



Crowan School Newsletter – 6th September 2024

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our families and children who have returned this week and a special welcome to all the new families and children who have joined us – we feel so lucky that you have joined the Crowan family! The children in Releath have settled in so well to the school and have been so well supported by their buddies in Year 6.

We also welcome Mrs Usher to Crowan who will be teaching Pengelly until Christmas whilst Mrs Clarke receives treatment following a diagnosis of cancer. We wish Mrs Clarke the very best and hope to see her back with us again very soon.

CERTIFICATES

Certificate winners for this week are:

Releath: The whole class

Trenoweth: Theo, Ellis and the whole class

Pengelly: Harry and the whole class

Crenver: Harry, Ori and the whole class

Well done all of you!

ATTENDANCE

Crenver: 99.4%

Pengelly: 92.4%

Trenoweth: 95.2%

Releath: 100%

Well done Releath!

The target for our school is 96%

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24th September- Releath visit to Camborne Library

Wednesday 2nd October – Nasal flu vaccinations (info to follow next week)

Monday 7th October –Harvest Festival at Crowan Church

Wednesday 9th October – Individual/sibling photographs

Monday 21st October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November HALF TERM

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

A reminder of the information sent out before summer, regarding Government changes to school attendance.

It is very important that your child is in school every day and vital they are on time as consistent lateness can also trigger a penalty notice.

A reminder that absence **MUST** be reported by phone as soon as possible (messages can be left at any time) and a **FULL** reason must be given. We are no longer allowed to report 'feeling ill' we need something specific (high temperature, been sick, headache and sore throat etc). If absence due to illness is considered to be very high, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As of 19th August 2024, the government's new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence (including unauthorised holidays) comes into effect.

This affects when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period

A parent will no longer be able to take their child out of school for one week's holiday without a potential penalty notice being issued.

There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160, if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available. This may include prosecution for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please can PE kits be in school everyday, including trainers or plimsolls (not the shoes they have worn to school)
- Children should NOT be wearing jewellery to school (other than small stud earrings)
- Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school every day
- If your child's hair is longer than shoulder length, hair needs to be up
- Please ensure all new clothing is named so that we can return easily it to its rightful owner!
- Water bottles should be in school each day (they may contain juice or water)
- Snack needs to be HEALTHY (ideally fruit or vegetable based). There are fruit/vegetables available to all children every day or they may bring something from home. If the children choose something from their lunchbox we do not consider to be healthy we will ask them to select something else and save that item for lunchtime.