The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers

NOVEMBER 2024

Important Parking Update



Please see image above:

The area detailed in <u>yellow</u> is a public highway, parking is either not permitted in this area between 8am and 6pm or completely prohibited due to double yellow lines.

Parking is also prohibited in the area outlined in <u>red</u> this area is privately owned and maintained by residents.

We have recently been made aware of occasions where residents access has been compromised due to vehicles being illegally parked. Please can all parents refrain from parking in these areas. Thank you

Attendance

	This	Year to
	Week	Date
LG1	97.62%	95.63%
LG2	96%	93.76%
Crinnis	95.77%	94%
Booley	86.92%	93.25%
Polmear	95.33%	94.47%
Polkerris	94.07%	94.87%
Silvermines	93%	94.02%
Gribbin	94.59%	94.92%
Carnjewey	95.52%	98.04%
Duporth	94.84%	95.48%
Menabilly	96.24%	96.72%



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Reminder



Y6 CAMP final payments due 16th May.

Christmas Lunch Payments due 5th December

Diary Dates

November

29th Christmas Fayre

December

5th Reindeer Roundup Cornwall
Hospice Care

11th Christmas Lunch (Change of Date)

16th KS1 Play

17th KS1 Play

18th KS2 Carol Concert—St Andrews Church 1:30pm

19th KS2 Carol Concert—St Andrews Church 1:30pm

21st Christmas Holiday Starts

January

6th INSET DAY (School Closed)

7th Return to School

February

15th Half Term Holiday Starts

24th Return to School

April

5th Easter Holiday Starts

22nd Return to School

May

5th Bank Holiday

24th Half Term Holiday Starts

June

2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)

3rd Return to School







KS1 would like to invite you to their **Sing and Sign Christmas celebration**. This will be held on the **16**th **and 17**th **December** at **1.30pm**. Tickets will be limited to 2 per child and can be collected from the school office. We kindly ask for a small donation on the day.

Information Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

Family Worker Drop In

Tywardreath School

These sessions will be run by Ruby Waterfield Restormel Early Help Team Family Worker

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviors?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running a drop-in session on: Friday 13th December 2024, 13:30-15:00.

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk Call: 01872 324929









Advice and guidance To find out more, search for health protection in schools

or scan the QR code or visit

but make sure you let their school or nursery

Tonsillitis

Slapped cheek

know about...

Head lice



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid within 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

<u>Each</u> parent can receive a fine for <u>each</u> child who has had unauthorised absence from school.

In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

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 £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 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.

