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Message from Mrs Giblett

Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + High	96.1% - 96.4% Above national average	95.5% - 95.9% In line with national average
94.0% or below Low	90% or below Cause for concern	85% or below Persistent Absence

Attendance

With two terms completed, our whole school attendance rate for the year so far is 96.6%. Based on the Ofsted table above, this shows that the attendance of the vast majority of our pupils is well above the national average of 95.4%. This is a tremendous achievement and we are so pleased. The more the children are in school, then the better the outcomes are for them each week.

Class Attendance Rates to date (Autumn and Spring)

RP	94.7%	RR	95.0%	YR	94.8%
1K	97.1%	1W	96.4%	Y1	96.7%
2PG	96.5%	2L	96.4%	Y2	96.5%
3SP	97.6%	3W	97.3%	Y3	97.4%
4MT	97.2%	4T	98.1%	Y4	97.7%
5C	97.2%	5T	96.0%	Y5	96.6%
6FT	97.0%	6J	95.7%	Y6	96.4%

Helping any child to catch up on lost learning is hard work with a class of 30+ other children and so we are very grateful to our parents for keeping pupil absence to such a low level.

A special congratulations to 3SP. They are the winners again(!) of our termly Attendance Cup for being the best attending class in the Spring term. As well as winning the Attendance Cup, they also earn the right to a special reward which they can agree with their class teacher.

Well done to the 129 pupils (30%) who managed 100% attendance in the Spring term. Two terms into the year, we now have 64 pupils (15%) with 100% attendance. Well done to them.

Look out for special certificates that should be coming home today.

School Uniform in the Summer term

We have had such a lovely spell of weather and, although it may continue to be changeable, some of your children may be tempted to discard some of their winter layers. We have already seen some of our "hardier" pupils getting into summer uniform which is always lovely to see. I would like to take this opportunity just to remind parents and pupils about Summer uniform:

Girls' Summer Uniform

Girls may continue to wear their school skirts in the Summer term, but may wish to opt for a short-sleeved white shirt. However, they may wish to wear their Summer uniform instead:

- ☐ Red striped dress
- ☐ Grey cardigan/jumper with logo
- ☐ White socks
- ☐ Black shoes (no heels, trainers or open-toed footwear)

We have already reminded the girls that we do not expect them to mix and match the uniform, eg wear the summer dress with tights.

Boys' Summer Uniform

- ☐ Grey shorts (hopefully!) or grey trousers
- ☐ From Reception to Year 2 – red polo shirt with school logo
- ☐ From Year 3 – Year 6 – white shirts (may be short-sleeved)
- ☐ Grey or black socks
- ☐ Black shoes (no trainers or open-toed footwear)

I saw quite a number of tie-less children this week, and I think there may be a little bit of confusion around when children can discard the school tie in the Summer term. *Where KS2 girls or boys are wearing a white shirt, they must continue to wear a tie until May half term.*

As ever, thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. We continue to receive compliments wherever we go about how smart our children look.

Mrs H Giblett

CLUBS

A new clubs list will be sent home via your child on Monday or Tuesday next week.

Clubs will start week commencing 1st May.

Tri-Golf Competition



On Tuesday 18th April, ten of our children went to Truro Golf Club to take part in the area competition for Tri-Golf. We competed against 8 other schools. There were 8 skills stations with different activities for putting, chipping and driving. We got awarded points for each station depending on how well our team did at the activity. The school with the most points over all 8 stations were the winners.

All of our golfers did really well. Noah, Benji and Freddie excelled especially in the driving activities while Perran, Poppy and Katie's putting skills were excellent. Maisy and Lily had superb chipping accuracy, and Callum and Ellie had amazing all round golf skills.

Overall, we did fantastically well and came second. This means that we qualify for the Cornwall School Games Finals in Bude on 30th June.

Well done to all of our golfers and a huge thank you to Mr Thomas and Mrs Glanville for taking the children.

Thanks

Our grateful thanks to two of our parents – James Tucker and Karen Robilliard, who have worked tirelessly to tidy up our outside areas, planting up our flower containers, clearing out the greenhouse, weeding and planting helping to make our grounds look pretty for the Spring. We very much appreciate all their hard work.

Class Photos

Your child should have brought home an order form this week. If you wish to order a class photo, please return order forms and payment in the envelope provided to the school office by **Wed 10th May**.

Marathon Run



Our very own Mrs Bullen is running another marathon this Sunday, but not on her own this time. She will be running with our Chair of Governors, Mark Dunn-Wilson who is also the minister at Truro Methodist Church and Andy Dye, a youth worker at Truro Methodist Church.

Message from Mrs Bullen, Mark Dunn-Wilson and Andy Dye:

The charity we are running for ALD Life. **Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) is a rare, genetic, terminal brain disorder that affects mainly apparently healthy young men.**

We are privileged to know one extraordinary family who are living with the reality of this dreadful disease and have seen just a little of how challenging life can be. We are running the Southampton marathon and other events during the year, not because we feel sorry for them (although of course, we share their pain) but because we want to honour them and others like them. Training for, and running a marathon is hard work. We are not finding it either pleasant or easy. But with your help, we can make a difference.

ALD Life offers advice and support to families and individuals affected by ALD. We respectfully and humbly ask you to help us support this extraordinary group of people."

You can donate on our Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trundling>, by completing the sponsorship form in the reception area of the school or via your Mobile Phone. Text TRUN57 followed by £2, £5 or £10 to 70070 (texts are charged at your usual rates plus the donation)- and you will have the option to gift aid your donation. Together, we can make a difference.

Childhood illness - extra vigilance requested

We have a child in school who has a compromised immune system and is more vulnerable to disease and illness, therefore it is important that you do not send your children to school if they are unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as the measles, chickenpox or flu), your child should stay at home until no longer contagious. For more information about how long an illness is contagious, please contact your GP.

We would also appreciate it if you would notify the school office immediately if your child has an infectious disease. This will allow us to notify the parents of this child.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Power

Awards given out in assemblies

It is lovely that our children receive so many awards for such a variety of events they take part in and we enjoy sharing their success in assembly. As we receive such a large number to give out we would ask that they are clearly labelled and medals are put in a clear labelled plastic bag. Your help with this would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Class Assemblies (Fridays 9am, School Hall)

RP	5th May (NB changed from 12 th)
1W	9 th June
2L	16 th June
5C	30 th June
RR	7 th July

All parents/carers of the class are invited to come along and watch in the school hall.

Friday 19th May, 9am – Memories of Porthpean (Year 4)

Porthpean Residential Camp, 8th-10th May

The date for the final payment for the Year 4 Porthpean Camp is Friday 28 April. A new payment item has been added to ParentPay which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.

Stay and Play

Truro Nursery School, in partnership with Archbishop Benson School, offer a Stay and Play session on Thursdays in St Paul's Children's Centre from 9.00am – 10.30am. Play and early learning sessions for families following the early years' foundation stage curriculum for ages 0 – 5 years. Cost is £2.00 per family (up to 2 children). First session is free to new families.



Our next session: sand and water play.

Truro Parent Support Group

If you would like some help or support as a parent of teen or pre-teen children then this group is for you! Held on Thursdays, 9am at Truro Baptist Church. £1.50 per week. Free crèche provided. For more information please contact: Polly Smyth 01872 870743/07971 254 096 or Ali Stephens 01209 213290/ 07973 452 780.

Junior Golf Academy

Coaching at Truro Golf Club for Juniors on Wednesdays after school and Sunday mornings. Further details from Scott or Ben. Tel: 276595

'Tadpoles Got Talent Too'

Truro Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's Youth Group invite you to their presentation on Saturday 13th May, 7.30pm at Redannick Theatre. £5 entry on the door (seats unallocated).

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

May

Thu 4 th	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Mon 8 th to 10 th	Porthpean Camp – Year 4
Fri 5 th	Class RP assembly, 9am
Fri 19 th	Yr4 assembly, 9am

June

Fri 9 th	Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16 th	Class 2L assembly, 9am
Wed 21 st	Eucharist Service, 9am
Sat 24 th	Summer Fair, 11am-1pm
Fri 30 th	Class 5C assembly, 9am

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

Mon 3 rd	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Fri 7 th	Class RR assembly, 9am
Tue 25 th	FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
Wed 26 th	Leavers' service, 1.30pm

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26 th May	Break up for half term
Mon 5 th June	Children return to school
Wed 26 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays

School Summer Fair 2017 **June 24th 11am – 1pm**



**A Cornish Summer
Games
Food and Drink
Activities
Raffle**

**Special Visitors
And much much more.**

**If you can help, please speak to any member of FABB or
contact Sarah on sarahzoehills@gmail.com**

