



# Newquay Primary Academy

## NEWS BULLETIN

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Trent's Farm Visit

Trent Class had a fantastic trip to Woodland Valley Farm on Tuesday. The visit gave the children a wonderful opportunity to learn more about agriculture and life on the farm.

During the day, the class enjoyed a wildlife walk where they tried to spot beavers, as well as den making and a game of hide and seek in the woodland. They also loved meeting the farm dogs and horses, and feeding the lambs was definitely a highlight of the day.



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. As we begin this new half term, it is lovely to see the brighter skies and signs of Spring beginning to appear. The lighter mornings and milder weather always seem to bring a renewed sense of energy to school life and we are looking forward to making the most of it.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire about communication. We greatly value your feedback and appreciate the thoughtful comments and suggestions shared. Over the coming weeks, please look out for our "you said, we did" updates, where we will outline the actions we are taking in response to your feedback and how we are continuing to strengthen communication between home and school.

I am delighted to announce the introduction of Positive Postcards. These special postcards will be sent home to celebrate children who have impressed staff through their learning, nurturing behaviour, positive attitudes, or excellent manners. What makes this particularly special is that postcards may be awarded by any member of staff, including office staff and our wraparound team, because we know that wonderful behaviour and effort happen all around our school community. We look forward to celebrating many of our pupils in this way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together makes such a difference to the children's experience and success. We are excited for a productive and positive half term ahead.

With best wishes,  
Miss Hildyard

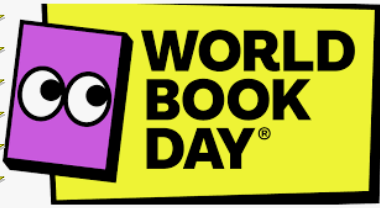
## St Piran's Day Parade



A Thank you to everyone who joined us for the St Piran's Day Parade, despite the wet weather! We were so pleased to see such great support from our school community. A special thank you as well to those who helped transport our amazing boat to the parade – we couldn't have done it without you. We really appreciate everyone who came along to take part.



## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March



A huge well done to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day – we saw so many amazing costumes and brilliant characters from some much loved books. The effort and creativity from the children was wonderful to see.

Each class also celebrated a different author throughout the day, exploring their stories and enjoying lots of reading activities together.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping to make the costumes and for supporting the day. It was a brilliant celebration of books and reading for everyone!

As part of World Book Day, each child should also have received a £1 book voucher, which can be used to purchase a special World Book Day book or as £1 off another book at participating bookshops. We are pleased to let you know that Clemo's Books in Newquay town centre is taking part in this scheme.



## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be raising money for Red Nose Day. Your support could help provide someone with the most basic essentials – food, a safe place to sleep, or the chance to live without fear. Children are invited to wear **anything red** on this day to show their support. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link to our JustGiving page. Thank you for your continued generosity.

[Please click here to donate to Comic Relief](#)

## Lost Property



We currently have a large amount of lost property in school. If your child is missing anything - including bottles, coats, hats, gloves or jumpers - please take a moment to check the lost property box.

We will be clearing the box out at Easter, so please make sure you check it before then.

Please also remember to label all of your children's belongings, as this makes it much easier for items to be returned to their owners.

## Pupil Absences & Urgent Messages



If your child is going to be absent from school or you need to send an urgent message, please email the school secretary email address [npasecretary@npa.celtrust.org](mailto:npasecretary@npa.celtrust.org) rather than leaving a message on the answerphone. Unfortunately, we are not always able to check voicemails promptly during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us ensure that important messages reach us as quickly as possible.

What's coming up in classes...

**JOSHUA CLASS**

Next week Joshua Class will be inspired by the book "The Night Dragon" by Naomi Howarth. They will be painting sunset pictures and working hard to label dragon maps. Outside they will painting their own dragon eggs and building castles, trying to remember the features of a castle!

**TAMAR CLASS**

Tamar Class have some exciting trips planned in and around Newquay (more information to follow shortly) as part of their Geography topic, where they will be learning more about their local area.

They will also be welcoming a surprise furry visitor to school, which links perfectly with their current English text — we can't wait to see their reactions!

**SEVERN CLASS**

Over the next two weeks, Severn Class will be busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, they will continue preparing to write their own non-chronological reports about the Great Fire of London. In Science, they will be exploring the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They will also begin using vocabulary such as prey, predator and apex predator when describing food chains, helping the children to understand how animals are connected within habitats. In Computing, they are very excited to be moving on to learning about spreadsheets — how grown up! The children will begin to understand how data can be organised into rows and columns and start using simple tools to enter and sort information. It's set to be a fantastic two weeks of learning!

**TRENT CLASS**

In Science, Trent class will be learning about forces and magnets and will be conducting fair tests to compare how objects move on different surfaces. In PSHE, as part of the *Healthy Me* topic, children will be exploring their feelings and learning more about emotional wellbeing. In History, they will be consolidating their learning about Ancient Greece with a Greek-inspired afternoon, including food and other themed activities.

**SHANNON CLASS**

For the next couple of weeks Shannon class will be continuing their art topic looking at Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. We will be lots of printing techniques and we are lucky enough to have professional artist Annabel Wilkes visiting for a mono printing workshop. We will also be looking more into the topic of tourism, which includes the theme "I do like to be beside the seaside". So watch this space for an upcoming beach trip !

## Important dates to remember

Date	Event	Class
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamar Visiting Trenance Park	Tamar Class
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamar visiting Trenance Gardens (will require packed lunch)	Tamar Class
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Phonic Screening Check Parents Meeting – 3.10pm	Tamar Class
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Pendennis Castle Visit	Joshua Class
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief – wear red	All classes
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Rock Steady Concert – 2pm	Rock Steady Pupils
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Shine Time – 2.30pm (parents invited into class)	All classes
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Newquay Zoo Visit	Joshua Class
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Last day term</b>		
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Start of Summer term</b>		

## PTA Events

### Easter Egg Raffle

The PTA will be raffling off another giant Easter egg this year, courtesy of Kernow Chocolate! This has been a big hit in previous years.

Squares will be available to purchase next week from the school office or from a member of the PTA on the gate. They will cost £1 per square, and there will also be some smaller Easter eggs as runner-up prizes.



## Attendance for NPA

	<b>Tamar Class: 96.7%</b> <b>Trent: 99.2%</b>		<b>Joshua Class: 99.7%</b> <b>Tamar Class: 97.7%</b> <b>Trent Class: 99.2%</b> <b>Severn Class: 99.3%</b>
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Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The academy works closely with the Education Welfare Officer to support families who have low attendance figures. When a child's attendance drops below 90% it is identified as 'persistence absence' and the EWO will contact the family to offer support. Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Arrivals after 8.50am are marked as late in the register. Please contact the academy office if any support is required – we are here to help.

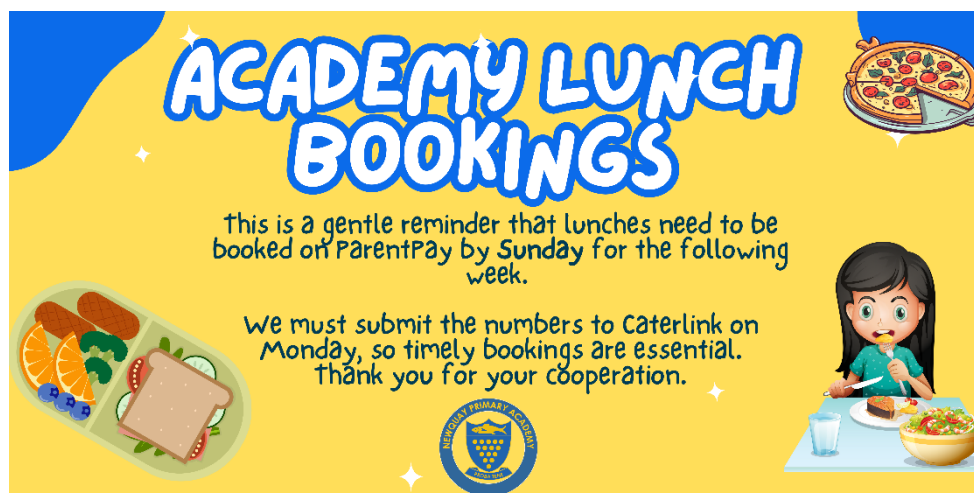
*If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court. Please see our website for more information on our attendance policy:*

[Newquay Primary Academy - Attendance](#)

## Office Opening Hours

The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday. If you need to speak to Mrs Payne or Mrs Townley in the office, please contact between these hours.





Our teachers are available at the start and end of the academy day at your child's classroom door, please do not hesitate to talk to them if you have a query.



**ACADEMY LUNCH BOOKINGS**

This is a gentle reminder that lunches need to be booked on ParentPay by Sunday for the following week.

We must submit the numbers to Caterlink on Monday, so timely bookings are essential. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Community News



**TODDLER & PARENT YOGA**



**STRETCH AND STROLL**

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45 min yoga session for Toddlers and their parents followed by a local stroll

Come as you are – this is about movement, connection and community.

Perranporth Family Hub | Friday's 11am - 12.30pm

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