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Mr Argall's Message

To our wonderful Leedstown families,

What a couple of weeks it has been! The children of Leedstown have been competing, selling, exploring, parading and experimenting... and they have represented the school incredibly well every single time.

Last week we had an athletics competition, the summer fair (thanks for the sponges) and our giant on show at the Hayle carnival.

Each event was fantastic and full of fun. A huge thank you to the PTA for putting on such a wonderful summer fair, even in the rain. A big thank you also to you parents who supported the Eagles in their stalls and paraded with us through Hayle. Our giant was the talk of the town!

This week the pace has kept up, with Starlings' trip to Geevor and Magpies' stay-at-school residential being a great success. I've loved being a part of both events and I'm hugely thankful to Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Bond who have organised both trips.

At the heart of these trips and events, is the desire to create a school family where everyone feels welcome and able to thrive. At Leedstown we want our children to be ambitious but kind, strong but caring and looking outward to the world whilst helping one another to succeed.

Science week and sports day:

Next week is our science week! A week to dive a little deeper into scientific investigation and thinking. We've got Eagles and Magpies heading off to Hayle Academy on Monday afternoon for a special workshop, a nutritionist and sports therapist visiting the school to talk about their work and experiments and investigations planned in-between. As our theme is healthy bodies, we're ending the week with our sports day. Parents are invited to join us at 1:30pm on Friday for our sprint, long-distance and relay races. Oh and Eagles have their surf day on the Tuesday to add to another bumper week...

As always, I appreciate your emails and messages. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or thoughts as to how we can continue to make Leedstown a magical place to learn.

All the best,

Mr Argall

Attendance & Lost Minutes of Learning: In school, on time, every day, learning ready.

Attendance:

At Leedstown we regularly monitor attendance and follow our trust policy to ensure that attendance is always the highest priority. As I'm sure all parents and carers will agree that the best place for the children to make progress and flourish is by being **in school, on time, every day, learning ready.** We want to thank everyone's efforts as we really do appreciate everyone's hard work on making this change.

https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance

Lost Minutes of Learning:

Thank you to everyone for you continued efforts to get the children to school on time. We are seeing a significant improvement across the school so that children are able to get learning ready before the register closes. Lost minutes of learning letters will also be shared and if there is no noticeable improvement, this will also be referred to the local authority in line with our attendance policy- this can result in a fine.

We are also finding an increased amount of families that are taking children away on holiday during term time. These term-time holidays won't be approved, and if required will be referred to the local authority which can lead up to a fine of up £120 per child per parent.

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.

Are you unsure if you child can attend school or not?

Please do read the following NHS advice https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



Science club cancelled

Tuesday 2nd July – Science club cancelled. If you require childcare please book a space in wraparound.

Rounders club cancelled

Monday 8th July – Rounders club cancelled. If you require childcare please book a space in wraparound.

Craft club cancelled

Thursday 4th July – Craft club cancelled. If you require childcare please book a space in wraparound.

Eagles Surf Day

Letters and consent forms have been sent home this week for the Eagles surf day on **Tuesday 2nd July. Please return consent forms** to the office. **Please remember swim things, towel, flipflops, packed lunch, drinks, sun cream and warm clothing.**

Class Photos

Emails have been sent home this week with the links for each individual class of their class photos. Please follow the links to order. Ordering is only online, no paper order forms this year. Thank you.

Year 6 Flambards Outing

Our Year 6's will be going to Flambard's on **Friday 19th July** as their leavers treat together with the Year 6's from St Kew.

Children will depart school on our minibus at 9:15am and **return slightly later at 3:30pm**. Children can still attend breakfast or after school clubs if required.

This outing is fully funded by the school. We only require your consent via +Pay so your child can attend this outing.

Children will be required to wear school uniform (Leavers Hoodies are acceptable too), sensible shoes (they may get wet on rides!), coat, suncream and a sunhat.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink for the day.

School Menu - Jelly

Our caterers are facing challenges at present delivering the jelly to school for school meals. Therefore when choosing Jelly as a desert option please be aware that this may be swapped to a biscuit instead on the day. Thank you.

MyEd Features

We hope you are all enjoying MyEd. Here are a few of the handy features to make you all aware of:

- Message the Office Using the app you can send quick free messages to the school office which we can also respond to. This may be helpful for general queries.
- Illness Reporting Using the app you can send a quick free app message directly to the office should your child be absent from school. Go to Messages > Absence Hotline.

Translation of messages - Should you wish for all contacts of your child to receive messages
in another language (i.e. Lithuanian, Russian, Polish, German, French etc.) then the school
office can set this up for you. Please just let us know which language you wish to have set.
Messages will then be translated before being sent to you and also translated back to us if
you reply in another language.

Preschool Applications



We are currently looking for anyone who may be interested in **joining our preschool for the remainder of this academic year or starting in September 2024.** Please get in touch with Vicky in the office if you are interested to collect some admission forms to confirm your place. We are more than happy to offer tours should you wish as well.

Please spread the word in our local community of our preschool, whether that is at playgroups or at the park or with local parents you see around/know with young ones at this age. We would love to have our preschool as successful next year as it has been this year, with a record number of pupils attending.

Play and Stay





LEEDSTOWN PTA **NEWSLETTER**

Stay connected

Leedstown Primary Pta

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Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for Wednesday 20th September 2023

What is a PTA

A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association. Leedstown School PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. There are many reasons why you should join your PTA. From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the

children and school community. All of these things help you grow in confidence as a parent and it feels good to know you are making a difference for your children and for generations to come.

EID DO YOU HAVE A BUISNESS?

We may be a small school, but we have some fantastic talented parents/carers in our community and we want to share the love

If you have a buisness that you would like to share, send us your details.

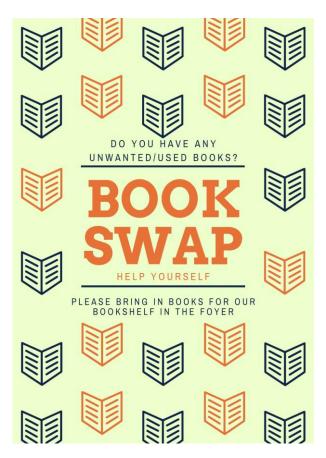
Whether you're a carpenter, tree surgeon, nail technician, crafter, hairdresser or baker..the list is endless. We want to hear from you. We want to help you grow your business and show everyone what we have to offer at our amazing school.



Welcome Mr Argall

The PTA would like to welcome our new Headteacher, Mr Argall. We look forward to working with him and giving the children and parents/carers some exciting events.





1 - Collecting both children and adult books.

Summer Reading Challenge



What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Organised by charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Cornwall over 8500 children took part. The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a booklet.
- Children borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their booklet and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Track Tribe Summer Camp



A Track Tribe Holiday Camp is an active way to keep your children entertained & learning for a day or week during the summer holidays.

Our camps are:

- For children aged 5-12
- Designed for children of all sporting abilities and backgrounds

Over the course of the day your child will:

- Have the opportunity to make new friends
- INTENSIVE biking / swimming & agility skills
- Take part in sporting activities and compete in team challenges
- Learn Surf Safety, Bike Safety, Basic First Aid & Bike maintenance.
 or Forest Skills depending on which session they attend over the week

..BOOK NOW!.

https://app.classmanager.com/portal/kernow-hydro-6352/register

Cornwall Cricket Summer Camp



Coast Activity Programme



Printer Cartridge Recycling and Batteries

Our previous company no longer recycles mobile and ink cartridges. We have however found a new company who will collect and recycle printer ink jet cartridge and donate funds to the school. The collection box is in the foyer, please do drop your empty and unwanted cartridges in here. They do not collect toner/laser cartridges.

We are also still collecting batteries to be recycled as well.

Pupil Premium worth £1000+ per child

Pupil Premium funding is worth more than £1000 yearly for every pupil who is eligible for this. The pupil then gets funding for at least 6 years!! This could bring in so much more funding for the school if only we had more children signed up to this. Please can then ALL parents check to see if you are eligible below. If so please apply, it's very easy and only needs to be once. If you are unsure then please do apply anyway as this could really help the school.

If you think that your situation has changed and you might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please follow the link below to see if you are eligible. If you are entitled to any of the following, please apply for at https://tinyurl.com/FSMCornwall

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance

- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance C
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not
 including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent
 assessment periods

If you would like any help with this, please get in touch with either myself or Vicky.

EasyFundraising



Make a difference to Leedstown School with every online shop you do! Sign up to easyfundraising and watch as your online spending at over 8,000 retailers turns into free funding for our cause. Plus, we'll get a £5 bonus donation when you raise your first £5! Two minutes of your time will make a real difference to our fundraising:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/leedstownschool/JJ1ERS/c2s/FRnm6K1b/CE886/facebook/

Useful Dates

Week Commencing 1st July- Science week -lots of activities/workshops planned here at school.

Tuesday 2nd July - Science club cancelled

Tuesday 2nd July – Eagles surf day – letters sent home.

Thursday 4th July - Craft club cancelled

Friday 5th July - Sports day from 1:30pm - parents\families welcome to join us

Monday 8th July – Rounders club cancelled

Wednesday 10th July - Transition morning at school. New reception children for September 2024 will be joining us.

Week Commencing 15th July- No free clubs this week. Wraparound will still be open for bookings.

Tuesday 16th July- St Ives School Transition day for year 6's.

Friday 19th July- Year 6 Flambards Outing

Week Commencing 22nd July - No free clubs this week. Wraparound will still be open for bookings.

Wednesday 24th July - Last day of term.

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