CARDINHAM SCHOOL



Dear Cardinham Families,

I can't believe we're already in our final full week of the year. What an incredible journey it has been! Talking to the children about their favourite memories, it's clear that this year has been jam-packed with exciting events and opportunities, from our trips to the range of creative projects undertaken in the classroom.

Headteacher's Update

Our pupils continue to work hard and have shown exemplary behaviour and spirit, particularly during our recent Key Stage 2 camps. They embraced every challenge and adventure with enthusiasm!

Reports were sent out on Friday, and it was an absolute pleasure to read them all. The progress and achievements of every single pupil have been truly inspiring. Their hard work, resilience, and dedication are a testament to their character and the supportive environment fostered by our dedicated staff and the encouragement they receive at home. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to celebrating their continued success.

We are thrilled to announce that our Woodside playground extension will be completed and ready for use (fingers crossed) in September. This is a very exciting development that will provide even more space and fun for our pupils, encouraging them to stay active and enjoy their playtime even more.

I also just want to take a quick moment to remind everyone about the Summer Reading Challenge. Its back and looking better than ever! You can find out more my clicking on the following link: <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u>.

As we prepare to welcome pupils back on Tuesday, 3rd September, please take a moment to remind yourself of the new school timings, which are detailed at the end of this newsletter for your reference. These changes have been made to meet the new expectations from the Department for Education.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership throughout this year. Together, we have created a nurturing environment for our children to thrive. If I don't see you before, wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Dave Jones Headteacher

Community Update

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the recent community events. Volunteers raised an impressive £77 at the Parish Hall and an incredible £400 at the pub quiz last Friday! Additionally, we secured a commendable 3rd place in the scarecrow contest – well done Art Club!

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Attendance Update

Please note that there is an important update regarding the changes to the law regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school. This update can be found on page 3 of the newsletter.



JOIN THE FRIENDS OF CARDINHAM SCHOOL

MONDAY 22ND JULY

END OF TERM

DISCO CENTRAL IN THE CLASSROOM WITH MUSIC, LAUGHTER AND DANCING.

6PM - 7:30 PM AT CARDINHAM SCHOOL

£3 PER CHILD Tickets to be purchased in advance via Mrs Ashley from school.

Attendance Update

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds, including drop-off and pick-up times, unless they are assistance dogs. This measure is in place to ensure the safety and comfort of all pupils, staff, and visitors. Thank you for your understanding.



Pre-Order Lunches

Pre-order your child's lunches using ParentPay. Managing lunch orders in school requires a significant amount of administrative time for staff, which can be better utilised to support our students and school activities. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us streamline this process.



Communication Guidelines

Whilst we are incredibly proud of our open door policy and encourage families to approach us with questions or concerns, we kindly ask that you refrain from contacting staff about school matters through social media. For any school-related queries or concerns that are sent via email, please email the teachers **during normal school hours**. We ask that you avoid sending emails in the evenings or on weekends to respect our staffs' personal time.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

- 1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
- 2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
- 3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
- 4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to ± 160 with no option to pay the lower rate of ± 80 .
- 5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards? No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate? Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.
- In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time? No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time? You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued? No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it? Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance? Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

Thank you for taking the time to familiarise yourself with this information.

<u>Clubs</u>

A reminder that this is the final week for clubs! A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time this term to provide a range of wonderful opportunities for our pupils

Online Parent Controls Booklet

This guide will help you set up parental controls and adjust privacy settings to provide your child with a safer online environment.

https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2024/07/Parental-<u>Controls-booklet-2024.pdf</u>

Catering Contract

Please note with effect from 1st September 2024. Aspens will be our new contract provider for school meals. The new menus are available to view at the end of the newsletter. Please ensure you book your child's lunch in advance on ParentPay.



Lunch Alterations

Due to the end of term and stock levels please note the following changes to the school menu:

Monday 22nd July: Main – fish fingers and chips or vegetarian option – Quorn dippers and chips.
Tuesday 23rd July: Main – Burgers for the main school, Main – Chicken in a bun for Woodside.
Wednesday 24th July: Main – pizza.

School Lunch

<u>Recorder Performance</u>

Fox Class have been working hard learning the recorders this term! They would love to invite parents into class at the end of the day to see their progress. Please come in at 2:40pm on Wednesday 17th July. We hope you can make it.

Keyboard Lessons

Please note there are spaces available for Keyboard lessons from Sept 24. These are provided by Cornwall Music Service Trust. Please see the following link if you would like your child to attend:

https://cmst.co.uk/signup

<u>Donations</u>

Gardening Club are looking for your help as they are seeking a few items. They would like some old kitchen utensils that can be used for a mud kitchen and small toy fairies. Mrs Purser would be grateful for any spare Lego to support the construction resources at Woodside. Thank you.



Wellbeing Support over the Summer

Kooth and Qwell are available 365 days a year, including the Summer holidays, offering mental health and wellbeing support to children, young people and parents and carers. The services are commissioned in Cornwall by NHS Cornwall & IOS ICB. No referral, no wait list, free support:

- Children and Young People aged 11-18 <u>www.kooth.com</u>
- Parents and carers: <u>www.qwell.io</u>

Whatever's on your mind, Kooth and Qwell are here to support you. Everyone needs someone to listen sometimes, and if you do, we are here.





Diary Dates: Cardinham School 2023/2024													
Tues 16 th July	TPAT Sports Festival - Fox Class attending												
Weds 17 th July	Swimming Returns for Deer Class												
Weds 17 th July	Year 5/6 Football Fixture at Lanivet												
Thurs 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Treat												
Mon 22 nd July	No Extra-Curricular Clubs this week												
Tues 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9:15am												
Weds 24 th July	Last Swimming Session												
Weds 24 th July	End of Summer Term. Pupils collected at 2pm. No After School Club.												
	Pupils Return for Autumn Term. Remember new school timings:												
	Woodside:												
	\circ Registers will be taken at 8:55am (gates open at 8:45am)												
Tues 3 rd Sept	\circ Pupils will be collected at 3:10pm (gates open at 3:00pm)												
	Main School:												
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INSET Days 2024/25													
- Monday 4 th November 2024													

- Friday 6th June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025
- * Term Dates for next academic year can be found below.

Cornwall Council PROPOSED 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Decider Skills Workshop

Decider Skills are a set of life skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

<u>Upcoming Sessions Online:</u> Wedneday 24th July - 11am -12pm

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Reception to Yr6 in a Mid Cornwall school.

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/G</u> <u>NSeyHZAb8</u>



Sign up will close on Wednesday 17th July







