



# Newquay Primary Academy

## NEWS BULLETIN



Welcome back to Newquay Primary Academy and a huge welcome to our new reception children and their families. We have seen lots of smiling faces the last few weeks as they settle into academy life, and they all look fantastic in their uniforms.

We send out these news bulletins on a fortnightly basis, and they contain academy information, reminders, celebrations, and important dates. The class teachers do a great job on Tapestry with class photos and updates, and this news bulletin showcases highlights from life at Newquay Primary Academy.

If you have any questions, please remember to always ask a member of the academy team. We are all here to support you and your child in any way we can.

### BACK TO SCHOOL



## COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### JOSHUA CLASS

Next week Joshua class will be starting to learn about people who help us in our community. We will focus on the police first and learn about what they do to help us. The following week we will get to meet some real police officers when they visit us in class.

### TAMAR CLASS

In English, we will be continuing to read "Super Millie and the super school day". We will be designing our own superhero badges for ourselves and a friend and mini superhero figures in preparation for our superhero ceremony at the end of the unit.

In science, we will be continuing our learning about the human body. We will be learning about the importance of healthy eating, exercise and hygiene and welcoming in visitors from Healthy Cornwall.

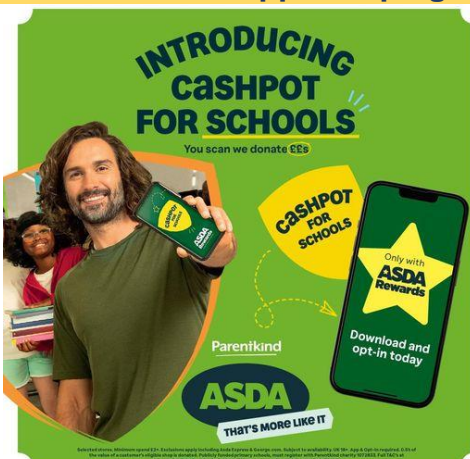
### SEVERN CLASS

Severn class will be starting their Geography unit on Marvellous Maps next week. This will include learning some compass skills, using keys on maps and looking at local geographical features. This learning will be concluded with a walk around the area and creating our own maps. The week after, Severn will start their RE learning and will have a visit from the local vicar to tell us the story of the "Lost Son". This will lead to the children acting out the story themselves to retell the key parts.

### TRENT CLASS

In the next couple of weeks, Trent class will be continuing on with their English book 'Flooded'. They will be delving further into their topics of Rivers, Ancient Egypt and Rama and Sita within their Opening Worlds lessons. The children will become even more knowledgeable about the River Indus and it's location. The learning on rivers is leading up to an exciting trip!!

## ASDA Rewards App – helping raise funds for NPA



Parentkind, the charity that supports schools & PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, to help raise millions of pounds for schools through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative'.

All you have to do is log into your Asda Rewards App, click on 'Cashpot' and select Newquay Primary Academy from the list of schools in the schools cashpot. When you shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our academy - this will not affect your own cash pot. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school cashpot as well as £50 to every school to get them started.

## ParentPay – Wraparound bookings & Menu Choices

Following on from the email we sent out on the 4<sup>th</sup> September and the changes that have been made to wraparound charges, we are still working with ParentPay to get these up and running so that you are able to book the snack choice. In the meantime, please book your wraparound places as per normal but inform the office if you would like your child to have breakfast or a snack.

Please ensure all lunch bookings are placed on ParentPay by Sunday morning for the following week. Chartwells need the weekly lunch choices emailed over to them on a Monday morning. We totally understand that sometimes this may not be possible. If this is the case, please just let the office know.

## Wraparound pick ups

If you are picking up your child from wrap-around care, please ring the bell and once inside wait in the foyer area for your child to be brought to you by a member of staff. If you need to speak to the office staff whilst waiting for your child, please return to the foyer area once the office staff have helped you with your enquiry. Please can we also ask that parents do not let in other parents/carers while waiting in the foyer area. This change is in place due to safeguarding requirements, and we thank you for your understanding.

## Updates to Attendance Policy

The changes to the National Penalty Notice Framework have now come into force. Specifically, the changes are:

1. A new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for which a penalty notice must be considered. A penalty fine can be issued for any combination of unauthorised absences over a 10- week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms.
2. 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.
3. If a 2nd 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.
4. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider options available to them to improve attendance. This will include a consideration to prosecute under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.
5. The current penalty notice warning letter used for unauthorised absence (not holiday) will be changed to a Notice to Improve

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 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.

## Important dates to remember

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Trip to the Orchard	Joshua Class
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos	All Classes
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross Country Event	Tamar, Severn & Trent
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Mental Health Day – wear yellow	All classes
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – info to follow	All classes
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	All classes
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Inset Day</b>		
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b> Start of the October half term holiday		
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October: First day of term</b>		