



Autumn Term 2019
Newsletter No1
Friday 6th September



Welcome back after the summer break.

We have been very impressed with how the children have come back to school and settled in their nearly new classes. Business as usual!

Attendance

I am delighted to report that our overall attendance has improved and we are now consistently in line with expectations of 96%. Thank you for all that you have done in supporting this. Right across Aspire there has been analysis of this and attached is a letter outlining the Trust Policy and procedures. This will NOT mean there will be any changes to systems already in place at St Breock. I will continue to monitor attendance closely. Class teachers will notify you if your child's attendance falls below 95%. I will continue to do a termly analysis and contact parents of children where attendance is falling below 90% or has not improved. This coincides with a termly meeting with the Education Welfare Officer, where individual cases are discussed, and further action taken on their part as deemed necessary.

In order to maintain an attendance of 96% your child will need to be absent for no more than 8 days in an academic year. Research has shown that children falling below 96% do not make as much academic progress as those that do have good attendance. With this in mind for the academic year ahead please consider every absence from school carefully.

Our Bistro

Aspire have now launched their Aspire Catering Team which our Bistro staff are part of. Our Bistro has been leading the way in its development, as they have been working independently of a catering company for over 10 years now and developing their own menu. The catering team have launched an exciting new look menu for the first part of the Autumn Term. This is available on the website where you can also view the school calendar to see which week the menu falls on. We are all looking forward to sampling the new additions.

We want your ALDI stickers

Aldi have launched a Kit for Schools campaign, where schools could win £20,000. Every time you spend £30 at Aldi make sure you ask for a sticker and add it to our giant poster in the foyer. If we fill up the

poster we get a free sports kit and have a chance of winning the cash. Lets get sticking!!

Summer Reading Challenge

Many thanks to all of you that supported your child completing the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Lots of children have already shown me their medals! Please remember you have until the 14th of September to complete the challenge. The library have told me that 101 children have signed up and 57 have already completed it. Amazing work!

FS2 Reading Meeting

Miss Barker will be holding a reading meeting for parents of children in FS2 on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm. I do hope we will see as many of you there as possible to find out how your child will be beginning their exciting journey into reading and how you can support this at home.

KS1 Drop off

We have changed procedures slightly for drop off to KS1 classrooms. You will have access to the bottom playground when you arrive at school first thing. Here there will be plenty of room for parents and children to congregate and use of the shelter if it is raining. A member of staff will then come and open the small playground gate at 8.40am to give you access to the veranda and classrooms.

Health & Well Being Fortnight

This year we are splitting our annual Health and Wellbeing fortnight into two separate weeks in the Autumn and Spring Term. The first week will be the week commencing the 23rd September and will focus on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Each day will take on a different theme; Connect, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give

School's Forum Meeting

We hope to see you at this year's first School Forum Meeting which is planned for Tuesday 8th October at 6.00pm. We will have a repeat meeting at 9am on the 9th October. The agenda this time will include attendance, Times Table Rockstars and new communication methods that will eventually replace eSchools (please look out for letters going home in the next few weeks). This group will be based on finding solutions for the whole school community. We do hope you will want to be a part of this very influential group.

Swimming – Years 5 & 6

Swimming lessons commence this Friday, 13th September, for Years Five and Six. Please ensure that children have their swimming kit in school every Friday for this term. Details have been sent via an eSchools letter. Please ensure payment has been made on ParentPay by Friday. Thank you.

ESchools

Please ensure you have access to eSchools either through the mobile app or online. We use this regularly for communicating with you and we do not want any parents to miss out on vital communications.

Our calendar is available on the website or eSchools and this will have the most up to date dates for school activities. Mrs Caddel updates this as soon as she possibly can so that you have the maximum amount of time to plan your attendance to events. We do appreciate how pressing this can be but please bear with us..

Harvest – 9.30 am Tuesday 15th October

Please come along to share with us this annual school event for Years 1 - 6. 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.

After School Clubs

These will start week beginning 16th September. Please look for details on the back of this newsletter. Please indicate your first, second and third choices as we try to ensure that all children are able to attend at least one club of their choosing. Where possible we will also give children their second and third choice. You may notice we are only offering clubs for the first half of this term. We are currently reviewing our after-school club offer, following a discussion at the Summer School Forum. We hope to offer a wider range and variety, some of which there may be a charge for as we are approaching external providers. Watch this space!

Nuts

Please remember we have several children in school with severe nut allergies and we therefore are a nut free zone. This includes all cakes, biscuits, sandwich spreads, etc which you might put in lunchboxes or

kindly donate for school events. Please take time to check the ingredients label of all items. Thank you.

Sickness

Please remember if your child has sickness &/or diarrhoea they will need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of symptoms.

Uniform

I have been made aware that it is not possible to obtain navy blue uniform at our local Tesco store. I have been informed that if parents were to contact customer services and query this, we may be able to get navy blue uniform in stock. I have emailed them through the contact form on-line and am awaiting a response. I shall keep you updated.

Thrilling Thursday

A reminder that children in the KS2 playground are able to bring in bikes / scooters / roller skates, etc to use in the playground at lunchtime each Thursday. These should be taken around the back of school as usual & left outside the classroom. Please ensure they are taken home at the end of the day. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

It is that time of year again. The Nasal Flu Immunisations is for children in FS2, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, taking place on Thursday 31st October. You will have received a letter from Kernow Health via eSchools. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Music Lessons

If your child would like to take up music lessons please contact Mrs McCutcheon at amccutcheonmusic@gmail.com

Diary Dates

13th September - AGM meeting School Hall 9am
18th September – FS2 Reading Meeting 6.30pm
23rd- 27th September Health and Wellbeing fortnight
2nd October KS2 Residential Meeting 6.00pm
8th October – School Forum 6.30pm
9th October – School Forum 9.00am
15th October - 9.30am Harvest Festival (Y1-Y6)
18th - October - School Closed for Staff Training
21st - 25th October – Half Term
28th October – First day of second half term.
31st October – Nasal Flu Immunisation FS2 - Y6



After School Clubs – First Half of Autumn Term 2019

The First Half of Autumn Term clubs will run for a total of 5 weeks.

Autumn First Half Term (Monday 16th September – Friday 18th October 2019)

When	What	Time	Who	Children
Monday	Girls' Football	3.30 - 4.30pm	Kits on Coaching	Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday	Ball Games	3.30 - 4.30pm	Miss Murray	Y1, 2 & 3
Tuesday	Netball	3.30 – 4.30pm	Miss Murray	Y4, 5 & 6
Tuesday	Cycling	3.30 - 4.30pm	Rossi	Y4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Football	3.30 – 4.30pm	Rossi	Y4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Football	3.30 – 4.30pm	Rossi	Y1, 2 & 3

Please appreciate the teachers are giving up their free time to run the after school clubs. We expect the children to show commitment by attending every session.

Should your child(ren) wish to apply to take part in a club, please complete and return the slip below. Thank you.

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After School Clubs First Half of Autumn Term 2019

Child:	Year:	Child:	Year:	Child:	Year:
Club	Day	Club	Day	Club	Day

Introduction of Aspire Attendance Policy – September 2019

Leave from school during term time

Date: 19th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Aspire Academy Trust is committed to ensuring your children are given the greatest opportunity to achieve their potential. This can only be achieved when children are in school and supported by high quality teaching and learning opportunities. We have recently reviewed the Trust Attendance Policy to ensure a greater level of consistency that will be put in to place from September 2019.

We recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely ill, has a medical appointment that cannot be made outside school hours, or a request for leave has been granted in “exceptional circumstances”.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless there are “exceptional circumstances”. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head of School using the school’s leave request form.

We will be notifying the Local Authority Education Welfare Service of any unauthorised leave which is taken from school if your child has ongoing attendance issues. As a result of this the Education Welfare Service may issue a penalty notice. Each situation will be scrutinised carefully by school leaders before making this difficult decision, and any mitigating circumstances will be considered.

If the Education Welfare Service issues a penalty notice this carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 if paid within 28 days. The penalty notices are issued to each parent/carers for each child. If the fines are not paid, then this may result in legal action being taken against you. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

The Department for Education states that penalty notices are one way of deterring pupils from being out of school without permission. Fines are issued and collected by local authorities, and any money gleaned must be reinvested in education.

Leave requests which have been submitted prior to this letter will be dealt with in line with our current attendance policy. All new requests will be subject to consideration of penalty notice by the Local Authority.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this letter or if you feel you would like more advice and support in helping your child attend more regularly. We are committed to working with parents to ensure all our children achieve their maximum potential.

Yours sincerely

Sian Hall

Head of School