THE CAMELFORD LIGHT

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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter in its new format! I hope you enjoy the fresh look, and as always, I'd love to hear your thoughts as we settle into it together.

Yesterday, I attended a WeST Leaders Forum, and if there was one word that summed up the day, it was collaboration. Every conversation, every session, kept circling back to the power of working together. It struck me on the drive home just how fitting that theme has been for this past week at Camelford too. Getting our children settled back into school has been its own quiet collaboration: parents and children preparing together at home, families and teachers reconnecting at the gates and in messages, and staff working side by side to plan learning that gets the year off to a strong start.

None of this happens by chance. A child's success at school is built on the efforts of so many people pulling in the same direction, parents, carers, teachers, and the wider school community. I'm grateful for everyone who plays a part in it, and I'm looking forward to another year of working together to help our children grow into confident, successful members of our community.

Thank you, as ever, for everything you do to support your children's learning. Here's to a wonderful year of collaboration.

Mrs Cannon,
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

- 14.09.26: Y3/4 swimming begins
- 16.10.26: Harvest Festival (AM)
- 16.10.26: Toscana Strings Concert
- 20/21.10.26: Parents' Evenings
- 23.10.26: INSET day
- 26 - 30.10.26: Half term break
- 2.11.26: First day of Autumn 2

NEW!

Weekly Focus on...

Each week, a different class will have the opportunity to share what they have been up to in their classrooms (and beyond!). We want to showcase the amazing learning opportunities our staff provide for our children each day, and hope that you enjoy getting a taste of what it's like to be part of Camelford Primary School.





Lunchtime Activities

This week, we have begun some fun lunchtime activities in the hall. Each day, we have a different theme:

On Mondays, we CREATE - the children drew some wonderful images of some very silly things (eg a dragon working in a supermarket!)

On Tuesdays, we CONNECT by speaking to each other - this week we asked some funny 'Would you rather' questions to our friends.

On Wednesdays, we THINK and this week, there were some head-scratching riddles to solve.

On Thursdays, we PUZZLE - this week we had to think of the possible connections between things.

On Fridays, we PLAY TOGETHER - this week we tried to name things without repetition...it's harder than you think!







Camelford Community Primary School

Safeguarding — keeping every child safe

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child's welfare or safety — however small it may seem — please speak to a member of our safeguarding team straight away. **You do not need to be certain, just concerned.**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Stringer

Deputy Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

InMrsStringer'sabsence,pleasespeaktooneof the team below.

Our Wider Safeguarding Team



Mrs Cannon

Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Nayeb

Pastoral Support
Safeguarding Level 3 trained

Every member of staff is part of our safeguarding team. Children and families can talk to any adult at Camelford Community Primary School — a teacher, teaching assistant, lunchtime supervisor, or office staff. If you're not sure who to ask, or your first choice isn't around, just speak to whoever is nearest. They will listen, take it seriously, and know exactly what to do next.

Contact the School

Address: Station Road, Camelford, Cornwall, PL32 9UE

Telephone:01840 212376

Email: dsl@camelford.cornwall.sch.uk

Worried about a child outside school?

Cornwall MARU:0300 123 1116

Email: multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

Out of hours:01208 251300

If a child is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Staff Spotlight



The people at Camelford are a huge part of what makes us so special. That's why we want to help you get to know our staff in our new weekly column: Staff Spotlight

This week the spotlight shines on....Mrs Stringer

Name and role	Mrs Stringer. Deputy Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENDCo
How long have you been at Camelford / in education?	19 years
What do you love most about your job?	Working alongside children, families and staff to remove barriers to learning and help every child flourish both academically and personally
What's a favourite book from your own childhood?	Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
What did you want to be when you were at primary school?	I always wanted to be a teacher.
What's something you found hard to learn as a child — and how did you crack it?	I found learning to read difficult as a child, but by trying different ways to learn, being brave and never giving up, I achieved my goal with the help and encouragement of the adults around me.
Do you have a pet?	I have a border collie called Mabel. She likes to bark and scare the postman!
What was your favourite subject at school — and your least favourite?	Maths was my favourite subject at school and my least favourite was music.

Tea or coffee? TEA	Beach or moor? BEACH	Sweet or savoury? SAVOURY	Early bird or night owl? NIGHT OWL	Marmite: yes or no? YES!

Music Mondays

Move over Bubble Mondays - Music Mondays is the new groove! Each Monday on the gate, I will play some music to welcome the children in for another week. Each week will be a different genre or theme and I will put a clue in the newsletter on Friday: see if you can guess correctly each week!

Clue: Monday's soundtrack has dust on its boots and a story to tell - somewhere between a truck and a heartbreak

Singing Assembly

We had our first Singing Assembly this week.

WHY SING TOGETHER?

•Singing together makes us feel happy
•Singing together makes us a team
•Singing together makes us brave

This half term, we will be learning Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi, Hey Jude by The Beatles, Cauliflowers Fluffy and Get Back Up Again by Anna Kendrick (from The Trolls movie)

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Y6 enjoyed their first session in our new Group Hub Area

Welcome to our new children!



It was an exciting week for all our children and parents, but especially those joining us at Camelford this year. Welcome to you all: our new Nursery and Reception intake and all our new students throughout the rest of the school. We are so glad to have you here!

Can You Help Us Hear Children Read?

We're looking for parents, grandparents and family members who might have a little time to spare to come into school and help hear our children read.

It's a lovely way to support the children's confidence and reading skills, and even a small amount of time can make a big difference. No previous experience is needed — just a willingness to listen and encourage!

For safeguarding purposes, all volunteers will need to complete a DBS check before volunteering in school.

If you think you could help, please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know. We'd love to hear from you!



Worried About a Child's Mental Health?

Worried about a child's mental health including depression, anxiety and even possible self harming? Visit the NSPCC webpage with tips and support.





This week, Year 3 explored rocks in Science this week. They were able to identify rocks by looking at the properties and compare them with what we can see with just our eyes, and then with a magnifying glass.





We would like to remind all parents that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds. Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe and healthy for all members of our community.

Praise Assembly Winners

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			All our lovely parents
all our hardworking staff			

Help and Advice
from the School Nurse

There is now a **new way** to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses, with three advice lines as follows:



Young people aged 11–19

07312 263 096



Parents/carers of children aged 0–5

07312 263 423



Parents/carers of children and young people aged 5–19

07312 263 499

Message us for **confidential help and advice** about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationships
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available **Monday to Friday** (excluding bank holidays) from **9am to 5pm.**

When you send a message, you'll receive an **automated reply** to confirm we've received it.

A trained healthcare professional will reply to your message during office hours **within 48 hours.**

You can send a message, **anonymously** if you wish.

We're here to help!

Supporting children and young people to be healthy, happy and safe.

What Counts as Good Attendance?

Every day in school counts!

What counts as good attendance?

97%

OUR AIM!

We aim for a minimum of **97% attendance;** this allows for 6 days absence for illness across the school year.



95%

An attendance rate of **95%** is considered **acceptable;** this allows for children to miss 9.5 days for illness across the school year.



90%

Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of **90% or below.**



Unfortunately, we have no choice but to seek **penalty notices** for **10 or more unauthorised absences.**



Good attendance = **brighter futures**

CAMELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAFE INCLUSIVE TOGETHER

At CAMELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL we are ALLERGEN AWARE

We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all our pupils.

Allergies can be serious.

Even a tiny amount of an allergen can cause a severe reaction.



WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY



CHECK
Always check labels of packed foods for allergens.



THINK
Choose alternatives that are safe for everyone.



LET US KNOW
Inform the school of any allergies or changes.



BE KIND
Show respect and understanding. We're in this together.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe place for every child to learn and thrive.

Care • Respect • Responsibility

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

This poster has been created in line with Benedict's Law.
It does not list specific allergens to reduce the risk of identifying pupils with allergies.