

CUSGARNE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Date: 23rd February 2018

Diary Dates

26 + 27 Feb Bikeability for year 5

1 March World Book Day (we will be dressing up today!)

9 March Browsing session for the Book Fair

12—14 March Book Fair open for sales

19 March Healthy Schools Week

28 March Music Assembly 1.30pm in the Hall

29 March Last day of term School closes at 1.15pm

16 April Summer Term begins

May Assessment month inc 14—17 May SATs

> 28 May Half term

18 June Sports Day (reserve day 19th) Dear All

I hope that you all enjoyed the half-term break and made the most of the sunshine when it appeared! The children have quickly settled back into their lessons and are enjoying their class topics. We sent a letter home earlier in the week giving details of the parent-teacher appointments. The teachers will have 10 minutes appointment slots on Wednesday 7th March running throughout the afternoon up to 6pm. Please pop into Reception and sign up to see your child's class teacher.

This year, all of the appointments will take place in the Hall and we are asking that you use the side steps (from the lower end of the playground) leading into the Hall. This will save disruption to the classes while parents are arriving for their meetings.

Next week the year 5 pupils have a Bikeability course on Monday and Tuesday. Please remember your bikes and helmets; and if you haven't already done so, please give your child's bike a thorough check up ensuring that saddles are at the correct height and that all of the brakes are in working order. There are bike stands at the top end of the playground but please encourage your children to 'push' their bikes when they are bringing them into school to avoid collisions with the younger children.

Thursday 1st March 2018 is World Book Day and we are asking that the children come into school dressed as a book character. Each child will be given a £1 book voucher which can be used at most high street retailers. They can either swap it for one of this years £1 books or use it against a full price book or audiobook. There are full terms and conditions on the back of the voucher if you need further information.

Some of you may have noticed that the school website has had a make over. The new site can be reached at www.cusgarne.org and we now have a twitter feed. Please follow us on Twitter and if we have messages to pass onto you, we will post them via Twitter and our website.

Don't forget to sign up for a weekly newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox. Please email your details to secretary@cusgarne.org and ask for your name to be included.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tim Barnard,

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Acting Head of School.

Pupils of the Week

Class 1 — Abigail and Logan F Class 2 — Lara Class 3 — Aaron

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Cornwall Music Festival—12 March 2018

Pupils in years 1, 2 and 3 will be taking part in the spoken verse section of the Cornwall Music Festival on Monday 12th March. We also have some individual, duet and trio recorder entries the same day and everyone is already practicing their pieces - I know that parents will encourage them to keep rehearsing at home.

Class 2 will also be entering the ukulele section on Friday 16th March and Mrs Murray is just waiting some final information before we can let you know the full arrangements for the day.

Don't worry parents if you are unable to go along to see the children perform at the Music Festival since we are planning an end of term Music Assembly on Wednesday 28th March from 1.30pm in the Hall. The assembly is for family and friends to come along and see some of the wealth of talent we have at Cusgarne.

The forecast next week is for some very cold weather so please make sure your child has a warm coat with them each day.

Snow is not currently forecast but please keep a watchful eye on the weather just in case. There may be icy conditions first thing in the mornings so allow extra time for your journey and give us a ring if you think you are going to be late.

ATTENDANCE

The Department of Education has altered the definition of persistent absence from 15% to 10% of the school year. This amounts to 19 school days in a year. It is a very tight target and is linked to holidays in term time and indiscriminate days off.

Additionally, the guidance for issuing penalty notices for unauthorised absence has been revised. It now states that:

Penalty Notices can only be issued in cases where a pupil of compulsory school age has been absent from school and the absence has not been authorised

Or

Where a pupil arrives persistently late

The minimum level of absence necessary is 10 or more school sessions (5 days) in any 100 day period.

Prosecution under the Education Act should be considered as an alternative where 20 or more sessions of unauthorised absence occur.

It is therefore essential that all requests for 'leave of absence' are made well in advance to enable time to check reasons, evidence and previous attendance information. Do not assume that authorisation will be given. School term dates are published well in advance to enable parents to make plans for holidays out of school time. These can be found either on the school website Calendar or Cornwall Council website.







DIARY OF ACTIVITIES w/c 26th February 2018 Breakfast Club runs daily on school days ADDITIONAL **TEACHER** ACTIVITY INFO MONDAY Guitars Mr Collington Payment per term Keyboards Mr Clapp Payment per term Payment per term Woodwind Miss Sampson Class 3 Homework Mrs Turner 12.30pm-12.55pm Club Sports Club Mrs Murray 3pm-4pm Reception, yr 1 + 2 Mrs Ireson Sports fixtures Mr Barnard As advised As advised TUESDAY Wake and Shake Mrs Ireson/Y6's 8.30am—8.45am Art Club Mrs Turner/ Mr Barnard KS2 3pm-4pm KS1 and KS2 Miss Palmer/Mrs Ireson KS1 WEDNESDAY Miss Hewitt Payment per term Violins Class 2 Ukuleles Miss Hewitt Drums Mr Robinson Payment per term Brass Club Mr Pope 3,30pm Wake and Shake 8.30am—8.45am THURSDAY Mrs Ireson/Y5's Recorders Ms Hawken

Breakfast Club

Mrs Murray

Mrs Jefferies

Mr Barnard

Miss Palmer

12.30pm—12.55pm

3pm-4pm

12.30pm-12.55pm

Games Club

Hockey Club

KS2

Colouring Club

Classes 1 and 2

Please bring shin pads

and gum shields if you

have them

Our Breakfast Club runs daily on school days from 8am. Please book your child's place in advance.

Current prices as follows:

<u>With breakfast:</u> First child £2 per morning; siblings £1 per morning <u>Without breakfast:</u> First child £1 per morning; siblings 50p per morning

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