden ticket for the golden table this week for fantastic lunch time manners and behaviour. Well done.

#### Wrap around Provision:

At Grampound Road Primary School we now offer a breakfast club 'Munch Bunch' from 7.45-8.30 am every day and an after school wrap around provision from 3.15-4.15 or 3.15- 6.00 pm. Please contact the office to book a place and payment should be in advance of these sessions.

It is the first week of our Nursery Provision which has started successfully and we have enjoyed meeting all of the new children and Caerhays have been super at welcoming them to our school.

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April Maths Family learning pm Year 5/6 Parents.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April Phonics Information Parent Meeting 2.45 pm for all year 1 parents.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in afternoon Year 2 Individual Parents Meetings to see Mr Brown and Miss Peters. Please book on Teachers to Parent.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday- school closed.

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs Week

May 9<sup>th</sup> - MAT and School Annual Parent Questionnaire sent home.

May 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 to Camp Kernow

### Attendance at School.

Poldark Heligan Trelyon Carne Caerhays  
**95.4% 93.3% 96% 98.5% 91.7%**

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%.

Please ensure your child only takes time off school for medical reasons.

**If your child is unwell and is off school please call on 01726 882646 to inform us of the reason for their absence.**

**Remember 8.30 gate open**

**8.35 Come into school**

**8.40 Wake and Shake in classrooms KS1 and 'Run a Mile' later in day. This is followed by Morning Maths to enable pupil to practice their multiplication and number facts as part of the new curriculum.**