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Head's Hello,

Well, this is a tricky one for me to write. I have had a fantastic 6 years here at Lostwithiel. I have packed so much into that time, transforming our reading curriculum, building a new early years and year 1 block, a retaining wall and Oak classroom, a pandemic, opening a nursery and having a daughter. I leave today feeling immensely proud of the achievements at school but most of all feeling grateful and so very lucky to have worked with such fantastic teachers, support staff and wonderful children. I will miss them all very much. Especially Mrs Webber, who I have worked alongside often late into evenings, thinking up our next scheme! Lostwithiel, the staff and children, will always be in my heart.

PS: I'll be back for leavers assembly and I'll be calling Mrs F on SATS results day as I know year 6 will smash it!

Natalie Simmonds Head Teacher



As you all know we are saying goodbye and a BIG thankyou today to our fabulous Head teacher, Natalie Simmonds. We wish her the best of luck in her new job and our whole school family will miss her dearly.

Whilst at Lostwithiel School she has been relentless in her drive for school improvement and our school is now a very different place to when she came for her interview back in 2015. I have had the great pleasure of working closely and learning so much from Ms. Simmonds. I have been constantly inspired by her energy, knowledge and work ethic. She is passionate about providing high expectations for all learners and her love for reading has rubbed off on the whole school.

Today we have all been together for a leaving assembly for her. In preparation for this I have been asking the children what Ms. Simmonds had brought to our school. One child said "Joy, happiness and adventure" to which they all agreed. I think they summed it up perfectly.

Good luck Ms. Simmonds and thank you for everything.

Mrs Webber and all the staff at Lostwithiel School





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Sports at Lostwithiel Primary School



Our year 6 cross-country children braved the weather last week at Par running track







Year 5 and 6 netball team: The team have said they love how supportive their teammates are, they like how everyone works so well together and they come to netball to work hard as a team and have fun!



Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 football teams have played both home and away games recently as well as our year 5/6 netball team/









A big thank you to all the parents, carers and staff that support and make these events happen!



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Hi Everyone!

The PTA have been a little quiet after Christmas but we have a lot going on behind the scenes!

Still working on the wish lists and Tiny Trees now have new play food for their kitchen area and writing equipment for their writing area. Beech Class received playdough and Lego as part of their wish list and we have also been happy to provide new books throughout the school;

most recently ensuring year 3 had enough atlas' for each child and updated the dictionaries in year 4! These small things have made a great difference in the classroom, all thanks to you supporting the PTA's events!

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd Feb at 6pm** in The Globe, Lostwithiel. All Welcome
Our Christmas Fayre was a lovely event, we hope you enjoyed it, how amazing was the grotto! Thanks to all the PTA members who made this happen and the teachers who create wonderful items with the children for us to buy. The PTA made approx. £1120 at the event.

As we move into February we have a cake sale on Friday 10th, in the school hall at 3pm. Also on this day we are organising a Rainbow Day! Each class has been given a colour (please see poster below) and the children can come to school in this colour, we also ask for a donation of this colour to make 8 coloured hampers for a raffle after half term. On Friday every child will go home with a raffle book to sell tickets to friends and family over half term to win one of our Rainbow Hampers! Please ask a PTA member if more details are needed. Raffle money and ticket stubs will need to be returned to school after half term on Monday and we will draw the winners on Thursday 23rd Feb. We hope you can support this fundraiser and if you feel you would like more than one raffle book, please ask!

As we say a sad goodbye to Ms Simmonds, the PTA would like to thank her for all the support she has given us over the years and especially me as a new chair. Good luck in your new job! Thank you to all the parents who donated to Natalie's leaving present, Ms Simmonds kindly wanted to make sure it was spent in school and requested any collection was spent on books for the children.

Hi Everyone! We thought it's about time you met the Class Pigs! So without further ado please meet **Conkers Royale**

His classmates describe him as smart and loyal, Conker's Class Pig is also smart! He has a funny personality, an enhanced sense of fashion and loves jewellery.

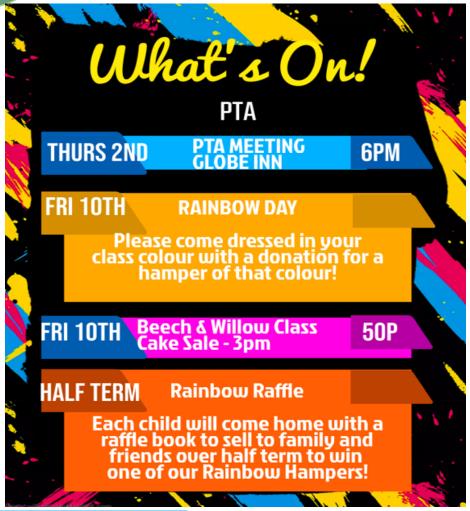
Will Conker's Class Pig be the fattest pig in school? Remember to bring in your pennies for your class piggy bank! Next week we will meet Maple Class Pig...





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Rainbow Day

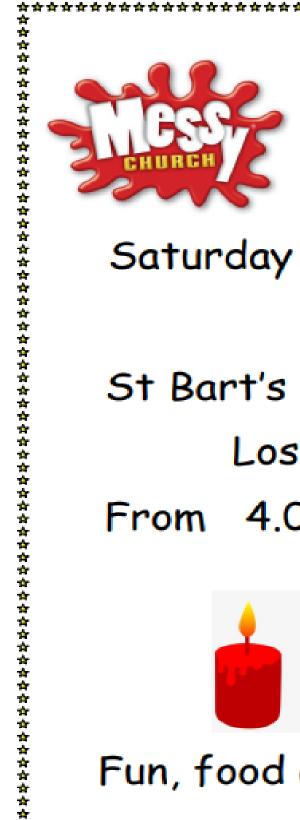
If you don't have clothes in your colours don't worry, perhaps you could put some ribbon in your hair or make a paper hat, wear colourful socks or accessorise in your class colour—it can be as much or as little as you can find.

Feel free to stretch your imagination for your hamper items. It might not be that colour but linked with your class colour (Orange flavour or colour is in the name) or even wrap/decorate your item in your class colour.

We are grateful for any items received but appreciate not everyone can participate.



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Benefice of Lostwithiel Parishes

Saturday January 28th

St Bart's Church Rooms Lostwithiel 4.00pm - 6.00pm From



Fun, food and friendship



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Should I keep my

child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever		
Head lice	Tonsillitis		
Threadworms	Slapped cheek		





Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.



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2022/2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Here at Lostwithiel School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's request form.

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.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Lostwithiel School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.



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The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold set by Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT). For all CELT schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



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BANK HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 27th December 2022 Christmas Day (in lieu) **Boxing Day** Monday 26th December 2022 Monday 2nd January 2023 New Years Day (in lieu) Good Friday Friday 7th April 2023 Monday 10th April 2023 Easter Monday May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023 Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023 Monday 28th August 2023 Summer Bank Holiday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Autumn Half Term Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 2022
Winter Holidays Wednesday 21st to Friday 30th December 2022
Spring Half Term Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023
Spring Holidays Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023
Summer Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

LOSTWITHIEL SCHOOL INSET DAYS

5 days - Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022



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Easter Monday Monday 1st April 2024
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Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024

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Summer Half Term Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May 2024

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Friday 1st September 2023 and Monday 4th September 2023 5 days - Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October 2023



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