

Diary Dates

13 March
Sports Relief

13, 16 & 17 March
Book Fair

16 March
Cornwall Music Festival
(NO dance club tonight)

20 March
Open Afternoon

23 March
Spring Music Assembly

27 March
Last day of term
1pm finish

14 April
Summer Term begins

8 May
VE Day Bank Holiday

11 May
SATs week

25—29 May
Half term

3—5 June
Class 3 camp

8 June
Phonics Screening

10 June
Class photos

20 June
Gwennap Parish
Community Fete

24 June
Sports Day

25 June
Reserve Sports Day

Dear Parents

Today is St Piran's Day! The children have been learning The Song of the Western Men—or Trelawny—to sing today. We are one of the many schools taking part in the Trelawny Shout aiming to get 20,000 people singing the song written by Reverend Hawker. We also had a pasty lunch which was wonderful.

In addition, it is World Book Day and the school has been full of colour and costumes as the children (and staff) dressed up as book characters. We had princesses, Harry Potter book characters, Jungle Book, Roald Dahl characters, space men, sports people and everything in between! Our visitors have included the Educational Welfare Officer who also examined our attendance records. Please remember that requests for absence from school need to be made in advance and they do have a thorough read so make sure you give plenty of information.

Next week is Science Week! During the afternoons, our lessons will be science based with plenty of fun and interesting activities. The year 6 pupils have also been invited to Richard Lander School for a Science Fair while the year 5 and 6 girls will also be taking part in a 'Mission to Mars' workshop the following week.

On Friday 20 March we are having an open afternoon at school. Starting at 1.30pm, the afternoon will be an opportunity for you to visit the classes, take part in a lesson, look at your child's books and our fabulous displays. Parents are then requested to assemble in the Hall at 2.30pm for a short talk and introduction to our reading scheme at school. The meeting will finish at 3pm in time for you to collect your children.

Have a super weekend!

Tim Barnard

Head of School



FRIENDS OF CUSGARNE NEWS

Hello everyone! We're excited to say it's only 1 week to go until the book fair, so we thought we should let you know what's in store.

BOOK FAIR, just 1 week to go – 13th, 16th & 17th

We have had a fantastic response of job applications for the book fair takeover from the children of Class 3; an amazing amount of effort put into forms, well done everyone! Positions have been awarded, and we hope to send letters home to the successful applicants asap. We have Book Fair Managers, Display Specialists, Advertising Specialists, and Customer Service Assistants. Please come along to support our young entrepreneurs.

Book fair sessions will run each afternoon on Friday 13th March, Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March from 3:00pm till 4:00pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

For those of you who like value for money, check out the pre-paid vouchers available for purchase on the Scholastic website, all with 20% extra free (so for the cost of £10, for example, you'll receive a £12 voucher to spend at the fair), check out www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers. As a reminder, we are only able to accept pre-paid vouchers or cash as payment for book orders.

EASTER COMPETITION – 20TH MARCH

Easter is not that far away, which is egg-citing.....! What better way to celebrate, than with an egg-xtra special egg decorating competition? Please keep an eye out in book bags for more information.

The Royal British Legion have written to thank us for raising an amazing £138.86 from the Poppy Shop in November. Well done everyone!



Coronavirus

In line with the advice from Public Health England, please find a useful guide on handwashing.

Please be aware that schools receive daily briefings from Public Health England and we have a dedicated contact should an incident occur locally.

It is important that we do not spread panic and that the children, although aware of the situation, are not unduly alarmed.

Please encourage good hand hygiene at home so it becomes second nature to the children.

It is also important to make sure your contact details, including email addresses are up to date in case we need to broadcast any urgent messages to parents. Remember to log onto your Arbor App and check we have your current details.

How can you stop COVID-19 (coronavirus) spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it




Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser


You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting




After using the toilet




Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

Advance notice—there will be NO dance club after school on Monday 16 March 2020.

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES
w/c 9 March 2020
Breakfast Club runs daily on school days

	ACTIVITY	TEACHER	ADDITIONAL INFO
MONDAY	Keyboards	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	Dance Club Y3 , 4 and 5	CDS	3pm-4pm (NOTE pick up more likely to be 4.10pm)
TUESDAY	Wake and Shake	Mrs Ireson/Y6's	8.30am—8.45am
	Library Class 1 Class 2	Miss Hewson	Cl 1 (1pm—2pm) Cl 2 (2pm—3pm)
	Y4, 5 and 6 Sports Club	Mrs Murray	3pm—4pm
	R, Y1 and Y2 Create Club	Mrs Turner	3pm—4pm
WEDNESDAY	Library Club Class 3	Library ambassadors	12.30pm—1pm
	Woodwind	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	R, Y1, 2 and 3 Sports Club	PAFC	3pm-4pm
THURSDAY	Wake and Shake	Mrs Ireson/Y6's	8.30am—8.45am
	Violins Recorders	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	Performing Arts KS2	Miss Palmer and Mrs Ireson	3pm-4pm
FRIDAY	Guitars	CMST	Payment direct to CMST
	Drums	CMST	Payment direct to CMST

Please note that requests for term time absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Applications need to be made at least 14 days in advance. If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer may decide to take legal action against you. A Penalty Notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carers; per child. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

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