

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter



Friday 23rd July 2021

Dear Mawnan Families,

We are almost at the end of this rather unusual academic year and I want to take this opportunity to share how proud I am of how we have come through this very challenging time together. I also want to say a few **THANK YOUs!**

Firstly, I am tremendously grateful to you all for being such an engaged and supportive group of parents. You have continued to support the school throughout the year and your support is valued and appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

My fourth year at Mawnan School has been a particularly tough one but I continue to feel extremely blessed to be leading such an incredible school. I could not wish for a more committed, talented staff team who always work extremely hard to provide the children with the most exciting and meaningful learning experiences. The Mawnan Team always go above and beyond to get it right for your children. I am proud to say that the quality of learning and experiences that the children have in our school is exceptional. **THANK YOU** Team Mawnan!

Finally, I want to say **THANK YOU** to the children of Mawnan School. The children have been utterly amazing throughout this year and their desire to learn and love of life is admirable. I am continually impressed with their ambition to achieve, their resilience, kindness and humour. They are the most incredible children I know!

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and thank you all sincerely for being such fantastic people to work with. I hope you all find some time to relax and enjoy some quality family time over the summer. Next year is going to be different (again) but we will work together to ensure that it is going to be another amazing year. See you all on **Monday 6th September** for the start of the new school year.

Have a great summer and stay safe,

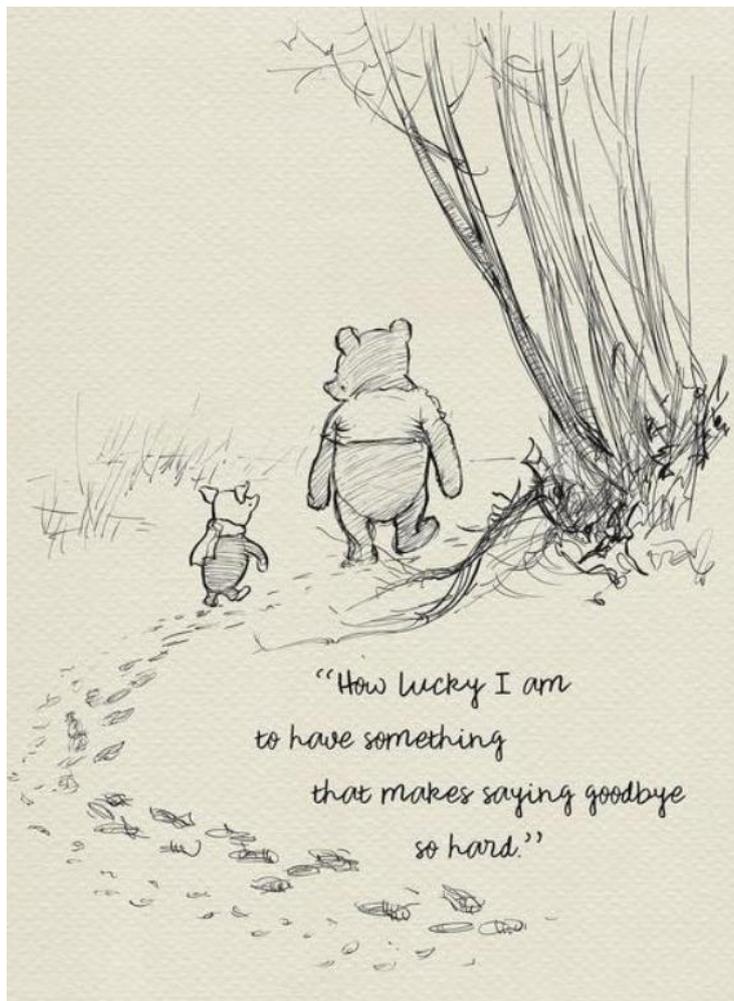
Miss Pridmore



Good Luck Year 6

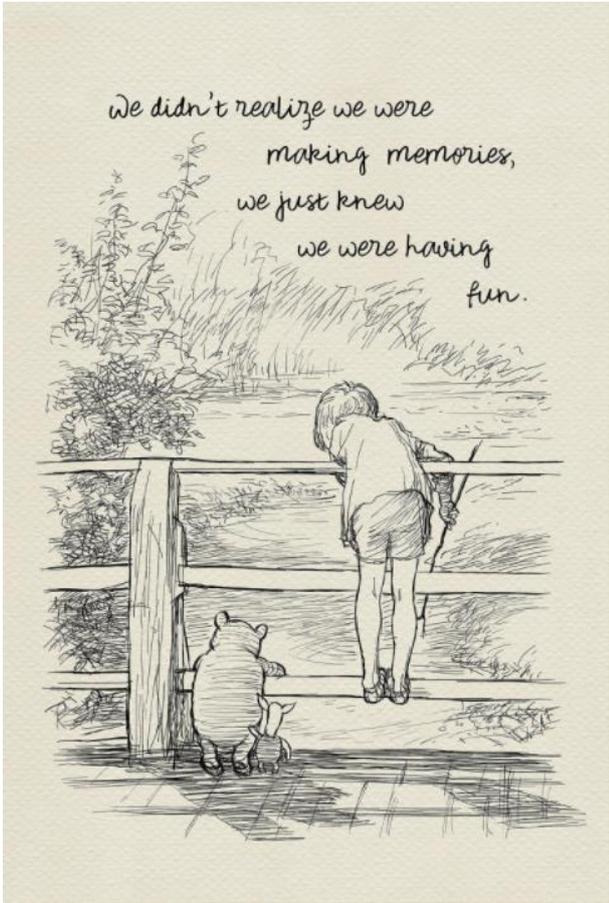
As we end this extraordinary academic year, we are of course saying goodbye to an incredible cohort of very special young people. Our Year 6s are moving on to the next chapter of their lives and starting Secondary School in September. Throughout this year, our talented Year 6s have demonstrated an abundance of enthusiasm, resilience and compassion. During their time at Mawnan School, they have shone and I am bursting with pride and admiration for them all!

Thank you **Kate, Olivia, George, Logan, Indigo, Daisy, Emma, Ezme, Tilly, Oliver, Lily, Jack, Josh, Eden, Harvey, Sam and Sam** for being such a phenomenal year group, for being truly awesome and for the outstanding contribution that you've made to our school. We are delighted that they were all able to end their time at Mawnan together and that they did it on such a high.



Here are the best bits from their final week...





Leavers
BBQ



Home-School Communication (during the holidays)

Our staff team definitely deserves a break so I am requesting that dojo messaging and emails stop over the holidays. If you need to contact the school over the holidays please contact Miss Pridmore at head@mawnanschool.com and mark the title as urgent.

If you are worried about the safety of a child please contact the MARU on **0300 1231 116** (For urgent referrals after 17:15 or at the weekend call the Out of Hours Service on **01208 251 300**).

The School Day

We will **not be operating staggered start times** in September but to enable a smooth transition into school we are requesting that people arrive between **8:40am and 8:50am**.

The school gate will be open at 8:40am and a member of staff will be on the gate to welcome you and your child. The children will go straight into their classrooms through their external door as they currently do. The gates will be closed at 8:50am and registration will take place at this time.

We hope that this will create a natural stagger to give people space to distance. We also hope that this will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety outside of the school gates. Please do not block the entrance to the school, park on pavements or obstruct the junction. Please park responsibly or walk if you can.

The school day will finish at **3.15pm** and the gates will be opened just before this time by a member of staff. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must be collected by parents/carers from outside of the classroom. Older pupils in Years 3-6 should be collected from the staff car park by their parents. A member of staff will be on the gate to ensure that we have a safe exit.

Please let us know if a different adult is collecting your child.

COVID-19

Our measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 will continue to include:

- One-way systems and maximising distance between individuals
- Face coverings where appropriate
- Regular hand hygiene
- Good respiratory hygiene, using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Maintaining appropriate and regular cleaning regimes, especially of commonly touched surfaces
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Encouraging twice-weekly asymptomatic LFD testing for children and above and staff. **We would be very grateful if households could Lateral Flow test before your child returns to school in September.**
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July.

One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

The following information sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – **and you should inform the school.** You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their

household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the school.

Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. **Being in an education setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.**
6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone

identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.

8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.
9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, **they will not have to self-isolate** (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an **PCR test immediately**, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.

Our mission is to keep our school community safe and to keep the school open so our children can continue to receive their education. Whilst the new guidance from the 16th August on isolation has changed, to enable us to keep the school fully staffed please follow the guidance above.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that everyone has made but I want to take this opportunity to remind you that as a school, we have to follow the guidance that is set out by the DfE to manage and mitigate COVID-19. We also have to follow the instructions given by Public Health England in response to confirmed cases at the school. Whilst you may not agree with the procedures and actions taken please remember that the school does not make these rules but we do have to follow them.

School uniform

Thank you for supporting our Mawnan uniform and for sending your children into school looking so smart.

We are pleased that Castle Sports are providing our school uniform. They are a local company and as part of our green charter, the uniform we have chosen is an eco-version. If your child has grown out of their Mawnan uniform please pass it on to another family or bring it into school and the PTA will use it for their second hand uniform sales.

Girls	Boys
Grey knee-length pinafore or skirt	
Grey trousers	Grey trousers/shorts
Pale blue polo shirt	Pale blue polo shirt
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports)	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports)
Grey or white socks	Grey socks
Navy or grey tights	
Black School shoes (no high boots or open toed sandals)	Black School shoes (no boots or open toed sandals)
Navy blue and white gingham dress for summer wear	

PE Uniform - to be worn on PE days

Top : White P.E. shirt with school logo (from Castle Sports) with Mawnan zipped sports top (from Castle Sports)

Bottom: Navy blue shorts (from Castle Sports), Navy blue Skort (from Castle Sports) or Mawnan tracksuit trousers (from Castle Sports)

Footwear: Black, blue or white trainers (trainers can have a bit of colour)

PE Uniform

One of the positive Impacts of our COVID operating procedures is that the children have been coming into school in their PE uniform. By removing the changing element, we have increased the amount of time that children are active and have almost eliminated lost property!

We would like the children to come into school on their PE days in the Mawnan PE uniform. From September, we have added the Mawnan zipped sports top and tracksuit bottoms to our uniform list. The zipper top and tracksuit trousers are for when the weather is cooler and will mean that the children look smart and are comfortable. **Jumpers or cardigans are for school uniform day and the zipped sports top is for PE days only.**

To minimise the cost, we recommend that you swap either a cardigan or jumper for the zipper top. We have introduced the Mawnan tracksuit as some children are currently coming into school in a range of branded and coloured legging and tracksuit bottoms. We would like our uniform to be uniform.



Please remember to make any final orders in the next few days, to ensure delivery for September.

Shoes

We appreciate that it has been very difficult to source black school shoes during the pandemic but from September, we would like all of the children in black school shoes again.

On PE days we would like the children to wear black, dark blue or white trainers.

Morning Snack Time

We are trying to encourage the children to eat a balanced and healthy diet so we encourage fresh fruit and vegetables for a snack if possible. The table below provides you with some guidance.

Encouraged	Discouraged
Fruit	Crisps
Veg	Chocolate
	Biscuits
	Cakes
Bars (cereal, dried fruit, malt loaf etc.) Some bars can contain a lot of sugar so please check the ingredients carefully. It is advised that if they contain more than 24 grams of sugar per 100 grams then they are not classified as a healthy snack.	

Please also make sure that the children have a name labelled water bottle in school.

School Dinners

ParentPay will be open for you to book school dinners before we return to school on Monday 6th September. Please ensure that you have booked your children's meals before we return to school.

Term Dates

Here is a reminder of our term dates for the next academic year. They can also be found here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/j2th0tb4/term-dates-2020-21.pdf>

2020/21 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2020						October 2020						November 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020						January 2021						February 2021					
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	Thurs		7	14	21	28	Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	

March 2021						April 2021						May 2021						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2021						July 2021						August 2021						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2020
Boxing Day	26 December 2020
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28 December 2020
New Years Day	01 January 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Monday	05 April 2021
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2020
(HALF TERM 26-30 October 2020)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

4 January - 1st April 2021
(HALF TERM 15-19 February 2021)

SUMMER TERM (64 days)

19 April - 23 July 2021
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2021)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Please note that our INSET dates are on....

INSET 1	Friday 22 nd October
INSET 2	Monday 6 th June
INSET 3	Tuesday 7 th June
Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	Wednesday 8 th June
INSET 4	Monday 25 th July
INSET 5	Tuesday 26 th July

Attendance

'Every day counts' and we aim for 98%- 100% attendance because children who attend school regularly are more successful learners. We ask parents to bring their children to school every day unless they are too unwell to attend.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health

- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please phone the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

There have been amendments to the Education Regulations (Pupil Registration 2006) act. These amendments remove reference to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Whilst we understand that some absences may include times when your child is ill or attending appointments, (preferably out of school time) it is important that we all work together to try to ensure that your child has the best possible chance of success whilst at school.

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, 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 Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers every two books you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!



Complete the Challenge and you'll get your own certificate & medal



The Challenge Begins...

Saturday 10th July
Until Saturday 18th September

