



Autumn Term 2019
Newsletter No 2
11th October



School's Forum Meeting

Many thanks to those of you who attended the School Forum on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The minutes are now available on the website for those of you who were not able to attend.

http://www.stbreock.org.uk/website/school_forum/373750

Your input into the future development of the school is very important and your input to these meetings is much appreciated.

Wonde

This is the portal online which the children use in school to access all their apps such as Times Tables Rock Stars and Education City. You are also able to access this at home, which will save children having to always use individual log-ons for apps. You will need to access www.wonde.com and click on the log in button in the top right-hand corner. Then you will need to find St Breock School and log in using emoji password. You will then need your child's username and emoji password which is stuck in the front of your reading record. All the children have used this regularly in school so will be familiar with it.

Parking Reminder

Please note that there is NO parent parking on site.

This is to keep children safe as they enter and leave school.

We do appreciate how limited our parking is and because of this would encourage you to walk if possible. Parking at Lidl's and walking up is an option. When parking around school is necessary, please, please respect our neighbours and consider how and where you are parking. Please consider when you park next to the pavement whether members of the public can safely get past without going onto the road. People who park illegally, i.e. blocking driveways or on double yellow lines, run the risk of receiving a parking ticket as we have requested police presence to keep the area safe.

The only instance that we allow parent parking on site in the morning is when using our DRIVE-THROUGH drop-off zone right at the front of school. This is manned by a member of staff in the morning and they will take younger children into school for you. Older children can be quickly dropped off here and enter their classrooms independently.

We have allowed parking on site in some extenuating circumstances, however this is with the understanding that cars should NOT be moved whilst there are still children on site. Please ensure you are following this rule if we have allowed you to park in our disabled or easy access spaces.

We ask that you please respect the one-way system we have in place in the mornings and after school which means the traffic flow is ONLY UP Tremarren Road not down. This has helped so much with not only traffic flow but also safety.

If other family members or friends drop off / pick up your child PLEASE remember to inform them of these procedures. Thank you.

Harvest – 9.30 am Tuesday 15th October

Please come along to share with us this annual school event for Years 1 - 6. This year it will be led by Alistair Sharp from the Methodist Church. If you would like to donate produce this will be delivered to our local Food Bank.

Below is a list of the most urgently required items. You may wish to refer to this

Sugar, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, sponge pudding, sweets, chocolate, pet food, longlife fruit juice, jam, sauce for pasta, soap, shower gel, deodorant, toilet rolls and cleaning items.

Individual School Photographs – Thurs 7th Nov

It's that time of year again and we need to organise the order of the day.

We will automatically have every child individually photographed for our school records. Any children with siblings who attend St Breock will also be photographed together. Parents are under no obligation whatsoever to purchase these photographs unless they wish to do so.

Should you wish your child/ren to be photographed with siblings or family who do not attend St Breock **this will need to take place at 8.30am**. Please arrive promptly.

FS2

We are delighted and excited to announce that Miss Barker is expecting her first baby. She will be starting her maternity leave in February and we will be advertising for her maternity cover shortly, which will also be supported by Mrs Merrick as she completes her teacher training with us in the Autumn and Summer Term.

We are also sadly losing the wonderful Mrs Lowen, who after 14 years at the school is moving on to pastures new. Her last day with the children will be 17th October. We will miss her very much but wish her every success in her new pathway. We are currently advertising for a full-time EYFS Teaching Assistant to replace Mrs Lowen. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying please see the Aspire website for details.

Mobile Phones

A reminder please that children's mobile phones should be turned off and put away as soon as they enter the school premises. This is to avoid having groups of older children pouring over their phones whilst waiting outside in the morning as this can make others feel isolated and not included, as well as being unpleasant for the other parents and younger children to have to negotiate their way around. I have spoken to the Y6s particularly about this and this morning was much improved. However, I would appreciate your support in not sending un-necessary mobile phones into school and if they must come in, please re-iterate the importance of putting them away. I wish to minimise the impact of social media the children may or may not use coming into the school environment.

Parent Groups

This leads on to something discussed briefly at the School Forum, which was the impact of parent groups on social media. Whilst there are many positives to these group chats, please be aware that in the same way it can cause upset with the children, comments, reactions and actions can cause upset and anxiety in the parents and other adults in our school community. Be Kind and let's look after everyone's wellbeing.

Arbor

You will be receiving your email by the end of today from Arbor asking you to set up a log on to our new communication system. If you have not received the email please contact the office. Once you have followed the link (you may need to copy and paste

this into the address bar) and set up your log on through the website on a laptop or computer NOT MOBILE DEVICE, you will then be able to download the app and log on using your mobile if you wish. Arbor will have all the same functionality as eSchools – attendance, text messages and parent consultation booking. There isn't currently a calendar function, however there will still be a calendar on our website, which will have all relevant dates. Please take a look at your details once you have logged in as you will be able to update lots of this yourself through the app.

You will no longer receive text messages through eSchools as we have run out of credits! In the meantime, any communication will be via email, Facebook and Instagram.

We hope to have everything up and running so you are able to book your consultations in for the week beginning 4th Nov.

Menu

The children seem to be thoroughly enjoying the new Aspire Catering Menu and numbers of children choosing to have a school lunch are on the rise. There will be an opportunity for you to feedback through our questionnaire in the new year and we will pass these on to the Aspire Catering Team.

Brocks

Our breakfast Brocks sessions are getting very busy, which is great. So we are able to cater for all the children and have our staffing ratios correct, please can you ensure you pre-book the children in via the office.

Dogs

Please remember dogs are not allowed on the school site, which includes the KS2 pick-up area.

Flu immunisation

This will take place on 31st October. If you wish your child to have the immunisation, please ensure you have filled out the online consent form. Follow the link below and use this unique reference code – **EE137142**

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

Sport For All Tops

We have been very disappointed with the quality of the new Sport for All Tops and have made the decision to return to the old collared version. To enable us to make this option more affordable we are looking for an annual sponsorship of £400. This will allow us to sponsor £40 shirts and only charge you £10 per shirt. If you or anyone you know may be interested in sponsoring us and having your company logo on the back of our shirts please let us know.

Minibus Drivers

We are always in need of volunteer drivers for our minibuses. If you know of anyone who has D1 on their license and may have some time to offer please get in touch.

Clubs

We are endeavouring to put together a club list for next half term which includes clubs from external providers. The list should be with you next week and we will start clubs week beginning 4.11.19 and run them till the end of the week beginning 2.12.19.



Diary Dates

15th October - Harvest Festival 9.30am Y1-Y6 – parents welcome to attend.

16th October - Wacky Wardrobe Day – Granite House chosen charity day for the Marine Conservation Society.

18th October - School Closed for staff inset.

21st October – 25th October – HALF TERM

28th October - Autumn Term 2 begins

31st October – Flu immunisation for FS2 –Y6

4th - 8th Nov – Parent Consultations

6th November - Hearing Screening Y1

7th November – Individual Photographs

5th December - Open Afternoon 3.30pm

6th December – Advent Market

11th December - 10am Y1/2 Christmas Performance

12th December – 10am FS2 Christmas Performance
2.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
7pm After School Club Dance Performance at the Town Hall

13th December – 10am Beacons Performance

16th December – 2.30pm Y3/4 Performance

17th December – 7pm Y3/4 Performance

18th December – 10am Y5/Y6 Nine Lessons and Carols at St Breock Church

12pm Christmas Lunch

20th December – Last day of the Autumn Term and Class parties

6th January – First day of the Spring Term