



Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021



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Parent Assembly

Finance:
School Meals £2.34 per day
£11.70 per week
Please pay on ParentPay

Early Bird - £3.00 per session
Kid's Club - £7.00 per session
This must be booked in advance!

You may replace:
* Book bags @£4.00
* Water bottles @ £1.50

Woodland Schools
Godrevy - Monday afternoons
Portreath - Friday afternoons

Uniform
www.myclothing.com

Diary Dates
Half Term: Mon 25 Oct - Fri 29 Oct inc.
Christmas Hol: Mon 20 Dec - Mon 3 Jan
INSET Day: Nov 1st 2021
Platinum Jubilee Bank Hol: Dec 17th 2021
INSET Day: Jan 4th 2022
INSET Day: July 25th & 26th 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful half term break- the children have come back in a positive way and a visitor to school this week commented on the good learning behaviours shown in all classrooms. A great start to the half term!

Last half term I sent out a parent questionnaire and I have now collated the responses which are attached to this newsletter. We take feedback, positive and negative very seriously and use it to improve the learning experiences for the children (and parents). I wanted to let you know that we have already looked at ways to improve in light of comments from this feedback. We have already given homework folders to Godrevy Class and are now using IXL (an online portal) to support learning at home. Parents' Evening is scheduled for later this term, shown on our calendar, but our staff, and myself, are always available to discuss concerns - calling or emailing ahead can help ensure adequate time is given.

So far, Year 4 working in the library with Mrs Woods has been successful but we are monitoring closely to ensure this is the best solution for all children.

Unfortunately, Miss Burch has now stepped down as SENCO but we thank her for hard work in supporting the children and staff. Mrs Megan Bungay will be joining our team as SENCO on alternative Thursdays; we are looking forward to welcoming her and know that she will continue the successful work that Miss Burch carried out.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns please do let me know and I look forward to the rest of this busy and increasingly festive term!

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah French

Bonfire Night Safety

We hope the children have a fun filled bonfire night, please take great care!

Individual/Family Photos

Jo Buckley photographers are in on Monday afternoon to take the individual photos (and photos with siblings) of the children. If you have younger or older children that you wish to bring up at the end of the day to have a photograph with their siblings please let Mrs Hoskins know, otherwise the photographer will leave once she has finished. All children should be in school uniform as normal. We are aware that Godrevy have woodland schools on Monday afternoon, so to make life easier they could wear their school tops over their woodland clothing.

Monthly FTS Bake Sale

The monthly FTS bake sale will be held next Friday 12th November at 3:15pm, the last sale was a huge success and raised nearly £94 in valuable funds for the school, so we would love for these to become a staple to the schools fundraising diary. DONATIONS OF BAKES, HOMEMADE OR SHOP BOUGHT WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY.

The FTS are also busy behind the scenes arranging a big Christmas fundraiser. Please join our 'Friends of Trannack School' Facebook page for more information and requests for help.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale next week for the children (or adults). The different items available are snap wrist bands suggested donation £1.50, silicon wristband - suggested donation £1.00, reflector - suggested donation 50p and zip pull 50p.

Our Open Door Policy

Just to reiterate we have an open door policy and are always happy to discuss questions and concerns as they arise, however, this is best done after school as morning drop offs are a busy time when teachers are settling the children for a day of learning.

Feedback from Trannack Primary School Parent Questionnaire – Autumn 2021 (sent out on Friday 8th October)

1 response= just over 9%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child enjoys coming to school.	45%	45%	10%		
2. My child is safe at school.	45%	56%			
3. Children's views are listened to	18%	56%	27%		
4. My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best.	56%	45%			
5. The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress.	18%	63%	9%	9%	
6. The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning.	18%	45%	27%	9%	
7. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	36%	18%	36%	9%	
8. The school is well led and managed.	9%	56%	36%		
9. My child's teacher is approachable.	63%	36%			
10. There is a good standard of behaviour at Trannack Primary School.	9%	36%	56%		
11. My child receives the help he/she needs to do well.	18%	72%		9%	
12. The school is welcoming to the community.	18%	63%	18%		
13. The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities.	36%	36%	27%		
14. Any incidents of bullying are dealt with effectively.		iiii	iiiiii	i	i
15. I understand the role of the Governing Body.	27%	18%	36%	18%	
16. I would recommend Trannack Primary School to another family.	45%	45%		10%	

Any other comments.

It is difficult to talk to teachers about issues/questions at morning drop off.

There should be more Parents' Evenings.

Homework should increase- especially for Year 6 and there should be repercussions for not doing it- missing break times etc.

I would like the discipline policy to be revised. There has been a lot of research on the negative impact of time out and losing breaktime on children long term. I would like to see a more gentle, time in, natural approach.

Homework quantity should improve.

Too early to judge new leadership under Mrs French.

Behaviour- too soft, improvement is required.

SEN needs greater/consistent input- intervention as early as possible.

Staff to challenge MAT on funding issues/advocate for school.

Bullying to be no tolerance- SEN children needing specific targeted social intervention instead of needs being used as excuse to do little.

Organisation of school- home communication to be better; folders for homework/greater use of online portals.

We are new to Trannack School so don't feel able to comment on all areas of school life. However, my child has been warmly welcomed and I am impressed with how quickly she has settled into Trannack School. She seems to be challenged in her school work and is very happy and confident.