

Lostwithiel Primary School

Newsletter AUTUMN TERM 2018 - 07.09.2018



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Head's Hello

Welcome back to the start of our brand new academic year! The children have all arrived back showing pride, passion, perseverance, participation and partnership in their new classes. They have been particularly proud of their new green uniforms. We are delighted to welcome our new Year 3 teacher Miss Jenine Rogers into our school family. We have also employed Mr Billy Way as our Sports Coach this year. We are excited about the sporting opportunities we will be able to offer using his expertise. In the next couple of weeks the children in years 1-6 will be bringing home a copy of our 'Home/School Agreement' in their purple home learning books. Please read, sign and return these. Our class teachers will be using 'Class Dojo' throughout the year to communicate messages, information and details about learning in your child's class. Make sure you are signed up to receive these. My email address is: head@lostwithielsch.org if you have anything you want to share or query. I would also like to invite you to our first Family Friday session of the year. It will be at 9am on Friday 19th October in the school hall. For those of you that haven't been before we have tea and biscuits in the school hall and then there is the opportunity to go into class and join in with the learning. I hope you see lots of you there and we will look to offer these sessions at different times and days throughout the year so that people get the opportunity to attend.

Warm regards, Kate Webber

Acting Head teacher

After School Club

Please be aware that after consultation this week the collection time for After School Club will be changed to 5.30pm from Monday 10th September. In order to facilitate this change the price per session will be increased to £6.50 from 10th September 2018.

We still have some outstanding parent debts from last year and ask that parents pay in advance or on the day for this provision and also for school lunches. Thank you to those parents who pay regularly and in good time. Unfortunately if we do not receive timely payments then it does affect how much childcare provision we can offer to parents.

Lostwithiel School Association

The first school association meeting of this year will be on Friday 14th September 2018 at 2pm. To welcome our new parents to Lostwithiel School there will be a cream tea at 3.15pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

MUSIC LESSON DATES:

Drum Lessons start on Mon 10 Sept

Brass lessons start on Tues 11th Sept

Guitar lessons start on Wed 12th Sept

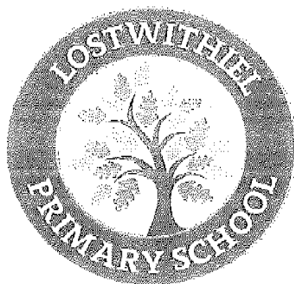
Violin Assembly lessons start on Thurs 13th Sept

Keyboard/woodwind start Fri 14th Sept

Last day of half term—**Friday 19th October 2018**—Half term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Return to school— **Monday 29th October 2018**

After School Club phone 07821 645720 from 3.15pm to 5.30pm



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9 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to update you on the following attendance procedures we have put in place after agreeing a new attendance policy with the local governing body. Although we know that most families work really hard to ensure their children are at school every day, on time, average attendance at Lostwithiel Primary School is below the national average for England. Our school attendance target this year is 96.5%. We have now created a policy and system for when children's attendance falls below 95%. We are sharing this with you so that we can ensure the challenging of non-attendance is fair and consistent. Most children have excellent attendance and we want to thank all those families who make every effort to support this.

Lostwithiel School will now be referring unauthorised holidays of 10 sessions (5 school days) or more to Cornwall Council Education Welfare Service. This will be common practice from Easter 2018. This decision has been strongly recommended by the Regional Schools Commission, who visited our school in September and identified absence, particularly term time holidays, as an issue that is negatively affecting the outcomes of pupil at our school. This has been considered carefully by the school governors, senior leaders and the Peninsula Learning Trust.

The Department of Education no longer allows headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the request from the school office. Letters and emails requesting holiday will not be accepted. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence and you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We will then refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. The Penalty Notice Officer will consider requests when attendance is or would fall to below 94.5%. They will look at your child's current attendance and their attendance of the previous academic year. You can find further details on this on our website.

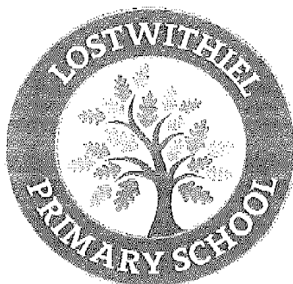
A Penalty Notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. Please note that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. Cases of ongoing and entrenched cases of poor attendance are dealt with separately by the school and EWS. Processes for this can be found on our website.

Celebrating Good Attendance:

We listened to feedback from parents and pupils last term and will be changing the way we celebrate good attendance. Instead of weekly class awards which caused concern for some children and families, we will be introducing a whole school half termly target of 96.5%. If the whole school reach this target, *all* pupils will celebrate together at the end of the term with a special celebration disco. We will still publish class attendance weekly in the newsletter to raise awareness of class attendance.

Headteacher: Natalie Simmonds

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Absence Reports and Requests

If you know your child is going to be absent from school you should contact the office and leave a message. If a child is absent without a reason, we will ring their named contacts to establish the reason for absence.

Following Department for Education guidance, we ask that all medical appointments be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, please make sure the office have a copy of the appointment letter for your child's file. We will expect your child to be at school before and after the appointment (e.g. for an 11am appointment, we would expect your child to be collected at 10:30 and then returned to school for afternoon lessons).

Formal Steps to Challenge Non-Attendance

When attendance is not good enough we will meet with parents to discuss how it can be improved. If attendance still doesn't improve, we will take steps to challenge this, which ultimately may include prosecution, issued by Cornwall Council.

Attendance drops below 95%	Letter A sent home Phone call and/or meeting with school to establish causes of absence and how we can support this
Attendance drops below 93%	Letter B sent home No further absence for illness will be authorised, without a doctor's letter. Meeting with class teacher and headteacher to establish an improving attendance plan
Attendance drops below 90%	Child is classed as persistently absent, which we must report to the local authority. Meeting with head teacher and local authority for an education planning meeting. 100 day monitoring period- if attendance improves we will continue to monitor, if your child misses 10% of sessions during this period we will begin proceedings with EWS to prosecute

No-one wants to fine or prosecute parents (to be clear, any funds raised from this do not come back to the school so there is no financial incentive for schools to take this route) but we know that children need to be at school to achieve well. I hope never to need to take this action at Lostwithiel Primary School. Please come and talk to us if there are reasons why your child is not attending school regularly. It is much better to work with us early on, so that children do not become persistently absent.

Our Attendance policy, copies of our letters and information about penalty notices from county are available on our website attendance page.

http://www.lostwithiel.cornwall.sch.uk/website/attendance_information_/333894

Yours Sincerely

Natalie Simmonds

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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL UNIFORM

April 2018

Dear parent/carers

As you may know we have changed our school logo from the bridge logo to the tree logo you see on this letter. As a school that is trying hard to sustain our numbers, it is important that parents from Lostwithiel and outside the community can see that our school has an outdoor learning ethos, is a forest school that is underpinned by our 5 P values. We often found visitors or potential parents would know nothing about our outdoor areas or forest school. We hope that this logo shows what we offer more clearly. To reinforce this message further, we will be changing our uniform to a forest green colour. The new uniform will have the new logo.

The new dark green uniform will take effect from September 2018 however we would like to stress that there will be a transition period and that we do not expect parents/carers to purchase the new uniform unless they are intending to buy new items anyway. The existing red uniform that you currently own can still be worn until items need to be replaced. The school office have an item of clothing in the new colour should you wish to look at it.

Wovina will continue to sell the Lostwithiel School uniform items and the new green uniform will be available to purchase after the 21st May 2018. The uniform will not be stocked in their shop for general sale so all items will need to be pre-ordered. Items can be posted (for a purchase of under £20 please allow £2.50 for postage and packing) or you can call at Wovina to collect the items personally (please allow up to 14 days for items to be ordered). For those parents who do not have internet access Wovina will accept telephone orders.

Wovina, 1-3 Omaha Road, Bodmin, PL31 1ER, Tel: 01208 833070, www.wovina.com.

The current Wovina prices for items showing the Lostwithiel School logo are:

**Full zip fleece: £13.00, Sweatshirt: £8.60, Cardigan (sweatshirt material) £11.45, PE T shirt: £4.10,
PE Bag: £3.85, Book Bag: £4.50.**

We would like to reiterate our school uniform policy:

Shoes

Plain black sensible shoes (no logo) – **No** canvas shoes, training shoes, boots, open toed or backless shoes.

Sock/Tights

black tights, white or black socks

Uniform

Black skirt or trousers (no jeans/leggings/jeggings)

Dark green polo shirt or white shirt/blouse (no white polo shirts)

Dark green jumpers/cardigans

Items with Lostwithiel school logo: dark green fleece, dark green sweatshirt, dark green cardigan (sweatshirt material)

In warmer weather : dark green and white check summer dress, black tailored shorts

PE

Black shorts or black track suit bottoms, black PE skirt or black skirt

Training shoes

Items with Lostwithiel School logo: dark green PE T shirt

Thank you for your continued support with our policies.



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LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL TRAVEL AND SAFETY

29th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Governors and school staff are very concerned about the safety and congestion on Bodmin Hill and around the school car park at drop off and pick up times.

We have taken the following actions to try and improve the safety and organisation of these very busy times of the day.

- The walking bus will continue every day, rain or shine and will be staffed by Ms Simmonds or Mr Stead. As we have members of staff leading the bus we will be at the community centre at 8:20 am and will be leaving at the slightly earlier time of 8:30 am so staff and pupils can be in school promptly 9 am.
- Staff members will no longer park on the left side of the car park. This area will be kept free to allow drivers with a disabled badge easy access to the spaces provided. It will also allow turning room for the taxis that provide transport from the county council.
- A member of staff will do a car park duty from 8:45 am to 9 am. This will be to ensure safe drop off in and around the car park.

Mrs Warren Nicholls will be on duty to pick up children delivered in taxis from 8:45 am.

Staff members, disabled badge holders, taxis and child care providers will be allowed access to the car park.

We politely ask all other parents and carers:

- Do not enter the carpark to 'drop off' or park your car. Please park away from the school car park and gate to ease congestion
- Do not park or stop on the yellow zig zags outside the school entrance. This is illegal and is dangerous as it blocks the entrance and line of sight for pedestrians and other drivers
- Drive slowly and considerately on Bodmin Hill for the safety of pedestrians and children.

Natalie Simmonds
Head Teacher



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CATERLINK MENU AUTUMN TERM 2018

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child.

**Gold Menu
Autumn 2018**

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1						
	Main	Sausage Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles	Roast (as advertised) with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (Made with organic mince)	MSC Salmon Fishcake/ Fishfingers with Chips
03-Sep	Vegetarian	Vegetarian Risotto	Mac and Cheese with Garlic Bread	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Noodles	Vegetable wraps with Rice or Chips
24-Sep		Baked Tomatoes Peas	Peppers Green Beans	Swede Mash and Carrots	Sweet corn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
15-Oct		Apple Crumble & Custard Yoghurt	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad	Carrot and Courgette Cake & Custard Yoghurt	Apple & Raisin Strudel with Custard Yoghurt	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt and Fruit Station
12-Nov	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Platter		Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	
03-Dec						
Week 2						
	Main	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry With Rice	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
10-Sep	Vegetarian	Vegetarian Lasagne Jacket Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mac and Cheese with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
01-Oct		Coleslaw Sweet corn	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Cauliflower	Sweet corn Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans Garden Peas
22-Oct		Eves Pudding with Custard Yoghurt	Pineapple Loaf Yoghurt	Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square Yoghurt	Oaty Peach Crumble with Custard Yoghurt	Vanilla shortbread biscuit Yoghurt and Fruit Station
19-Nov	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Chunks	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	
10-Dec						
Week 3						
	Main	Chicken Pizza With Wedges	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	MSC Battered Fish with Chips
17-Sep	Vegetarian	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges	Shepherdess Pie	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Red Pepper Frittata with New Potatoes	Chilli with Rice or Chips
08-Oct		Sweet corn Mixed Peppers	Green Beans Glazed carrots	Savoy Cabbage Sweetcorn	Broccoli Tomato Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas
05-Nov		Mandarin Upside Down Cake Yoghurt	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Yoghurt	Cheese, Apple and Biscuits Yoghurt	Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt and Fruit Station
26-Nov	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Chunks		
17-Dec						



Available Daily
Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
Bread freshly baked on site daily
Daily salad selection



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HOLIDAY AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

Please note in addition to the school term dates below, Lostwithiel School will also be closed for staff training days from Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June, inclusive 2019.

Cornwall Council

2018/19 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

October 2018						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

November 2018						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2018
Boxing Day	26 December 2018
New Year's Day	01 January 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019
Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Early May Holiday	06 May 2019
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018 (73 days)

04 September - 20 December
(Half term 22 - 26 October)

SPRING TERM 2019 (60 days)

07 January - 05 April
(Half term 18 - 22 February)

SUMMER TERM 2019 (62 days)

23 April - 25 July
(Half term 27 May - 31 May)

December 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

January 2019						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

February 2019						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22		
Sat	2	9	16	23		
Sun	3	10	17	24		

March 2019						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2019						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2019						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2019						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2019						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2019						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Please note Lostwithiel will be closed to pupils from Monday 3 June to Friday 7th June inclusive for staff training (inset) days.