

# Chatterbox

## The Coads Green Primary School Newsletter

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#### Thank You!

A big thank you to all the parents who returned their parental satisfaction surveys at the end of January. They have now been collated and have found to be overwhelmingly positive.

There were a few areas that were highlighted as being areas for improvement:

- The school website
- School Governor accessibility
- More variety of school clubs
- The introduction of “new starter” packs

Our new school website has now gone live. Mrs Gooding and I will be spending time over the next couple of weeks making sure it is populated with all the up to date information you need. Hopefully this will address issues that were raised with the previous website.

School Governor information will be part of our new website, however we intend sending current information regarding our school governors, including contact details. Our two parent Governors are Mrs Hayley Budge and Mrs Hayley Perring.

In response to requests for a variety of clubs for our pupils, not just sport. We try to ensure our pupils have a range of clubs to choose from and we try to vary the sporting clubs every half term. After Half term Dance Club will take place after school every Wednesday. As the weather gets warmer (fingers crossed) we would like to offer other outside clubs, for

example gardening. If you are able to support us in the delivery of after school clubs, please contact the office.

Finally as we have welcomed lots of new families this year, the suggestion of a “new starter” pack is a welcome one. Mrs Gooding and I will envisage to have this up and running after half term.

Once again a big thank you to all the parents who returned their surveys.

#### Breakfast Club

We run breakfast club from 7.30 to 8.45 am, Monday to Friday at a cost of £5.00 per child.

#### Afterschool Club

We run an afterschool club, Monday to Friday.

3.15—4.15 pm @£5.00 per child

3.15—5.00 pm @£6.00 per child

#### Tax Free Childcare

We have signed up as a provider for the governments scheme of tax free childcare. This can be used to pay for Nursery fees, breakfast club and after school club costs.



## Class 1

Class 1 have had an adventurous start to the year— we have been doing lots of Wild Tribe! We have all really loved getting outside and enjoying the fresh air. We have learnt all about fire safety, and how to build a cook on our own fires. We have also enjoyed looking for minibeasts and learning about their habitat.

Can we please ask that you ensure your child always has their Wild Tribe kit in school if they are in class 1, as we try and get out every week. Waterproof trousers are optional but very practical!



## Class 2

What a speedy half term we've had in Class 2 — full of dastardly dragons and magnificent maps! We've located many different counties around the country and we are learning to read ordnance survey maps to find different landmarks or places of interest. We have also been using Google Earth which is great fun and particularly fantastic on our class interactive whiteboard!

Years 3 and 4 have had a super swimming term and many children have shown great enthusiasm and improvement in their swimming ability.

Mrs Cruise is teaching Spanish now and the children are loving learning a new language for a change. P.E. has been dance this term and I watched the children performing their independent routines yesterday and was most impressed in what I saw.

Next half term we are looking forward to improving our geographical knowledge with many classroom trips to amazing locations around the world (but there is no payment necessary!) The children have to create their own dragon and work out which county would be most appropriate for it to live and survive; looking at the physical and human features, and the local food and wildlife.

Have a lovely holiday.

## Class 3

This has certainly been a full on term but goodness me— where has it gone?!

A highlight for all of Class 3 has been the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell; we've been completely absorbed by the tale of 4 children learning to fend for themselves and survive life in the

Amazon rainforest.

We have also relished the scientific nature of our current topic –

Creatures—which has focused on evolution and inheritance. It is a subject which has raised a lot of questions and sparked much debate.

We can't wait to carry it on after half term.

Mr Stephens has also

started a new music scheme throughout the school and Class 3 are really enjoying exploring new musical genres, singing along to modern classics and having the opportunity to compose our own songs inspired by Adele's version of 'Make You Feel My Love'.

It has also been fantastic

to see so much progress made in swimming— it has been a fantastic opportunity for everyone to have such fantastic coaches and opportunities at Mount Kelly Swim Centre.



## SONGFEST 2020

The Cornwall Music Education Hub is proud to present Songfest at the Plymouth Pavilions on Wednesday 25 March!

This concert will focus on wellbeing and feeling good and will be performed by 23 local schools as well as performances by young soloists and Hub choirs.

Coads Green are one of small handful schools who have taken part in every Songfest event.

Tickets are selling fast and can be booked at the Plymouth Pavilions Box Office - <https://www.plymouthpavilions.com/> or by calling 0333 772 7727.

## PTFA NEWS

The PTFA are excited to have their own section on the new school website, with information on fundraising, who's who, minutes and a gallery of pictures from events which we hope is informative to all.

"The recent Bingo Night fundraiser has made a total of £623.50 for school funds. A brilliant achievement - a big thank you to everyone."





## Dates for the Diary

Monday 24th February - Return to School

Tuesday 25th February - Choir (3.15 to 4.15 pm)

Wednesday 26th February - An Daras Football Competition at St Catherine's (3.30 - 5.00 pm)

Thursday 27th February - Football Club (3.30 - 4.30 pm)

Tuesday 3rd March - Choir (3.15 - 3.45 pm)

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March - Kernow King (Whole School Show)

Thursday 12th March - Class 3 trip to Charnmouth Beach

Monday 16th March - Full Governors meeting at 6pm

Thursday 19th March - Songfest Rehearsal at Liskeard

Friday 20th March - Duchy Cross Country

Wednesday 25th March - Songfest at Plymouth Pavillions

Friday 27th March - Celebration Assembly

Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April - Easter Holidays

Friday 24th April - Duchy Cross Country

Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May - Bag 2 School

Thursday 7th May - Bikeability Day 1 for year 5's

Friday 8th May - Bank Holiday—VE Day

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - SATs Week

Thursday 14th May - Bikeability Day 2 - Year 5's

Monday 18th May - Wednesday 20th May - Class 3 Residential

Friday 22nd May - Celebration Assembly

Monday 25 to Friday 29th May - Half Term

Friday 5th June - Non Pupil Day

We hope that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality and inclusion policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects - gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religious belief.

If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at the school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a Governor, please do so.

