



Southerly Point
Co-operative
Multi-Academy Trust



Newsletter

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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Autumn Term: 05th September - 16th December 2022

Half Term: 24th - 28th October 2022

Spring Term: 3rd January - 31st March 2023

Half Term: 13th - 17th February 2023

Easter: 03rd - 14th April 2023

Summer Term: 17th April - 25th July 2023

Half Term: 29th May - 02nd June 2023

INSET DAYS 2022/2023

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2023

Parking and driving at school drop off and pick up times

Please can we ask all parents and carers to drive and park responsibly around the school. We have had reports from passers by of cars dangerously turning in field entrances and on the road outside the school.

If cars are "abandoned" on the grass verges and parked on the double yellow lines it makes driving along the road almost impossible and very dangerous.

I know that parking around the school is limited but that would not excuse a tragedy if a child was seriously hurt due to careless parking or driving around the school.

Please drive and park responsibly around our school for the safety of the whole school community and of the wider community

After School Club - Wednesday 12th October

**Due to an essential staff meeting for all staff the
After School Club will only run until 4pm (prompt)
On Wednesday 12th October.**

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately, due to high demand for the wrap around care provision, we will now be charging for any sessions booked but not taken, unless cancelled 48hrs in advance.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am -8.50pm (breakfast available until 8.15am)

Afterschool club runs from 3.00pm - 5.00pm (prior arrangement if this provision is required until 5.30pm)

Availability from 7.30am - 8.00am and 4.00pm- 5.00pm are limited to 8 spaces only so please book well in advance if you require these slots.

**Please do not drop children off before the time slot they are booked in
for**

Email secretary@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk or call the school
If you wish to make bookings for the wrap around care provisions.

Attendance

All children will have days when they're not able to go to school, whether that's due to illness, holiday or a family emergency, and the occasional day off is unlikely to affect their education.

However, missing too much school can be seriously detrimental.

A child who misses school just two days per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.

Arriving late can also have a huge detrimental impact on your child's learning. If your child is just 10 minutes late each day that equates to 50 minutes of lost learning time a week which is the same as 12 hours a term- 2 school days. Being late causes anxiety to the child that is late and disrupts their learning and the class.

Missing a few days of school here and there or arriving at school a few minutes late may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning.

Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up.

Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning.

Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Pupils who miss between 10 and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

We will be running a weekly interclass competition to see which class has the best attendance; the winning class each term will have a treat e.g. a non-uniform day or picnic.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Busyzone	100%
Wonderzone	94.53%
Smartzone	95.24%
Studyzone	96%

'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Years 1, 2 5 and 6 are exploring rare words in the English. Each week , a 'Rare Word of the Week' will be discussed in class and the children will being challenged to see if they can add it into their writing or use it in conversation . We would like to invite you all to join in at home!

Yr 5 and 6 Quiescent

Adjective: at rest; quite; dormant; inactive

In the **quiescent** moments before dawn, the soldiers huddled in their trenches awaiting the inevitable bombardment that the morning would bring.

'Talking Lunches Oracy at Sithney'

To help develop our children's oracy skills we are developing activities to encourage the children to build their skills in speaking and listening. There is a clear connection between a child's language ability and attainment at the end of Key Stages. For this reason we are introducing "Talking Lunch" on Tuesdays. The children will be given an open ended question to talk about and debate during their lunch session. We will put the question for the week on each newsletter in the hope that you can discuss it at home over the weekend before our lunch; helping to develop your child's understanding, vocabulary choices and sentence formation. Our question for our "Talking Lunch" for next week will be :

If the answer is "Once with a fish", what is the question?

TEAM	16.09.22	23.09.22	30.09.22	07.10.22
Killigrew				
Trevithick				
Bassett				

NUMBOTS

George, Archie,
Alice x4, Bodhi B,
Ned x2, Evie N

READING EGGS

Freddie
Alex

TT ROCKSTARTS

Ruby
(Breakthrough Artist)

Aggie - (Rockstar)

Amy, Jacob W
(Headliner)

Thomas H, Jakub,

Bodhi, Tabitha
(Wannabe)

READING ROLE OF HONOUR

Alice 6, Bella 6, Emmeliah 6,

Elizabeth 6, Evie 11,

Freddie 5, Penny 5,

Harvey 5, Tilly 5,

Ollie 5+, Keynvor 5+

Zach 5+, Lily 5+

CROSS COUNTRY 2022/23

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Tuesday 13th September	Race 1	KS2	Porthleven - 4pm
Tuesday 11th October	Race 2	Reception/KS1 and KS2	HCC – 4pm
Tuesday 8th November	Race 3	KS2	Porthleven – 4pm
Tuesday 28th February	Race 4	KS2/Peninsula qualifier	Mullion 4pm
TBC March	Peninsula Final	KS2	TBC
TBC	School Games Final	KS2	Newquay
Tuesday 2nd May	Race 5	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Mullion 4pm
Tuesday 23rd May	Race 6	KS2	HCC 4pm
Tuesday 13th June	Fun Run	KS2	Mullion 4pm

Online Safety

Each week will be adding further information on our newsletter

Digital Parenting | vodafone.co.uk/digitalparenting

HOW TO SPEAK DIGITAL

The essential dos and don'ts of family communication

DO - Be a team

Everyone prefers a democracy to a dictatorship. Discussing and agreeing your family's rules around digital with your child will help them remember, enforce and respect what you agree on.



DO - Be consistent

If you've decided not to allow phones at the table or in bedrooms, stick with it or make a point of changing the rule or making an exception.



DON'T - Use their device against them

If they do break the rules, punishment by confiscating or banning devices can do more harm than good. Try old fashioned time-outs or getting them to do chores instead.



DON'T - Forget the rest of the family

If you are enforcing screen time boundaries, try to make sure everyone in the family supports you. Just like bedtimes, each person may have a different one, but everyone needs to join in.



DO - Notice the positives

Telling them when they do something good (like turning off their device without being asked) is just as important as telling them when they've done something wrong.



DON'T - Forget their right to privacy

Remember you don't have an automatic right to see every text message or to be that parent who posts every picture of them on their own social feeds (i.e. an 'oversharent').

DO - Enjoy their knowledge

Ask your child to show you how to do something online. Working through problems together will foster a great relationship.



DON'T - Assume they know everything

People often think children are digital experts just because they have ninja swiping skills. They still need your help to check safety settings on the devices and platforms.

DO - Stay calm

When something goes wrong it's tempting to go into overdrive, especially if they've broken one of your rules. If you do overreact, they are less likely to come to you next time.

90%

of 12- to 16-year-olds in the UK don't believe their parents follow their own rules on screen time.

A gentle reminder about school uniform:

The purpose of school uniform is to

- Encourage a sense of pride and belonging to a community · Encourage pupils to take pride in their appearance and presentation · Encourage a sense of equality
- Help ensure pupils' clothing is practical, appropriate, safe and comfortable
- Encourage good behaviour for learning by establishing a link between school uniform and expected behaviour in school and lessons.

Uniform : Pupils are required to wear

- grey or black school trousers, skirt or pinafore dress - blue or yellow gingham dress
- yellow polo shirt
- royal blue top or cardigan

If parents wish to order uniform items with a Sithney School logo, this can be ordered and paid for directly from www.myclothing.com

Every effort has been made by the school to ensure that the uniform is a combination of the following:

- affordable
- easily sourced
- good quality

Dress code : A sensible dress code includes:

- skirts, dresses and shorts to be a reasonable, appropriate length · plain socks or tights in black, grey or white
- all shoes with socks or tights
- no open toed sandals or crocs
- no jewellery except watches and stud earrings
- long hair to be tidy and tied back
- no nail polish

PE kit- currently to be worn on all day PE days:

- white or yellow t-shirt, preferably with the school logo · black or blue shorts, leggings or track suit bottoms
- pair of socks
- pair of trainers

School jumpers can be worn on top of PE clothes for extra warmth on PE days; also for Outdoor Learning days can we request, where possible, that clothes are school colours and always suitable for the weather.

If the children look smart it encourages them to think and act smart! Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school; they are a distraction and can cause many issues. If there extenuating circumstances where you feel your child needs to bring a phone to school, please contact Mrs French or Miss Neil to discuss the matter further.