

Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust*

Friday 17th September 2021 - Newsletter 2

Governors

Mawnan School is blessed with a team of very effective and proactive governors and we are very pleased to share that we are starting the new school year with a new Chair of Governors. Rachel Stevenson (Elizabeth, Kit, William and Tilly's mum) has been elected as our new Chair of Governors following the departure of our previous Chair, Martin Barlow. Rachel has an extensive knowledge of the school and is wholeheartedly committed to driving forward further successes.

"I am delighted to take on the role of chair of the governors at Mawnan School. It's a privilege to work with such a dedicated team and to be part of such a special school community. I am looking forward to helping Mawnan School thrive, and make it an even more amazing school than it already is."
Rachel Stevenson

We wish Rachel every success in this role and thank her sincerely for taking the position on.

Martin's departure has left a vacancy for a foundation governor on our board (Foundation governors are appointed to the governing bodies of voluntary aided schools to preserve the religious character of the school - This is not a parent governor vacancy). If you know someone who might be interested in taking on this rewarding and worthwhile role, please share this advert and link with them

<https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2021/02/governors-a-vital-role-as-critical-friend-supporter/>

or ask them to speak to Rachel or myself.

GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITIES

This is an exciting time to be a Governor at Mawnan CE VA Primary School.

We believe you could provide a vital role in our schools helping to shape the future for the next generation.

If you have the time, professional skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding role we'd would love to hear from you.

We believe great schools thrive because of the great people in them. We are passionate about using the power of education to help our young people develop into individuals who are a credit to our communities.

For an informal chat contact Clare Kendle,
Education Governance Lead, on 01872 309261 or
email education@truro.anglican.org



Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

SEPT 2021

Mon 20th Netball Club starts

Tues 21st Football Club starts

Tues 21st & 28th Gardening Club Yr3

Wed 22nd Yr3 & 4 Cricket Starts

OCT 2021

Tues 5th & 19th Gardening Club Yr4

Half Term 25th – 29th

Attendance

One class reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done Topper!

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| Oppie – | 91.43% | 0 - late |
| Topper – | 100% | 0 - late |
| Pico – | 94.64% | 2 - late |
| Fusion – | 97.86% | 0 – late |
| Dart – | 93.06% | 0 - late |

Well done Topper Class for having the highest attendance this week.

I would like to thank all of the children and staff for another fantastic week at school. The weeks seem to be flying past and our school continues to be a very calm, happy and productive place to be.

It is a joy to walk around the school and see the children so enthused and engaged in their learning. All curriculum information is on the class pages of the website.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Pridmore

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on the Tuesday 21st morning. The photographer will be taking individual and sibling photographs. Please send your child in looking their very smartest!

Due to the large number of children currently in school, the photographer must start the school photographs at 9am.

Please note that Topper Class need to wear their school uniform not PE kit on this day.

KS2 After School Clubs

Thank you very much for signing up for our after-school clubs. All clubs start next week on the following days:

Monday – Netball with Jill Pascoe for Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday – Football with Rob Phillpott for Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday – Gardening with Zinnia Swanzy and Lucy Heffernan for Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday – Cricket with Tom Studd for Year 3 and Year 4

If you have signed your child up for the club then they have a space.

As stated on the form our Year 3 and Year 4 gardening club is limited to 8 children. We will be offering each of these groups two sessions. Please make a note of the dates:

Year 3 – Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th September

Year 4 – Tuesday 5th October and Tuesday 19th October

All clubs finish at 4:15pm. Thank you to our amazing volunteers and staff for running these clubs.

Mawnan Parent Teacher Association (PTA)– Save the date!

The annual general meeting of our PTA will take place **Thursday 30th** straight after school. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how the PTA will be working this year and a great opportunity to join this brilliant group! More details to follow.

Personal items

Please make sure that your child keeps all of their special belongings and toys at home to guarantee that they are safe. We will let you know if your child needs to bring in anything related to their learning.

Collective Worship

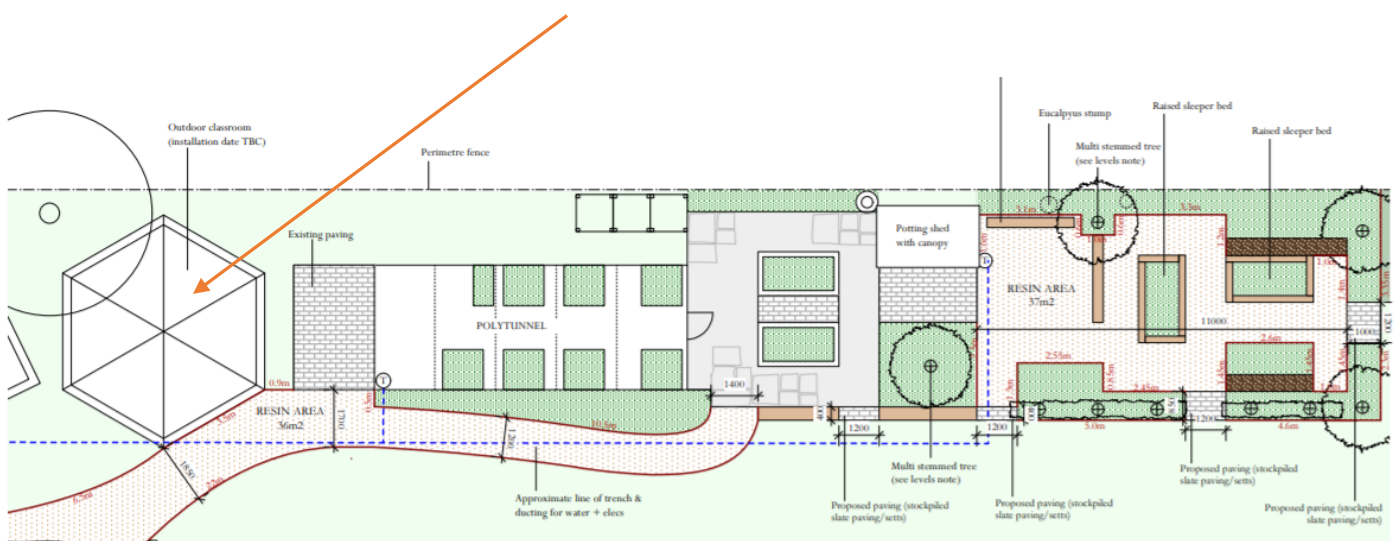
During collective worship this week we have been reflecting on the values of responsibility and respect with a particular focus on looking after our wonderful world. We discussed the idea of stewardship – taking care – of the world in which we live. We have also talked about the WI's Great Big Green Week.

School Garden Update

Our school garden continues to be our favourite place and it has been a real treat to rediscover it after the summer and observe how the new plants have changed as they have become more established.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to Zinnia for driving this project forward and for her ongoing garden maintenance, including keeping the garden watered over the summer.

This week work has started on our new gazebo/outside classroom, which will provide a wonderful space for meeting, learning and viewing the garden.



COVID-19 Information (repeated from last week)

We will be continuing to keep our practical and non-disruptive control measures in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, despite it no longer being compulsory from 19 July 2021.

Until further notice our measures are:

1. We will remain in our class bubbles whilst we are in the school building and key stage bubbles will only mix outside. (Further mixing will be introduced gradually when the infection rates drop).
2. We will resume routine and regular handwashing along with good respiratory hygiene.
3. Classrooms will be well ventilated.
4. Staff will be using twice weekly lateral flow tests.
5. Staff will be wearing facemasks in communal areas.

Please ensure that you play your part and follow our guidance:

6. **If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test (NOT a Lateral Flow Test). If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. **If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. (The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test). Please let us know if someone in your household tests positive so we can provide support for you.****
7. Please make use of the lateral flow tests - Twice weekly lateral flow testing should continue for all education staff and all families and households of children attending schools. Please use lateral flow tests over the weekend to test the household before returning to school.
8. Maintain a 2 metre distance from other families and staff whilst at school.
9. Wear face coverings if you are unable to maintain a 2 metre distance whilst on school grounds.
10. Swiftly exit the school grounds and do not gather in groups.

11. Keep the one-way system clear so everyone is able to safely enter and exit the school grounds. To avoid crowding at the end of the day please could we request that you keep to the one-way system and **do not stand by the front gates**. If you are waiting for a KS2 child please stand in a space in the carpark (ideally stand in the same spot every day so your child can find you more easily).

Pupils who are required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine

As usual, parents should plan their holidays within school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time. Families should also consider that their child may need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.



St Mawnan Church

Open-Air Service

Sunday 19 September at 10am

Part of the Great Big Green Week

This will be a Family Friendly service celebrating God's wonderful creation followed by a nature trail with fun prayer stations around the Churchyard. Bring a picnic for lunch, a chair or a rug to sit on, and a friend or two.

St Mawnan, Church Road, TR11 5HY

Website: stmawnan.org

Facebook: St Mawnan and St Michael



**Did you enjoy Brownies
and Guides?**

**The Girls of Mawnan
need you now!**

Can you help with the units?

Contact Jean Whetham and Dawn Tyler
carricksouth@girlguidingcornwall.org.uk

Tel: 01326 250809



Dear Women of Mawnan!

Girlguiding groups 'Guides' and 'Brownies' have run in Mawnan for decades. Don't let this fun end now! They offer a superb diversity of activities for girls aged seven upwards and hopefully many of you will have cherished memories of your own Guiding days. As the term begins we are looking for new volunteer-leaders for all our units, especially Brownies and Guides.

These groups meet once a week for an hour and a half on a weeknight. Activities follow the newly resourced Girlguiding programme, which is easy to use and totally fun and flexible. If you think you would like to help out, especially to lead a unit, please call Jean Whetham on 250 809. Similarly, if you can think of a potential candidate, mention this to them and ask them to consider it.

Girlguiding is an enormously supportive and well-run organisation, with lots of help at hand and training given to all volunteers. It would be great if we could keep our groups running in the village and get the girls back out there. So, help us make the most of the brilliant opportunities Girlguiding offers to all its members and volunteer with us!

(Rainbow Guides are aged 5-7, and this group has already closed but could you re-open it?!)