

LATEST DATES

Friday February 15th - Last Day of Half Term

Monday February 25th - Children return to school

Monday March 4th - Communications Week in School

Thursday March 7th - World Book Day, come to school dressed as a book character

Thursday March 7th - Book Fair in the Hall 3.15pm

Friday March 8th - Book Fair in the Hall 3.15pm

SATs Week for Year's Y6 is May 13th-17th 2013 please note no holidays will be authorised for this week and parents taking holidays at this time will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer and are liable to prosecution.

SATs Week for Year's Y6 In 2014 (current Y5) dates not yet announced but will be either in the weeks of May 5th, 12th or 19th 2014



TRADE IN YOUR OLD MAGAZINES AND COMICS



Did you know that our Book Bank is a Young Co-operative enterprise run by a Board of Directors who are pupils? Did you also know that any profit made from books sold is re-invested to fund the Book Bank vouchers which are given to pupils as part of our reward scheme? Well, the young entrepreneurs are planning to expand their Book Bank by offering a service where children can bring in pre-owned/read magazines/comics and exchange them for Book Bank vouchers which they can then spend on books or magazines. If you have any reasonable quality children's magazines or comics at home and want to turn them into new books or other pre-loved comics then bring them into school after half-term.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Well done to Josh, Harry, Zoe, Hannah, Lauren and Seb who all competed in the latest Cross Country event held at Cape Cornwall School. All pupils finished in the top half of a large field and all improved upon their previous placing.

MATHS EVENING WELL SUPPORTED

Thanks to all those who attended the Maths Evening which was held for Parents a couple of weeks ago. Staff went through the latest strategies for teaching basic maths concepts so that parents can help with homework etc. Feedback from those who attended was very positive indeed. Thanks also go to the staff for the time they gave to this evening.

CURRY NIGHT SUCCESS

Well done and thanks to the newly formed PTA for organising the Curry Night last Friday evening. Their efforts transformed our hall into an atmospheric Indian themed restaurant, whilst Mrs Mawer our cook provided the food (with a 13 hour shift! and local band Three Men and a Coat provided some excellent music. Thanks to all who supported this successful evening!

The old story about curry inducing childbirth proved true as PTA Chair Sam Carter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Alexa, just hours after the event finished. Our congratulations go to Sam & Ian.

HOUSE TEAM SHIELDS RIVAL HOGWARTS

One of our areas to develop this year was to give greater importance and status to our House Teams. To this end we have introduced the new House Team ties, extended the captaincy system and plan to increase the number and range of inter-house tournaments. Over the past few months Mr Poolman has been working tirelessly in his spare time to create the fantastic House Team shields pictured below. Each team selected their animal to represent their House and the talented artist created the shields onto sheets of MDF. These shields will take pride of place in the four corners of the hall. On behalf of the children from all four houses a HUGE thank-you goes out to Mr Poolman!



TREVENA PARTNERSHIP

Spring is just around the corner and plans to develop our roof garden are well underway. We have had great support and help from Grandpa Frank (aka Pappy) who has been working hard to prepare the raised beds and to sow seeds with the children ready for planting out in the warmer weather. We have also established a partnership with Trevena Cross Nurseries who are providing plants and additional advice for which we are very grateful.

TEFL PROGRAMME INTRODUCED

We have recently introduced a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) programme to assist students for whom English is not their first language. We are grateful to Annie who as well as being a parent of our school is also a very experienced TEFL teacher.

