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Parc Eglos News

Messages from Mrs Sanderson

It's that time of year when coughs, colds and general sickness bugs are prevalent—it can be really difficult as a parent to know if your child is well enough to come to school. This website contains some really useful information to help you make the choice whether to send your child to school. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). Please remember that if we are worried about the wellness of your child we will telephone you to share our concerns.

Holidays in term time

As a reminder to parents, I know that we have sent lots of letters regarding the changes to the government guidance on school attendance (see [here](#) for further details.) In short, if you book a holiday in term time which is 5 days or more days and is not approved as an exceptional circumstance, our (updated) policy—in line with this guidance, is to refer this to the local authority for a fine to be issued. Please do contact me if you have any further questions regarding this.

Trading Cards

We know that trading card games are really popular with our children, unfortunately, these games are proving to be a cause of upset on our playground—therefore, please can these cards be kept at home, and enjoyed at weekends and evenings.

Vicky Sanderson

Calendar

Additions in white

28.10.24 - 01.11.24 - HALF TERM
 04.11.24 - Football League—Invite only
 06.11.24 - Cross Country Race 3*
 11-15.11.24 - Parents Evening Week*
 18.11.24 - Maths open afternoon*
 25.11.24 - Helston food bank donations open
 6.12.24 - PTA Christmas Fayre 3:15pm
 9.12.24 - Panto KS2 - Squashbox KS1
 11.12.24 - Christmas dinner day
 13.12.24 - Food bank donations close
 16.12.24 - EYFS Christmas Play - Matinee*
 17.12.24 - Year 1 Christmas Play - Evening*
 20.12.24 - Year 6 Christingle
 20.12.24 - Last day of term
 25.02.25 - Cross Country Race 4*
 29.04.25 - Cross Country Race 5*
 13.05.25 - Cross Country Race 6 *

* More information to follow

** More information overleaf

Team Points!

<u>Davy</u>	<u>Trevithick</u>	<u>Kingsley</u>	<u>Trengrouse</u>
562	485	627	590



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PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

YR Gunwalloe	Caitlin and Ava	Y3 Crantock	Hermione and Ethan W
YR Poldhu	Abigail and Theodore	Y4 Coverack	Harry S and Neve
Y1 Rinsey	Bailey and Lewis	Y4 Gwithian	Caitlin and Rowan
Y1 Godrevy	Sienna and Theo	Y5 Sennen	Sawyer and Millie H
Y2 Swanpool	Bailey and Daniel	Y5 Zennor	Eva and Lillie
Y2 Maenporth	Harva and Roman	Y6 Fistral	Allana and Elizabeth W
Y3 Portreath	Arthur and Darcy	Y6 Holywell	Jaxon and Sienna

Boomerang Booking links

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Week commencing 21 st October	https://forms.office.com/r/jVjYcYc4qe	https://forms.office.com/r/TnRKg2ncnL
Week commencing 4th November	https://forms.gle/6AkCXPn39DFBqK8r7	https://forms.gle/iPooiTqd4J7dZcKM6
Week commencing 11th November	https://forms.gle/3Z19QyiZMUzofCUn6	https://forms.gle/RrswRyMgPY8tBJTW8
Week commencing 18th November	https://forms.gle/tshq5Jf53XPDA2oRA	https://forms.gle/jGBTwy45vx5DiFLE6

Parent/Teacher Consultations

We will be holding our parent consultations w/c 11th November, you will be able to book either a face to face appointment or a telephone consultation. Emails will be sent out next week with links to book. Please only book one appointment. Appointments will be 10 minutes long. Occasionally in the past, the same appointment has been booked twice, if this happens the office will call the second person who booked to rearrange your time.

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Nursery & Foundation Team

This week the Nursery children have enjoyed learning about Autumn. We have explored pumpkins and different natural objects in our interest tables and have loved using our motor skills to make marks in the large pumpkins.

We spoke about the fallen autumn leaves and looked at the changing colours we could see on our walk around the school. We were delighted to use the leaves to make wonderful prints when we got back.



Year 1/2 Team

Year 1 children had a great time walking around our local area, looking for physical and human features of geography. We were able to spot lots of different features and made connections to our learning in class. A BIG thank you to those parents that were able to come and support us on this walk!



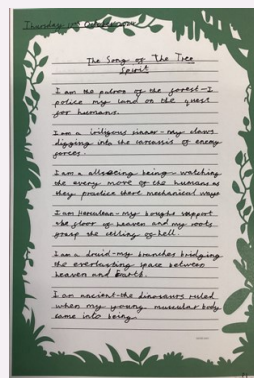
Year 3/4 Team



The Year 3 classes have just completed our science unit on 'Animals including Humans'. We have deepened our knowledge of what a skeleton is, including exoskeletons - and how they enable us to move the way that we do. We have looked at the partnerships with muscles and how we can link up many muscles and bones for greater strength. This has led to the importance of nutrition, and how its different aspects benefit our body in different ways. The children concluded the unit by tackling abstract questions around evolution, such as, 'What if all animals were carnivores?' or 'What if all animals only ate grass?'

Our lessons were also supported by our good friend 'Buddy', who I thought may scare some children but ended up being so friendly and cuddly that he was handled and 'operated' at every opportunity!

Year 5/6 Team



This week, Fistral completed their swimming sessions at the leisure centre. The staff commented on how impressed they were with the children's behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the past 6 weeks. Well done Fistral Class.

Year 6 have also completed their poetry unit 'The Song of the Tree Spirit' and we are extremely pleased with the results. The children have thoroughly enjoyed encapsulating human emotions and personification into a tree spirit. We've had 'Gods with branches that support the heaven and roots that hold up the ceilings of hell' alongside 'Elegant Ballerinas whose branches swirl across the stage set sky'. We will be sending these home as they are too good not to share.



Sports at Parc Eglos

Sporting news

Last Wednesday a team of 12 Year 1 and 2 children went to Helston Community College to take part in a multi-skills event. The children had a fantastic time and were a credit to our school. They enjoyed taking part in various running, throwing and catching team games against children from other schools.

Well done to all the children who took part in the second cross country event of the season. After it was cancelled last week, the weather was still against the runners on Tuesday evening. Thank you to the children who went and showed their resilience on a very muddy and wet course. Thank you to all the parents for supporting this event. We hope to see all the Key Stage 2 runners at race 3 which is at Helston in November 4pm. The sign up for this event will be coming out very soon.

Please see the message below from Tom Studd who runs the Cross Country League for us.

Following some feedback from parents last night, please let your families of preschoolers up to year 2 know that: I have increased their events by 1 extra funrun. The aim of this is for participation, fun and enjoyment.

Football News

Although the school was closed on Monday, Mr Cobbin and Mr Powley met up with Parc Eglos Stripes, to honour our first full round of league fixtures of the year. The team had a very successful hour, with victories against Mullion, Breage and Germoe. Highlights include: Ben's super strike from outside the area, George's solo run which resulted in a goal and Milo's overall performance. We play again on Monday 4th November.





Heroes Meet and Greet

Thank you to the families who attended our Heroes meet and greet last night, the children had great fun making spooky biscuits!



Remembrance Parade - Sunday 10th November 2024

Meet at Trengrouse Way carpark from 10.15am - this is open to the whole school. Please come along and join Mrs Monks to Parade as a school (we kindly ask that where possible the children wear uniform).

Camo Day - Non uniform day (whole school)

Thursday 13th February 2025 - Raising awareness of our service connections and raising funds for a charity connected to our military families.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

PARC EGLOS OPEN MORNING



Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

Are you looking for the best start for your child's education?

Come and visit Parc Eglos School at our open mornings!

**Wednesday 6th November & Thursday 28th November.
Drop in any time between 10.30–11.30am.**

For more information, please ring 01326 572998.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT PARC EGLOS!

We are delighted to announce that as part of our Christmas festivities, the children at Parc Eglos School will have the opportunity to attend the events below on Monday 9th December!

Please log onto ParentPay to pay
(price includes travel cost for KS2).



**Jack & The
Beanstalk at
The Hall For
Cornwall!**



£22

KS2



**Starfish,
Foundation & KS1**

**The Christmassy
Christmas Show of
Christmassy
Christmasness with
Squashbox Theatre!**

(in the school hall)



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

TUESDAY 29TH , WEDNESDAY 30TH & THURSDAY 31ST

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MORE INFORMATION EMAIL MARTYN.
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