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Wednesday 24th July 2024



Newquay Primary Academy NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

As we say goodbye to the end of our third year at Newquay Primary Academy, our teachers and staff have been busy preparing our pupils for the next step in their academy journey. They have ensured that each class have made some amazing memories to take away with them. We have had beach trips, lifeboat visits, sporting events and a lot of singing and dancing!





NPA Sports Day was held as part of Wellbeing week, and we were lucky enough to have the Sun come out, allowing us to have a fantastic day. It was exciting to see the event growing as the academy grows and adding another class into the mix really made for a brilliant atmosphere. All the children shone and put so much enthusiasm into each of the individual events. We cannot wait to hold this event with four classes next year.







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On their second transition day, all pupils were invited to join superhero school! It was great to see all of them dressed up, even some of the staff! All classes got involved in lots of activities, including mask making and a hero's assault course, allowing them to get to know their new teachers and support staff. All our teachers are sad to say goodbye to their current classes, but excited to get to know their new pupils and see how they take on the next challenges thrown at them. We have had a fantastic year at Newquay Primary Academy and hope to continue to go from strength to strength.



Academy Uniform Policy

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Just a reminder to all parents and carers before you purchase your child's uniiform for Septmber, that our uniform policy is as follows:

At Newquay Primary Academy, we believe that a certain standard of dress is conducive to producing the right atmosphere for effective learning to take place and can help promote good social values. We wish to promote a positive public image of the academy and the way our pupils behave and are dressed can make an important contribution to this. All pupils are expected to wear academy uniform, which we believe provides our pupils with a sense of identity and a feeling of pride.

Boys and girls are expected to wear:

- Dark blue academy badged sweater/cardigan •
- Light blue cotton, long or short sleeved, buttoned polo shirt
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts (not tight, lycra or denim) •
- **Grey** skirt (knee length) •
- Grey, black or dark blue tights (no leggings) •
- Pain **black** socks •
- Plain **black** shoes no boots which exceed ankle height (Trainers, trainer type shoes, • canvas shoes are allowed but must have a black sole)
- Blue and White Gingham dress (summer term only)

Farewell to Miss Harrison

We would like to say farewell to Miss Pippa Harrison who has decided to leave Newquay Primary Academy. We would also like to thank her for all that she has done for the academy and especially for Severn class who we know will miss her. All at Newquay Primary Academy would like to wish Pippa all the best for the future.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Joshua class	Joshua Class are looking forward to their parents and carers joining them at their end of term sing-a-long celebration. It will be held in their classroom at 2pm on Thursday 25 th July. Bring your best singing voices
TAMAR CLASS	To finish off the year, Tamar class have a fun filled, last week of activities. The children will be visiting Newquay Junior to listen to the Year 6 production songs of 'The Greatest Showman', they will be celebrating their last ever marble treat together in true Tamar, dance fashion, they will be heading out on their trip to the shops and it is believed that on their last day, a visitor may be returning to NPA to say one last goodbye. Exciting stuff for Tamar class!
SEVERN CLASS	Severn Class will be finishing off year two with their marble treat, a secret silent disco, where we hope to see their best moves and disco outfits. Friday will be spent playing board games

Joshua Class's Sing-a-long Celebration

Joshua Class would like to invite their parents and carers to their end of term sing-a-long celebration. It will be held in their classroom at 2pm on the 25th July. Bring your best singing voices!

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Attendance Update from 19th August 2024

August will see the changes to the National Penalty Notice Framework 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

Attendance for Newguay Primary Academy

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	Tamar Class: 98.3%		Severn Class: 97.6% Tamar Class: 97.4%	
	Joshua Class: 95.8%			(* * * *
	Severn Class: 85.3%		Joshua Class: 91.9%	***

Week of 8th July 2024

Week of 15th July 2024

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.

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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 £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 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.

Office Opening Hours

The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00am until 1.30pm on a 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

Thursday 25 th July		Tamar trip – Tesco Express	Tamar Class			
Thursday 25 th July		Sing-a-long Celebration	Joshua Class			
Friday 26 th July 2024: End of Summer term						
Thursday 5 th September 2024: Start of the Autumn Term						

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